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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

- **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. .
- **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](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!** 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.



• **New!** Photos and biographies of the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year Finalists have been posted on the HCSP website! Click here to read about the top 10 contenders for the county award.

• **New!** Aberdeen High School's Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) group will host the Prom Promise assembly on Friday, April 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the bus parking lot for 11th and 12th grade students. Students will witness a mock crash and a respond and rescue effort that will include an extraction. Aberdeen High has partnered with the Aberdeen Fire Department and Police Department for this exercise. This event will have a very powerful message for students. Media is invited to attend.

• **New!** Fountain Green Elementary School will host a "Pucker for the Playground and Kiss a Cow" assembly at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 9th. Students have raised money to donate toward a new playground for the school and pledged it to different grade levels. The teachers in the grade level that raised the most money agreed to kiss a live cow from Broom's Bloom Farm. Mr. Paul Single, a fifth grade teacher, also agreed to get a pink mohawk if his class raised the most money - and it did! The assembly will be a fun event featuring the cow kissing and hair shaving, and media is welcome to attend.

• **New!** 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.

• **New!** SkillsUSA Maryland students, teachers and administrators participated in the organization's annual State Leadership and Skills Championship March 26-27, 2010. This exciting event showcased Maryland's best and brightest Career and Technology Education (CTE) students as they competed for medals, prizes, scholarships, state recognition and the chance to continue on to national and international competition. There were many state champions from Harford Technical High School - click here for the complete story.

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• *New!* 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 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.

• 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](#).

• 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.

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