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Board Meetings

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- **Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. *features Recognition Ceremony**
- **Monday, May 9, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.**

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- ***New!*** The 2011 Harford County Public Schools Teacher of the Year Banquet will be Thursday, April 28, 2011, 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!*** The HCPS School Safety Conference will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at the Richlin Ballroom from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This conference is open to administrators, teachers, parents and the community to learn about the crisis preparedness protocols and plans established by HCPS to protect students and employees, as well as other pertinent safety topics that affect our youth. The guest speaker will be Stephen R. Sroka, Ph.D., an internationally recognized trainer, author, teacher and educational consultant on school safety, at-risk students, alternative education and leadership building for schools and communities. Dr. Sroka will lead three sessions: “Keeping Our Kids Safe and Healthy in a Toxic Society,” “Brain-Based Learning Strategies” and “Teaching to a T: Harford Style.” This conference is funded by the Federal Readiness Emergency Management for Schools (R.E.M.S.) grant from the US Department of Education. The grant has provided the opportunity for HCPS to expand emergency preparedness in the areas of revising procedures, providing additional training, increasing crisis awareness, as well as putting the plans into practice. Registration for this conference is free, and lunch is provided. RSVP by April 29, 2011, to Gary Vernon, Safety and Security Office at 410-638-4242 or Gary.Vernon@hcps.org.
- ***New!*** The North Harford High School (NHHS) Jazz Ensemble recently held a Jazz Coffee House at Norrisville United Methodist Church. Donations were collected to benefit HOPE, a local organization that provides support to families dealing with cancer. The NHHS Jazz Ensemble will host their final Jazz Coffee House of the year at the school on Friday, May 13, 2011. The public is invited to attend. Admission is \$5.00. Refreshments will be served. For more information, email the Band Booster Club at hawkbandbooster@yahoo.com or call the school at 410-638-3650.
- Patterson Mill Middle School proudly presents the classic tale of “Though the Looking Glass.” Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students/seniors. Show times are: Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m. Call 410-638-4607 or email Timothy.Baldwin@hcps.org or Karla.Wienhold@hcps.org for additional information and ticket reservations. Please come out and support this cast of talented students!
- In honor of its 40th Anniversary, Southampton Middle School, formerly Bel Air Middle School North, formerly Bel Air Middle School, is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, April 16, 2011, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend! Come and reunite with colleagues, former faculty, staff and students who have shared the Southampton Middle experience. Music will be provided by current music students, and there will be light refreshments. In order to prepare, please RSVP to inaks225@gmail.com by April 13, 2011.

- The America's Farmers Grow Communities program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, supports local farming communities and allows farmers to register to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organization, such as FFA, 4-H, schools, fire departments and other civic groups. One winner is selected in each of 1,204 eligible counties in 38 states. North Harford High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter was nominated by David Rutledge and won! A check presentation ceremony will be held at North Harford High on April 19, 2011, during the school's Tractor Day/Agricultural Heritage Day.
- The Fourth Annual boys 2 MEN All Star Basketball Game versus the Harford County Sheriff's Office will be held Friday, May 6, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at Edgewood High School. Alumni from Aberdeen High School, Edgewood High School, Harford Technical High School, Joppatowne High School, Patterson Mill High School and City High School will be playing on the boys 2 MEN team. The Edgewood High School Boosters Club will be running the concession stand, and proceeds generated from the event will go to The Upper Chesapeake Medical Center for the new Cancer Center being built in Bel Air. In addition, pre-game, half-time and post-game entertainment will be provided by the Edgewood Middle School Step Squad, the Edgewood Middle School Band and the Magnolia Middle School Band.
- The Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School will hold its annual celebration and gallery walk of capstone projects on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. The reception will be held from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. in the school's media center, followed by the gallery walk from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. An awards ceremony will conclude the event from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium. Board members and Superintendent Tomback will bring greetings, and a keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Peter Emanuel, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's BioSciences division chief. In addition to the Science and Mathematics Academy seniors, their families and their research mentors, business leaders from the mentors' organizations, Aberdeen Proving Ground personnel and Harford County's elected leaders are expected to attend this special event.
- The North Harford Middle School learning community will be hosting a Technology Open House on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This event will showcase technology use in the classroom and provide visitors with the opportunity to observe instruction, talk with students and teachers, and even work with some of the equipment. This is a great opportunity to experience the many ways students benefit from smart-boards, document cameras, graphing calculators, online activities, interactive virtual programs and much, much more! This event is open to parents, care-givers and the community. For more information, please call the North Harford Middle office at 410-638-3658, or email micah.humbert@hcps.org.
- Save the Date for the First Graduating Class of the Biomedical Sciences Program Class of 2011 Gallery Walk of Senior Projects, to be held Thursday, May 26, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Bel Air High School. The Gallery Walk will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the dining area and the presentation of certificates will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.
- Edgewood High School is scheduled to induct 15 alumni, former staff members and community supporters into its newly formed Hall of Fame on June 1, 2011, at 12:50 p.m. Jointly sponsored by the school and the Edgewood High School Alumni Association, the 'Hall' will honor those whose contributions have contributed to the success of the school over its 57 years of existence. The charter members will be inducted during an afternoon assembly in the school's auditorium and then be part of the EDHS Class of 2011 commencement ceremonies that evening. Among those to be inducted are Alumni: Ms. Carol L. Barker (Class of 1960), Mr. Howard K. McComas III (Class of 1961), Mrs. Helen E. Morrison (Class of 1961), US Army Colonel (Retired) Allan S. Ingalls, Jr. (Class of 1962), US Navy Rear Admiral (Retired) Richard B. Porterfield (Class of 1968), Mr. Dudley L. Bradley (Class of 1975), Mr. Charles W. Bradley (Class of 1977), and Dr. Sharon L. Fries-Britt (Class of 1977); Former Staff Members: Mr. Lambert E. "Bud" Coakley (teacher, coach, athletic director), Dr. Earl J. Lightcap, Jr. (principal), Mr. Charles P. "Chuck" Marzen (teacher, coach, guidance counselor), Mr. Paul M. Metzger (teacher, work experience coordinator, coach), Dr. Carl D. Roberts (assistant principal, principal), and Mr. Robert C. Williams (principal); and Community Supporter: Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Meoli.
- Once again, Electric Violinist Mark Wood, formerly from Trans Siberian Orchestra, will be returning to Youth's Benefit Elementary School this year to share his talents and compose the "Electrify Your Strings Orchestra." On June 6 and 7, 2011, he will work with the Youth's Benefit Elementary and Fallston Middle string students to compose an orchestra rock concert that will be performed at Fallston High School on June 7, 2011. This is always an amazing concert, and Mr. Wood is a wonderful teacher, musician and role model to all students. Mr. Wood is an accomplished musician who has played with Billy Joel, Celine Dion, Lenny Kravitz and Paul McCartney, just to name a few. Recently, he has been featured on The Today Show, as well as many other local television and radio shows as he tours the United States and performs with young students.