

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 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.*

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• ***New!* Congratulations to Ms. Debbie King, Harford Technical High School Nurse and 2010 Nurse of the Year!** Debbie was announced as this year's Nurse of the Year at the Harford School Health Services Association (HSHSA) Banquet on Thursday, May 6th. Debbie, a 23-year veteran nurse, is the co-author of the Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) orientation manual and serves as an instructor for new nurses. She is also the coordinator for the HCPS CPR program and teaches CPR inside and outside the schools. She has served on the HSHSA Council for three years and coaches the C. Milton Wright swim team. In addition, she plays a key role in back-to-school professional development. Way to go, Debbie!

• ***New!*** The NAMM Foundation has named Harford County Public Schools one of the 2010 "Best Communities for Music Education" survey, which acknowledges schools and districts across the U.S. for their commitment and support of music education in schools. As the economy challenges state and local school budgets to adequately support education, the 174 school districts named by the NAMM Foundation demonstrate the unwavering commitment to provide music education for their students. The NAMM Foundation's mission is to ensure that all children have access to quality music education programs that encourage lifelong participation in music making. Congratulations to the HCPS Music Department!

• ***New!*** Jason's Music Center, one of the oldest piano distributors in the country, will hold their 8th Annual Piano Liquidation on Sunday, May 23rd at the Forest Hill Air Park. The highly anticipated liquidation provides shoppers a rare opportunity to purchase top-quality pianos while supporting Harford County Public Schools. Jason's Music Center and Harford County Public Schools have had a unique partnership since 2002. Pianos are provided free of charge for one school year to support the music education program. Pianos will be available at the liquidation sale 30% to 40% below the list price. Appointments may be made to "pre-view" the selection, and the public sale is from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 23rd. The location of the piano sale is 2203 Commerce Drive in the Forest Hill Airpark. To make an appointment with Jason's Music Center (recommended), or learn more about their piano donation program, please contact them directly at 410-638-2272.

• ***New!*** Mr. Franklin "Frank" Lee Tull will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame, posthumously, on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the HCPS A. A. Roberty Building in Bel Air. Colleagues of Mr. Tull remember him fondly as a great educator and a wonderful mentor. Come join us in remembering and celebrating Mr. Tull's 31 years of dedicated service as a teacher and administrator in HCPS.

• Deerfield Elementary School will host an Open House on Saturday, May 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon to say goodbye to the "original" Deerfield Elementary School. After 48 years of use, the community, former teachers and administrators will walk the halls once more. For more information, please contact the school at 410-612-1535.

- Congratulations to North Bend Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Susan Lynn who was announced as a top five finalist in the “Live! With Regis and Kelly” competition to name the nation’s top teacher! Susan will appear on the Regis and Kelly show Monday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m. on WBAL, so be sure to tune in! In addition, all of the finalists will appear on the show during the week of May 17 – 21, 2010.
- Save the Date for the Science and Mathematics Academy Class of 2010 Gallery Walk of Senior Captstone 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 Harford County Environmental Scholarship and Green Awards dinner banquet and awards will be held at Harford Glen Environmental Education Center.

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