Memo to Media

Harford County Public Schools

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Board Meetings

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- **Monday, March 14, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, March 28, 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! The top ten finalists for the 2011 Harford County Teacher of the Year award have been announced!

Teacher	School	Subject/Grade
Colleen W. Burghardt	Edgewood High School	Social Studies
Jennifer A. Chandler	North Harford High School	English/Journalism
Kristien S. Foss	Bel Air Middle School	Language Arts/Social Studies
R. Glen Hedelson	Bel Air High School	Environmental Science
Alyssa D. King	C. Milton Wright High School	Media Specialist
Karen C. McNeely	Ring Factory Elementary School	Grade 5
Tracie A. Moots	Patterson Mill Middle School	Science
Susan P. Petty	Forest Hill Elementary School	Special Education
Christian S. Slattery	Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School	Vocal Music
Mary Claire Ward	Fountain Green Elementary School	Grade 2

After this year's Teacher of the Year Judging Committee reviewed and scored all nomination packets, the points were tallied resulting in this top ten group of dedicated educators. Each finalist will participate in an interview round with a panel of eight judges on Thursday, March 31, 2011, and Friday, April 1, 2011. A surprise announcement of the winner will take place at the annual Harford County Teacher of the Year banquet held on Thursday, April 28, 2011, at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace. The Bayou Restaurant has graciously provided this event complimentary to Harford County Public Schools for nearly 20 years. Biographical information and photos of each finalist will be available on the HCPS website, www.hcps.org, in the coming weeks.

•New! Fallston High School choruses will present "Journey to Compassion" on April 12, 2011, at 7:00 pm 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.

•New! A Harford Community Resource Fair for families with children and youth with special needs will be held on Friday, April 1, 2011, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Bel Air High School. The fair will provide the opportunity for parents to access resources and connect with numerous community organizations. The "What's Happening Harford" Planning Committee, comprised of Abilities Network, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program, Harford County Public School's Partners for Success Resource Center and Transition Services and the Maryland Coalition of Families, is sponsering the event. Organizations interested in exhibiting their programs should contact Partners for Success at 410-273-5579 or e-mail partners.success@hcps.org prior to March 15, 2011.

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• The Envirothon Oral Competition will be held at Harford Glen on Saturday, March 19, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Maryland Envirothon is held once a year at an outdoor environmental education center. The Envirothon is a series of environmental competitions in which teams of students move beyond the classroom in order to solve real-life environmental problems in a natural setting. Envirothon works like a sports meet - winning teams progress through local, state and international competitions. Students taking part in the competition study Maryland's natural resources for a year in hopes of winning. Working in teams of five with one to two alternates, students are trained and tested in four natural resource areas including soils, aquatics, forestry and wildlife plus an environmental issue that changes from year to year. This year's special environmental topic is estuarine water quality.

• Ms. Janet Inners will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame during the March 28, 2011, Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please join us in celebrating Ms. Inners 30 years as an outstanding educator in Harford County.

• 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 Amercia (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.

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