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## Board Meetings

For agendas, exhibits and more information, log onto [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203.

- Monday, December 12, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 19, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. \*Features the Board recognition ceremony

**Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org)!**

• **New!** Save the date! Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union cordially invite you to attend the grand opening of the Edgewood High School Academy of Finance RAM Branch on Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 8:45 a.m. at Edgewood High School. Please RSVP to the Communications Office no later than Friday, January 20, 2012 at 410-588-5203 or [communications@hcps.org](mailto:communications@hcps.org). (If HCPS are closed or delayed, this event will take place Wednesday, February 8, at 8:45 a.m.)

• **New!** Congratulations to Dyann Mack, assistant principal of Homestead/Wakefield Elementary School, who was named the 2011-12 Maryland Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals.

• **New!** Harford County Government and HCPS announced the winners of the 2nd Annual Conservation and Stewardship Poster Contest at an awards ceremony held December 1st at the Eden Mill Nature Center in Pylesville. Parents, teachers and HCPS administrators joined Harford County Government's Sustainability Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation to honor the students. The winning posters are displayed in Harford County Government office buildings, Harford County Public Libraries and within Harford County Public Schools. More than 425 entries were received and reviewed during the contest. Judges from HCPS and Harford County Government's Green Team selected one winner from each category based upon artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme. Congratulations to this year's winners:

**K-2 Recycling:** Carmen Anderson, 1st Grader from Church Creek Elementary School

**3-5 Energy Conservation:** Addy Dean, 3rd Grader from North Harford Elementary School

**6-8 Alternative/ Reusable Energy:** Allie Nesbit, 7th Grader from Southampton Middle School

**9-10 Reducing Your Carbon Footprint:** Sabrina Thomas, 9th Grader from Havre de Grace High School

**11-12 Sustainability:** Shanice Lewis, 12th Grader from Aberdeen High School

• **New!** The Harford County Health Department has announced that all students (elementary through high school) can receive the Flu Mist free of charge. Parents need to call the Health Department for an appointment at 410-612-1774. FluMist will be offered on the following Fridays at the Woodbridge office:

Friday, Dec 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec 9th from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Friday, Dec 16th from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec 27 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

• Harford County's 2012 Unified Basketball League for people of all basketball abilities, 15 years of age and older, will be held from January 12, 2012, to March 29, 2012, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Boys and Girls Club. Special Olympics Unified Basketball is a free, fun, meaningful and competitive activity. People with and without developmental and/or intellectual

disabilities of similar ages train and compete together on the same team. Through this experience, teammates get to know each other and develop friendships, all while improving their basketball skills. This program is sponsored by the Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, Special Olympics Harford County, Harford County Parks & Recreation and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford County. For more information and to register, please call or email Chass Seymour at 410-836-7177 x424 or [cseymour@arcncr.org](mailto:cseymour@arcncr.org).

- The MD Parent Involvement Matters Award is an annual award for parents (and others with legal responsibility for a child) whose exemplary contributions to public education have led to improvements for Maryland's public school children, teachers, schools, programs and/or policies. The award was created by the Maryland State Department of Education to highlight the positive impact parents have on public schools and to encourage all parents to get involved in whatever way they can. Additional information about the program and the nomination form are available online at [www.MarylandPublicSchools.org/pima](http://www.MarylandPublicSchools.org/pima). Nominations must be postmarked by Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

- The Harford County Reading Council has announced the 31st Annual Young Author's Writing Contest. Students in Pre-K through 12th grade can enter an original poem or short story. Award-winning students will be recognized at a ceremony and presented with certificates, ribbons, journals, gift certificates to local establishments and other prizes and gifts. All entries are due December 16, 2011. For more information on the contest and how to enter, check out the links in the Communications box on the HCPS homepage, [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org).

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