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***NOTE: To help us track the usefulness of the Memo to Media, we ask that you inform us if you will be covering any of the events or information listed in the memo. Please send all correspondence to Lindsay.Bilodeau@hcps.org.**

Board Meetings

• **Monday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.

• **Monday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m.** - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203. *This meeting features the Board Recognition Ceremony.*

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

• *New!* The Harford County Public Schools Diversity Network will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Center for Educational Opportunity, 253 Paradise Road, Aberdeen (next to Aberdeen High School). Please RSVP to Charlotte Ryan in the HCPS Office of Equity and Cultural Proficiency at 410-809-6065 or Charlotte.Ryan@hcps.org. The goal of the Diversity Network is to increase communication and build partnerships between community stakeholders and the school system with the goal of eliminating the achievement gap among all students, especially African-American male students.

• *New!* North Harford High School will host an Earth Day celebration and a recycling drive at the school on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All paper products will be accepted for recycling, except cardboard, and a dump truck provided by Jerry Preston Hauling, Inc. will be onsite to collect all the paper. In addition, the Abitibi recycling dog mascot will be hanging out, and Hyundai representatives will be there to show attendees how a hybrid engine works. The goal of the earth day celebration, organized and implemented entirely by North Harford students, is to educate students and members of the community about the environmental impact they have on our planet.

• *New!* Spring into health! Edgewood Middle School will host a Community Health Fair on Saturday, April 24, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the school, 2311 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood. There will be free blood pressure screenings, raffles/prizes and lunch. Representatives will be onsite to provide activities and to discuss topics including addiction, child welfare, chiropractors, cyber bullying and sexting, dental hygiene, diabetes, drugs and alcohol, fire safety, fitness, Habitat for Humanity, H1N1, nutrition, smoking cessation, stress management, total urgent care, YMCA and much more! For more information, please contact Sandy Jones at Edgewood Middle School at 410-612-1518.

• *New!* Harford County Public Schools, in partnership with Cecil County Public Schools and the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education, will host a workshop for parents of children with disabilities in Harford and Cecil counties on Saturday, May 8, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Public Library, 629 Edgewood Road, Edgewood. Many tools, strategies, examples and activities will be shared during this interactive session, and presenters include Marny Helfrich, M.Ed. and Barb Gruber, Ph.D. of the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education. To RSVP for the event, please call the Partners for Success Center at 410-273-5579 or send an email to Partners.Success@hcps.org.

• *New!* Students at Bel Air Middle School (BAMS) are shooting hoops to fight heart disease and stroke. BAMS students are raising funds for the American Heart Association. Top fundraisers, as well as a few 'wildcard' students, will have the chance to play basketball against their teachers on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 6:00pm. BAMS will also be featuring its first Wellness Fair that evening in the cafeteria. On May 14, 2010, in the school's gymnasium, the school will hold its 12th annual Hoops For Heart three-point shoot out event throughout the day. BAMS has raised almost \$300,000 collectively over the past 12 years and has been ranked in the nation for its fundraising efforts. This year, the school's goal is to raise \$35,000. For more information on the events planned, please contact Gina Bechtel at Bel Air Middle School at (410) 638-4140 or Gina.Bechtel@hcps.org.

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- *New!* Derek Allen, former John Archer student and newly named Eagle Scout, recently completed renovations to John Archer School's greenhouse as part of the requirement to earn his Eagle rank. In order to advance to the rank of an Eagle, a candidate is required to plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to a religious institution, school or community. Derek developed a three-phase plan to fix up the John Archer greenhouse, and his proposal was approved by John Archer School Principal Deborea Montgomery and his scoutmaster. "I chose this project because this school helped me through a very difficult time in my life, and my project is giving me a chance to say thank you," said Derek. For the complete press release, [click here](#).
- *New!* In December 2009, Meadowvale Elementary School opened a Dr. Ben Carson reading room. The Friedmans of Stack and Store in Havre de Grace sponsored the room; however they were unable to attend the opening day event and have not yet seen the room. On Monday, April 19, 2010, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Friedmans will be visiting Meadowvale to view the Ben Carson room in action.
- *New!* There are several exciting events taking place over the next few weeks that are sponsored by Harford Glen: On Sunday, April 25, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be a small art reception for students and art teachers and parents of the students who have created the most recent murals for the walls of Harford Glen's Kestrel Lodge; on April 29, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. the Envirothon Competition will be held at Broad Creek Boy Scout Camp; and on May 20, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. the Environmental Scholarship dinner and awards ceremony will be held at Harford Glen.
- The 2010 HCPS Spring Concert schedule has been posted on the HCPS website in Departments > Instructional Departments > Academics and Curriculum > Music. For a direct link to the schedule, [click here](#).
- The Board of Education will induct Mrs. Ann Ramsay into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame for her 25 dedicated years of service as an HCPS educator. Mrs. Ramsay's induction will take place at the Board Business Meeting on Monday, April 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the A.A. Roberty Building.
- Congratulations to the students, faculty and staff of Youth's Benefit Elementary School for their tremendous effort in this past year's Harvest for the Hungry "Kids Helping Kids" food collection campaign. Youth's Benefit was one of the high achievers! And with the help of their great efforts, including funds raised, the Maryland State Department of Education was able to collect more than 400,000 pounds of food to help feed hungry children across Maryland! As a top achiever, MSDE and its corporate partners will honor Youth's Benefit with a special Education Citation and a surprise gift at the "Kids Helping Kids" awards ceremony and breakfast on Friday, April 30, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The program will take place at the Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, 8th Floor Reception Area, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.
- Save the Date for the Science and Mathematics Academy Class of 2010 Gallery Walk of Senior Captstone Projects at the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School: Tuesday, May 18, 2010. There will be a reception in the Media Center from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m., followed by a Gallery Walk in the Dining Hall from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and an Awards Ceremony in the Auditorium from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
- Joseph Conn, III, fifth grader from Hickory Elementary School, was chosen by the HCPS Safety & Security Office as the AAA Mid-Atlantic Outstanding Safety Patroller of the Year for Harford County. Each year, AAA recognizes one student in each county that stands out in the Safety Patrol Program. A luncheon will be held in honor of all Outstanding Safety Patrollers in the state on May 18th, and Joseph Conn will be recognized and presented with a savings bond, a plaque displaying his badge, and several other items compliments of AAA Mid-Atlantic.