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## Board Meetings

- Monday, September 13th 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.
- The Partners for Success Resource Center will be having an interactive seminar for parents and children with learning disabilities September 22, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The seminar will include a workshop for children and parents to develop tools and strategies for educational independence, at home and at school. Marny Helfrich, will be speaking at the event. The seminar will be held at the Partners for Success Resource Center in Aberdeen, Maryland. **NEW!**
- Education After High School is the county's largest and most successful college fair! The fair will take place October 12, 2010 at Harford Community College's Susquehanna Center. There is no admission fee and the event runs from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is a great chance for students and parents to connect with more than 100 colleges. Admissions experts will be there to answer questions along with college alumni. Please mark this date on your calendar. **NEW!**
- Dr. Ben Carson will be attending the opening of two Carson Reading Rooms during assemblies on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at Youth's Benefit Elementary School. The foundation is a non-profit organization that is operated by a volunteer board of directors comprised of parents and YBES teachers and administrators who raise funds to support specific initiatives that support learning. The purpose of the Carson Reading Room is to provide funding and support to local schools so that they can create a nurturing environment for a child to feel safe and secure as they develop their reading skills. For details, visit [carsonscholars.org](http://carsonscholars.org). **NEW!**
- Forest Hill Elementary Students have started working on a rain garden project to reduce water pollutants in their school community. [Click here to read about the Planting Rain Gardens Project.](#)
- Karen Zello, physical education teacher at Bel Air Middle School, was recently awarded a \$2,000 ING Unsung Heroes Award for her innovative teaching idea, called "Raise Your Hearts." Karen is one of just 100 applicants to receive the award. She now has a chance of winning \$5,000, \$15,000, or \$25,000 more in grant funds if her entry is selected as one of the top three innovative ideas in the nation! [Click here to read about her winning entry.](#)

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- HCPS Magnet Program informational presentations set! In an effort to disseminate information to Harford County eighth graders and their parents about educational opportunities for high school, HCPS will be hosting a series of evening informational presentations within the county beginning in September. The objective of these meetings is to allow parents and students to take an introductory look at the magnet programs, located at four specific schools that are available to students throughout Harford County. The Science and Mathematics Academy (SMA) at Aberdeen High School, the Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme (GS/IB) at Edgewood High School, the Natural Resources and Agricultural Science Program (NRAS) at North Harford High School, and the 19 career programs at Harford Technical High School (HTHS) in Bel Air will be showcased. **The schedule for the evening presentations is as follows:**

- Sept. 15th, Aberdeen High School
- Sept. 23rd, North Harford High School
- Sept. 28th, Harford Technical High School
- Oct. 6th, Edgewood High School

Presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents and students may choose to attend any of the presentations, regardless of their districted attendance area.

**Open Houses for each of the magnet programs will be held as follows:**

- Oct. 20th - Science & Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26th - Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Program at North Harford High School, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 4th - Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme at Edgewood High School, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10th - Harford Technical High School, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Attendance at the open house is not required for application or admission to any magnet program. Applications to each of the magnet programs will be available at [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org).

- The kick-off event for the Third Annual Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week (Sept. 13-17, 2010) will be held Friday, September 10th, at Edgewood Elementary School. Edgewood Elementary is the only school in the state to host this very special honor this year! There will be three components to the event: a short formal program, classroom visits and activities by local farmers and special guests, and lunch featuring locally-grown produce. This week-long education and awareness activity is part of the Jane Lawton Farm to School program. The program was created during the 2008 Session of the Maryland General Assembly when SB 158 Farm-to-School Program - Activities and Promotional Events, sponsored by Senator Jamie Raskin and Del. Sheila Hixson, was signed into law by Gov. O'Malley in May 2008. The program is designed to help educate students about where their food comes from, how it is produced, the benefits of a healthy diet, as well as to expand markets for Maryland farmers. The Maryland Department of Agriculture and the Maryland State Department of Education, along with many partners, help coordinate events each year.

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