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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

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- Edgewood Middle School will host a pep rally tomorrow, March 4, 2011, to prepare students for the Maryland School Assessments (MSAs). The pep rally is designed to motivate students, help relieve some of the tension that they may experience prior to MSAs and allow the students to have some fun. The pep rally will enforce ACE - attendance, commitment and effort - for all students and staff. Sixth graders will attend the rally from 9:40 a.m. to 11:10 a.m., eighth graders will attend from 11:40 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. and seventh graders will attend from 1:10 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. For more information on the event, please contact the school directly at 410-612-1518. **New!**
- 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. **New!**
- 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. **New!**
- 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 nominate 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. **New!**
- The East Central Destination Imagination Tournament is fast approaching. Eighty-seven teams from across Harford and Cecil Counties will be competing at Edgewood High School on Saturday, March 5, 2011. The tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end with an awards ceremony around 5:00 p.m. Destination Imagination is a competition based on creative problem solving and critical thinking. As one participant stated, "It is the unlikely combination of engineering and drama." Last year, Harford County sent 39 teams to the State tournament and eight to the Global tournament. The tournament is expected to draw a large turnout of students and their families.