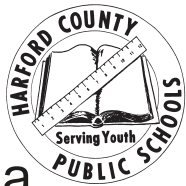




# Memo to Media



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Here are some story ideas in which you may have an interest:

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- Nine-year-old Melissa Gallatin of Bel Air won the title of World Open Strutting Champion in the novice division at the 2008 USA Twirling Championships in July. Melissa, who is entering the fifth grade at Homestead-Wakefield Elementary, was among hundreds of twirlers competing at the National Baton Twirling Association/America's Youth on Parade championships, held at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN. For more information, call 410-937-2426. **NEW!**

- Board of Education Counsel Patrick P. Spicer is the featured author in the Summer/Fall 2008 edition of the 'Harford Historical Bulletin' with the second part of his work on the desegregation of Harford County Public Schools. The 'Decade of Delay' Part 2 is the follow-up to Mr. Spicer's 50-page account of the first decade of desegregation in the Harford County Public Schools, which was published in the Winter/Spring 2008 issue of the bulletin. The bulletin is published by the Harford County Historical Society. For more information, call Mr. Spicer at 410-638-4005.

- Uniform Forum Community Meetings scheduled - Don't miss out on an important opportunity to participate in conversations regarding the possibilities of implementing school uniforms in Harford County Public Schools (HCPS). The Committee on School Uniforms was convened after a request by the Board of Education of Harford County to assess public interest in the concept. The Committee is co-chaired by Mrs. Patricia Skebeck, executive director of elementary education, and Mr. David Volrath, executive director of secondary education, and includes representation by teachers, students, parents, community members, and the Board of Education.

In November 2007, the committee began their research with a survey that was distributed to all schools to be completed by parents and staff. In addition, numerous public comment forms have been submitted through the HCPS.org website. The next step in this research process is to take it out into the community for discussion with ten scheduled meetings to be held at each high school.

#### **Uniform Forum Community Meeting Schedule:**

Tuesday, October 7 – Patterson Mill Middle/High School  
Wednesday, October 8 – Harford Technical High School  
Tuesday, October 14 – Bel Air High School  
Wednesday, October 15 – C. Milton Wright High School  
Tuesday, October 28, -- Havre de Grace High School

Wednesday, October 29 – Fallston High School  
Thursday, October 30 – Edgewood High School  
Wednesday, November 5 – Aberdeen High School  
Tuesday, November 11 – North Harford High School  
Wednesday, November 12 – Joppatowne High School

\*All meetings are held in the cafeteria from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Attendees will have an opportunity to receive information regarding the process to date and to engage in discussions about thoughts and opinions concerning the benefits and limitations of school uniforms. The Board of Education of Harford County has made no decisions regarding school uniforms; they are looking to the community for feedback before they start the decision making process. For more information regarding the community meetings, contact the HCPS Communications Office at 410-588-5203.

- The school counselors of Harford County Public Schools in cooperation with the Harford Community College Admissions Office, will hold their Annual Education After High School program for students and their parents on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the campus of Harford Community College, Bel Air, Maryland in the Susquehanna Center. There will be over 100 representatives from four and two year colleges and universities, business, trade and technical schools, and the Armed Forces. For more information, contact Laura Wade at 410-588-5245.