

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.**

Board Meetings

• **Monday, May 10th 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, May 24th 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 Nurse of the Year spring dinner will be held Thursday, May 6, 2010, at the Bayou in Havre de Grace at 5:00 p.m. The School Nurse of the Year will be announced at this event.

• *New!* U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has invited eight parents from William Paca Elementary school to attend "Mom Congress" May 2-4, 2010, in Washington, D.C. "Mom Congress" is a three-day conference, hosted by the US Department of Education and Parenting magazine, in which parents from across the nation have the opportunity to share ideas on how to promote and improve public education.

• 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 helped 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.

• 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.

• Students at Bel Air Middle School (BAMS) are shooting hoops to fight heart disease and stroke and 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.

• Save the Date for the Science and Mathematics Academy Class of 2010 Gallery Walk of Senior Capstone 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.

• On May 20, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. the Environmental Scholarship dinner and awards ceremony will be held at Harford Glen.