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Board Meetings

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- Monday, January 10th at 8:30 p.m. (following the first budget work session that starts at 6:30 p.m.) - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building.
- Monday, January 24th at 6:30 p.m. - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. *This meeting features the Board Recognition Ceremony.

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• **New!** Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) Superintendent Robert M. Tomback and HCPS Assistant Superintendent of Business Services James Jewell will provide a briefing on the fiscal year 2012 proposed budget on Monday, January 10, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the A.A. Roberty Building in Bel Air. In addition, Board of Education President Mark Wolkow, Vice President Leonard Wheeler and other members of the Board will be present, as well as several of the Superintendent's Leadership Team members. Following brief remarks on the proposed budget, media will have the opportunity to ask questions.

• **New!** Superintendent Tomback will present the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) plaque and certificate from the United States Green Building Council to Joppatowne Elementary School on Friday, January 14, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Joppatowne Elementary School is the first LEED certified Harford County public school. In addition to the plaque ceremony, the Third Grade Green Team will make a presentation. For more information on the event, contact the school at 410-612-1546.

• **New!** Mrs. Charlsie Harkins Brooks will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame on January 24, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. In addition, her father, Mr. Charles Harkins, will be posthumously inducted that same night. Please join us in celebrating their years of service as outstanding educators and administrators in Harford County Public Schools.

• **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! For a description of her book, click here to visit the Old Line Publishing website. Congratulations to Ysabelle on this accomplishment!

• The next regional community hearing for the Board of Education to gather feedback about the proposed draft elementary redistricting plan is Wednesday, January 12, 2011, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Aberdeen High School auditorium. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. Comment cards will be available at the door and must be filled out prior to the start of the meeting in order to speak. To stay current as the redistricting process continues to move forward, parents can subscribe to an RSS Feed to receive real-time alerts when webpage content is revised or updated, or they can sign up for email updates. Both alert options can be found on the elementary redistricting page of the HCPS website (<http://www.hcps.org/BOE/redistricting.aspx>).

• The Maryland State Department of Education and Comcast launched the fourth annual Comcast Parent Involvement Matters Award (PIMA) program. This award is for parents (and others with legal responsibility for a child) whose exemplary contributions to public education have led to improvements for Maryland's public school children, teachers, schools and programs and/or policies. The application and more information are available online at www.MarylandPublicSchools.org/pima. Completed applications are due January 19, 2011.

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