

Memo to Media



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

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Board Meetings

- **Monday, June 14th 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. *This meeting features the Board Recognition Ceremony.*
- **Monday, June 28th 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.*

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New! HCPS remembers former Board President Lt. Col. Eugene C. Chandler, a long-time Aberdeen resident, who passed away on Monday, May 31, 2010. Lt. Col. Chandler served as a six-year member of the Board of Education of Harford County, beginning in 1997. As a board member, he quickly demonstrated good temperament and exceptional leadership ability, and was elected vice president of the board in 2000 and president of the board in 2001. Recognized for leadership that characterized his life of military and community service, for the innovative programs thoughtfully conceived, designed and strategically implemented, and for his finely honed teambuilding skills as a board member at both local and state levels, Lt. Col. Chandler received the coveted Charles W. Willis Memorial Award, the highest distinction conferred by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education. For the complete press release, click here.

New! Students in Edgewood Middle School's (EMS) band, chorus and orchestra made sure everyone was taking note of their talents on Friday, May 28th, at the annual Music in the Parks competition at Hershey Park. While this is always a rewarding experience for the students, this year proved to be more rewarding than ever! All together, EMS brought home five trophies! For the complete story, click here.

New! A group of seven Forest Hill Elementary School fourth graders have been working diligently on designing a rain garden project to implement on school grounds to reduce the storm water pollutants. The students have researched facts about water quality, benefits of a rain garden, and native plants that survive well in a rain garden environment. Engineers from the Harford County Department of Public Works recently conducted soil boring and water infiltration tests on the potential rain garden areas at the school. Currently, the group is selecting the plants and designing the rain garden layout. In late summer, the engineers will prepare the designated areas, and the students will begin planting. In the meantime, the KPRG students are educating the school community through PowerPoint presentations and fun facts in the school newsletter.

New! For the 2009–10 Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Reflections Program “Beauty is...”, Maryland students brought home a total of 11 national awards, and Harford County students accounted for nearly 40 percent of those awards. The following HCPS students received Awards of Excellence at the national level for their Reflections entries; and they each also received a \$200 cash award, a silver-plated Reflections medallion, a certificate and letter signed by the National PTA president and recognition in the annual PTA Reflections online gallery: Cassidy Miller, Dance Choreography, North Harford Middle School; Jacob Shimek, Film Production, Ring Factory Elementary School; and Alexandra Shiflett, Literature, Patterson Mill High School. In addition, the following student received an Award of Merit at the national level for her Reflections entry; and she also received a silver-plated Reflections medallion, a certificate and letter signed by the National PTA president and recognition in the annual PTA Reflections online gallery: Natalie Brosh, Literature, Patterson Mill Middle School.

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