



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

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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](mailto:Lindsay.Bilodeau@hcps.org).

## Board Meetings

- **Thursday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m.** - Special Board Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building for the decision on the Board's FY2011 Operating Budget. For agenda, exhibits and more information, log onto [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203.
- **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](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203.

**Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org)!**

## Save the Date

The 2010 HCPS Teacher of the Year Banquet will be Thursday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace! Please note: **This event is by invitation only.** Members of the media who wish to attend should contact the Communications Office at 410-588-5203.

• **New!** 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.

• **New!** The 29th Annual Young Authors Writing Contest Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, March 25th for students, parents, teachers, and administrators from all over Harford County to listen to the work of students in grades K-12, sponsored by the Harford County Reading Council. Students were recognized as creative authors and poets and had the opportunity to share their thoughts among the group, which gathered in the Board Room at the A.A. Roberty Building. Hundreds of pieces were submitted for the contest, but only three from each category received awards. These students received gift cards, prizes and certificates. Those winning entries were submitted to the state level competition and a total of seven Harford County students were selected as state winners! For the full story, click here.

• **New!** 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.

• Amanda Shaffer, president of the Havre de Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), has been selected as a semifinalist in the 2010 Comcast Parent Involvement Matters Award program. Twenty-four semifinalists were selected and of the semifinalists, five finalists and one statewide winner will be named at an award celebration hosted by Comcast at Loch Raven High School in Towson, Maryland on May 6, 2010, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Click here for the press release.

• Bakerfield Elementary School is pleased to announce that fifth grader Xiara Ford is the first place winner at the state level for the InvestWrite Program. InvestWrite, an innovative national writing competition produced by The Stock Market Game program, adds a critical thinking component to help reinforce concepts learned in the classroom. Xiara wrote an essay about how her stock market team chose a stock in their portfolio to invest in for the fall 2009 game. Xiara will be recognized at the April 26th Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the A.A. Roberty Building. In addition, Xiara will receive an official certificate and \$50 Series EE Savings Bond at an awards ceremony on May 19th.