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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!** The “Dare to Dream...Expect to Succeed” is a National College Scholarship Program conducted by BrainstormUSA. This scholarship contest is open to students in elementary through high school and asks students to describe their personal dream and how they hope to attain it. Participants can utilize any form of creative expression to describe their dream - an essay, photos, paintings, collages or even videos. Each quarter, one top prize winner from across the nation receives a college scholarship. Other students win computers with a library of educational software titles. This year, William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary School has eight winners, including a \$5000 scholarship winner! Prizes will be awarded to these winners on Thursday, March 31, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. during the school’s Good News Assembly.

• **New!** Patterson Mill Middle School eighth grader Jordan Cook has been selected as a state winner in the Maryland Humanities Council’s Letters About Literature (LAL) Program. From thousands of entries across the state, her submission, Letter to Rick Riordan, *The Lightning Thief*, was awarded first place for her grade level. The 2011 Awards Ceremony will be held at the CityLit Festival: April 16, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Enoch Pratt Free Library/Wheeler Auditorium. LAL is a state and national writing contest that encourages young readers in grades 4 through 12 to respond to an author through a letter expressing how that author and book changed their worldview and themselves. Congratulations, Jordan!

• **New!** 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.

• 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. For more information, contact Partners for Success at 410-273-5579 or e-mail partners.success@hcps.org.

- 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.
- 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.
- *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.

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