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Board Meetings

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- **Monday, May 23, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. *features Recognition Ceremony**
- **Monday, June 13, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.**

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

- ***New!*** Jason's Music Center, one of the oldest piano distributors in the country, will hold their 8th Annual Piano Liquidation on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at the Forest Hill Airpark. The highly-anticipated liquidation provides shoppers a rare opportunity to purchase top-quality pianos while supporting Harford County Public Schools (HCPS). Jason's Music Center and HCPS have had a unique partnership since 2002. To date, Jason's Music Center has loaned pianos with a total value of more than \$850,000 to HCPS to use in targeted schools. To make an appointment with Jason's Music Center (recommended), or to learn more about their piano donation program, please contact them directly at 410-638-2272.
- ***New!*** North Harford Middle School (NHMS) will dedicate a Wall of Honor to family members who have served or are currently serving in one of the branches of the United States Military. The event will be held Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. at the school. The project began around Veterans Day when students expressed a desire to honor members of the military in a special way. Mr. Thomas Ford, a 7th grade social studies teacher and sponsor of NHMS Future Teachers of America (FTA), developed the idea with FTA as a service learning project. All students and staff of NHMS were invited to submit information about family members who have served, or are currently serving, in the United States Military. The wall now honors more than 300 members of the United States Military, and it is still growing. Each branch of the military has added its flag to the display, and a color guard from Aberdeen Proving Ground will present the colors for the dedication. Military vehicles are expected to be on display at the event. For more information about the event, please contact the school at 410-638-3658.
- ***New!*** Fallston Middle School is part of a pilot program making Kindles available in the media center. The demand for the Kindles is so high, the media center can't keep them in! For more information on the pilot and how the school is motivating students to read more, contact the school's media specialist at 410-638-4129.
- ***New!*** The NAMM Foundation has named Harford County Public Schools one of the 2011 "Best Communities for Music Education" through a survey that acknowledges schools and districts across the U.S. for their commitment and support of music education in schools. As the economy challenges state and local school budgets to adequately support education, the 174 school districts named by the NAMM Foundation demonstrate the unwavering commitment to provide music education for their students. The NAMM Foundation's mission is to ensure that all children have access to quality music education programs that encourage lifelong participation in music making. Congratulations to the HCPS Music Department!
- ***New!*** The State Board will recognize the 24 Teachers of the Year at the Maryland State Board Recognition and Luncheon on May 25, 2011. The recognitions will take place in the State Board Room at the Maryland State Department of Education located at 200 West Baltimore Street, 7th Floor, Baltimore, from 11:00 a.m. to noon.

- The Aberdeen Middle School Vex Robotics Tournament and STEM Career Fair will be held at the school on Wednesday, May 14, 2011, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. VEX Education is dedicated to providing engaging and fun student experiences that enable individuals to reach their full potential while they develop the knowledge and skills vital to success in the 21st century. For more information on the event, contact the school directly at 410-273-5510.
- 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.
- You're invited to join Emmorton Elementary School as they roll out the green carpet! Come celebrate Emmorton's green efforts and new playgrounds on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will feature remarks from Principal Peter Carpenter, Ph.D., select fourth grade students, Dr. Erin Ferriter of the Harford County Government and County Executive David Craig. A ribbon cutting for the playgrounds will also take place. For more information, please contact the school directly at 410-638-3920.
- On May 18, 2011, HCPS will hold the 13th Annual Student Service Learning Stars Celebration, which recognizes students, teachers and community members for outstanding participation in service learning activities. Recipients, who were nominated by their schools, will be recognized for their commitment and enthusiasm with service learning projects inside and outside the classroom. The celebration will be held at the Amoss Center, Harford Technical High School, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
- The North Harford Middle School learning community will be hosting a Technology Open House on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This event will showcase technology use in the classroom and provide visitors with the opportunity to observe instruction, talk with students and teachers, and even work with some of the equipment. This is a great opportunity to experience the many ways students benefit from smart-boards, document cameras, graphing calculators, online activities, interactive virtual programs and much, much more! This event is open to parents, care-givers and the community. For more information, please call the North Harford Middle office at 410-638-3658, or email micah.humbert@hcps.org.
- Save the Date for the First Graduating Class of the Biomedical Sciences Program Class of 2011 Gallery Walk of Senior Projects, to be held Thursday, May 26, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Bel Air High School. The Gallery Walk will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the dining area and the presentation of certificates will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.
- Edgewood High School is scheduled to induct 15 alumni, former staff members and community supporters into its newly formed Hall of Fame on June 1, 2011, at 12:50 p.m. Jointly sponsored by the school and the Edgewood High School Alumni Association, the 'Hall' will honor those whose contributions have contributed to the success of the school over its 57 years of existence. The charter members will be inducted during an afternoon assembly in the school's auditorium and then be part of the EDHS Class of 2011 commencement ceremonies that evening. Nomination forms for the 2012 EHS Hall of Fame program are available by visiting, www.hcps.org, choosing "Schools" and accessing the Edgewood High School web page; or by e-mailing dmorrison2008@comcast.net and requesting the forms.
- 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.