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Board Meetings

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- **Monday, March 28, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. *features Recognition Ceremony**
- **Monday, April 4, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.**

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• **New!** William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary School will host a celebration for the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) parent-involvement program on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The event is designed to celebrate the dads who are already involved in the program and to encourage more dads to join. The night will kick-off with a pizza party, followed by presentations from current Watch D.O.G.S. about the program. Testimonials will be shared by students, parents and teachers and there will be a sign-up period for new dads to join the program. Students will serve their dads dessert to conclude the celebration. Since the program's kick off, more than 110 dads, uncles, grandfathers and fatherly figures have partnered with the school to get more involved through the program. Watch D.O.G.S. is intended to give fatherly figures an opportunity to volunteer at the school and promote male presence within the classrooms. Watch D.O.G.S. work directly with the school's family liaisons, Linda Nitchie and Carinda Raftery, who plan a schedule for them to be a part of their child's school day and, in turn, help other children as well. Watch D.O.G.S. proudly wear custom t-shirts and arrive early in the morning to greet children as the busses pull in, assist with morning announcements and spend the rest of their day making a difference!

• **New!** 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!

• **New!** 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.

• **New!** *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.

- 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.
- 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!
- 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.
- 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 sponsoring 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.
- 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.
- 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.