



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

- **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 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! 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!** Harford Technical High School students are gearing up to compete in the 37th Annual State Skills Championship March 26-27, 2010. This exciting event will showcase 900 of Maryland's best and brightest Career and Technology Education students as they compete for medals, prizes, scholarships, state recognition and the chance to continue on to national and international competition. State Championship activities will begin Friday, March 26th at 3 p.m. at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute of Technology and will include a Delegate Assembly and State Officer election. The following day, students representing 74 different career, technical, health occupations and leadership areas will be competing in hands-on competitions. For more information regarding this conference or SkillsUSA Maryland, please contact Charles Wallace, State Director, Maryland State Department of Education at 410-767-8872 or cwallace@msde.state.md.us. You can also visit the official state website: www.mdskillsusa.org.

• **New!** 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.

• **New!** The Edgewood Learning Community, comprised of Edgewood High, Edgewood Middle, Abingdon Elementary, William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary, Edgewood Elementary and Deerfield Elementary schools, has earned Middle States Accreditation and is the first feeder system in the nation to pursue and receive this status! Click here for the press release.

• **New!** 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 receive an official certificate and \$50 Series EE Savings Bond at an awards ceremony on May 19th. For the complete story, click here.

• The 2010 Commencement Ceremony Schedule is available on the Harford County Public Schools website, www.hcps.org, and can be found under Schools, School Calendars and 2010 Senior Activities Calendar. For a direct link to the schedule, click here.