

***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

Note new dates!

For agendas, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.

- Monday, April 11, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. *features Recognition Ceremony

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

- ***New!*** Please note the calendar changes for the Board of Education meetings this month. A Board Business Meeting to address the budget has been newly scheduled for Monday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. In addition, the Board Business Meeting previously scheduled for Monday, April 25, has been moved to Tuesday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m.
- ***New!*** The Art Expo for Autism will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Barnes and Nobles in Bel Air. Children and young adults with disabilities along the autism spectrum will have work on display. The Art Expo will feature Story Time, Dance, Music, and Art Seminars. There is an exciting line-up of activities for families and educators.
- ***New!*** 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.
- ***New!*** The HCPS Department of Safety & Security has chosen Jesse Hudler, 5th grader at Darlington Elementary School, as Harford County's Safety Patroller of the Year! Each year, AAA Mid-Atlantic, sponsor of the Safety Patrol Program for the State of Maryland, asks every county to nominate one student from each school that participates in the program for Safety Patroller of the Year. The HCPS nominees are sent to the Department of Safety & Security, and one student is selected to represent the County. A student who exceeds academically, is involved in extracurricular activities and goes above and beyond the call of duty and truly stands out as a leader in safety is selected each year. Jesse Hudler, along with his parents, a representative from the HCPS Department of Safety & Security and Sgt. Scott Virden from the Harford County Sheriff's Office are attending a luncheon on May 10, 2011. Jesse will be honored with other students from across the state. He will receive a \$150 savings bond, a plaque with a mounted gold safety badge and some other goodies, compliments of AAA Mid-Atlantic. Congratulations, Jesse!
- ***New!*** 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.
- ***New!*** 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.

- ***New!*** 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.
- Fallston High School choruses will present "Journey to Compassion" on April 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at Fallston High School. Suggested donation of \$5.00 will be accepted in lieu of ticket sales, and proceeds will go to Outreach International, a non-profit organization that supports global communities in their journey out of poverty and injustice. The performance will include a collection of songs that is austere, haunting and beautiful and that speaks to the injustices in the world, particularly focusing on the plight of the children. The chorus will be accompanied by pianist Shisa Suskey and violinist Cassandra Bertrand.
- Patterson Mill Middle School proudly presents the classic tale of "Through 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!
- 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 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 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.
- ***Mark your calendars!*** 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.