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## Board Meetings

For agendas, exhibits and more information, log onto [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203.

- Monday, February 7, 2011 – Board Work Session, Elementary Redistricting Plan Modifications Presentation -- A.A. Roberty Building Board Room \*no public comment accepted at this meeting
- Monday, February 14, 2011 – Final Elementary Redistricting Public Hearing -- A.A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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- Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) has launched a mobile-friendly version of its website, [hcps.org](http://hcps.org), for smart phone users. The layout of this new site is designed for viewing on mobile communication devices and features dynamic content only. Mobile users will automatically be redirected to the new website, or they can access it directly by typing <http://www.hcps.org/m> into their phone's browser. The new website format was created and launched as part of ongoing efforts to increase accessibility to information about the school system. **New!**
- The College Savings Plans of Maryland now offers more options from the State of Maryland to help make it easier than ever to save for college. To find out more, plan to attend the Parent Information Night, presented by HCPS and the College Savings Plans of Maryland, on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the media center of Patterson Mill Middle/High School, 85 Patterson Mill Road, Bel Air, MD 21014. (Snow Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2011.) **New!**
- Youth's Benefit Elementary School will be hosting a Science, Technology, Engineer and Math (STEM) night on February 17, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., weather permitting. The school is working with students from the Aberdeen High School Math and Science Academy, as well as some outside organizations. The high school students and scientists from outside organizations will be running stations for the Youth's Benefit students. So far, more than 500 people have signed up for this event! For more information, contact the school directly at 410-638-4190. **New!**
- Magnolia Middle School eighth grader Ysabelle Hulet recently wrote a book titled *The Jack of Many Trades: Finding the One* that was published in December 2010! A description of her book can be found on the Old Line Publishing website. Ysabelle held a book signing at the Barnes in Nobles in Bel Air on Sunday, January 30, 2011. **New!**
- Briana Elmore, senior at the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School, is listed as co-author of an article being presented at the 2011 American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Expo May 17–18, 2011, at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon. The title of the article is Field of View of Commercial Air-Purifying Respirators. Briana's recognition in this article is a result of the work she completed for her capstone project with Dr. Karen Coyne and Mr. Daniel Barker. **New!**
- The Black Youth in Action of Harford and Cecil Counties sponsored their annual Debutante Ball on November 21, 2010, where Chantal Norman, junior at Patterson Mill High School, was crowned the 2010-11 Debutante Queen. Chantal was escorted by Donte Johnson, also of Patterson Mill High School. For the complete story, click here. **New!**

- The Greater Edgewood Education Foundation, in partnership with HCPS, invites 8th - 12th grade students and their parents or guardians to attend a college and career expo on Saturday, February 26, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Edgewood High School, 2415 Willoughby Beach Road. Registration is free; however, space is limited, so don't delay! Click here for more information and the registration form.
- C. Milton Wright High School will host the Seventh Annual College Night on Monday, February 28, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. This event is free and open to all high school students and parents in Harford County. More than 80 prestigious colleges, universities, technical schools and military contacts from the Mid-Atlantic region will be participating in the event. This event provides an opportunity for high school students and their parents to meet directly with college admissions representatives to learn more about academic studies, campus life, the admission process and tuition.
- Harford County Teacher of the Year nominations are now being accepted! For more details and a complete nomination packet, visit the Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) website, [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org). All nominations are due to the Communications Office at the A.A. Roberty Building in Bel Air *by March 4th at 4:00 p.m.* Be sure to nominate the phenomenal teacher in your life! This year's Teacher of the Year Banquet will be held April 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace.
- HCPS will host Futures11, an annual event at Harford Community College for high school juniors. Approximately 450 students from Harford Technical High School, the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School, the Biomedical Sciences Program at Bel Air High School, the International Baccalaureate Program at Edgewood High School, the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Program at Joppatowne High School and the Academy of Finance Program at Edgewood High School will take part in the event on March 24, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. Workshop topics include networking, college admissions, financing college, hot jobs 2020, preparing for interviews and much more! Business leaders and partners in education who wish to become involved in this event should contact Michele Shaivitz at [Michelle.Shaivitz@hcps.org](mailto:Michelle.Shaivitz@hcps.org) or 410-588-5331.

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