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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, March 22nd 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.
- **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.

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website 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!

• *New!* National Agricultural Week is March 15th-19th, and the Harford County Farm Bureau is once again organizing farmer visits to elementary schools around Harford County. This year, farmers will be educating 3,300 students in 16 schools about agriculture. Superintendent of Schools Robert M. Tomback will attend the session at Churchville Elementary School on **Friday, March 19th at 9:15 a.m.**

• *New!* During the month of February, Homestead/Wakefield Elementary School held a coin collection drive to raise money for the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. This was the school's third year organizing the collection, but this year the fundraiser held a very special meaning to the students, teachers and administrators. This year, the school decided to raise the money in honor of former student Dominic Osorio. For the complete story, [click here](#).

• *New!* Students at Youth's Benefit Elementary School participated in their annual Jump Rope for Heart event during the month of February, raising more than \$22,000 to help in the fight against heart disease and stroke! For the past three years, Youth's Benefit has been a leading contributor to the American Heart Association amongst participating schools in the state and the nation.

• *Save the date!* HCPS, in partnership with Harford Community College and the Office of Economic Development, will host the Futures11 networking and career event on **Thursday, March 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the gymnasium of Harford Community College. Approximately 400 high school juniors will take part in the event designed to help students begin considering their post-secondary career options.

• Comptroller of Maryland Peter Franchot will visit Deerfield Elementary School on **Friday, March 12th, at 2:00 p.m.** For more information, please contact the Harford County Public Schools Communications Office at 410-588-5203.

• Team 1980 - The Brigade, stationed at Aberdeen High School, is the only FIRST Robotics team in Harford County. Students on this team will compete in two regional events organized by FIRST Robotics, an international organization which promotes the development of engineering, mathematics and science skills in a fast-paced competitive sport. More than 50 teams from around the world will meet to compete in the unique game for 2010, "Breakaway." The first competition will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center Friday and Saturday, **March 12th and 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Admission is free. Learn more about FIRST Robotics at www.usfirst.org. See the hometown FIRST Robotics Team, "The Brigade," on their website at www.team1980.org.



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- Harford County will participate in its 20th Envirothon Competition that annually challenges teams of high school students to learn and be tested about the environment. Each year, students are tested on the same four topics: aquatics, forestry, soils and wildlife. In addition, a different fifth topic is selected each year by the state or Canadian province that hosts the International Competition. This year's International Competition will be in California, and the fifth topic is "hydrology and ground water impacts." The oral portion of this competition will take place at Harford Glen on **March 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Teams will come to the competition with a prepared powerpoint presentation to deliver in front of a panel of judges who will score them on related criteria, such as completeness, timing and clarity.
- On **March 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Harford Glen will host, for the third year, the High School Student Environmental Summit. Teams of students from all the high schools will attend to report out on local projects they have been working on since the fall Environmental Summit in September. Twice a year, students and a teacher chaperone bring their environmental issues for discussion, debate and resolution to these summits. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation has partnered with this activity, funds a leadership training course on Fox Island for the student leaders, and in other ways supports the spread of these kinds of student-led activities for environmental improvements.
- Mrs. Gladys Pace will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame as it's 150th member during the **March 22nd** Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please join us in celebrating Mrs. Pace's 36 years as an outstanding educator in Harford County Public Schools.

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