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To help us track the usefulness of the Memo to Media, we ask that you inform us if you will be covering any of the events or information listed in the memo. Please send all correspondence to [Lindsay.Bilodeau@hcps.org](mailto:Lindsay.Bilodeau@hcps.org).

## Board Meetings

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

- Monday, November 14, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m. (Board Closed Session beginning at 6:00 p.m.)
- Monday, November 21, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. \*\* Features the recognition ceremony (Board Closed Session beginning at 5:30 p.m.)
- Monday, November 28, 2011 – Board Work Session -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:00 p.m.

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

• **Reminder!** American Education Week kicks off today! This time is observed annually in the Harford County Public School system as a time to promote an increased public awareness about the schools. The National Education Association's 90th Annual American Education Week is November 14-18, 2011. Visiting the public schools allows you to observe today's curriculum, current teaching methods, students and teachers at work and materials of instruction. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 14 - Grandparents/Senior Citizens Day & All classes open for visitation

Tuesday, November 15 - Grades Pre-K, K, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, & 12

Wednesday, November 16 - Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, & 11

\*\*\*\* North Harford Middle School was excited to welcome Interim State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Bernard Sadusky, who made a visit today from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. to tour the school and visit several classrooms.

• **New!** Help Emmorton Elementary or Hickory Elementary win a grant from Clorox! Following a competitive nomination period, voting is now open and Emmorton and Hickory elementary schools need your help to win up to \$50,000 in The Clorox Company's Power A Bright Future grant program! The grant will secure funding for creating classroom libraries. Visit [www.PowerABrightFuture.com](http://www.PowerABrightFuture.com) and vote once per day through Dec. 9, 2011. Please share this great news with the community! Details and official rules available at [www.PowerABrightFuture.com](http://www.PowerABrightFuture.com). Thank you for supporting Harford County Public Schools!

• **New!** Five young women from the Bel Air High School Biomedical Sciences Program - Nicole Lentz, Lauren Muir, Rebecca Rochowiak, Kim Harrell and Amie Stephens - were accepted and will be participating in the Perry Outreach Program which will be held at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 19th, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event will feature faculty and volunteers from the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Department of Bioengineering as well as Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The Perry Initiative is committed to inspiring young women to be leaders in the exciting fields of Orthopaedic Surgery and Engineering. The Perry Initiative partners with medical centers, universities, and high schools to host Perry Outreach Programs for high school women. These day-long programs are held at different locations nationwide throughout the year.

• **New!** Black Youth in Action (BYA) presents the 33rd annual Debutante Ball on November 20, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom. The 2011 BYA debutantes are Agnes Ezedike, Joppatowne High School; Aigner Chavis-Turner, Western Tech; Alexandra Sheppard, Aberdeen High School; Asia Jackson, Aberdeen High School; Christa Davis, Bel Air High School; Imani Powell, Harford Technical High School; Jasmine Currie, Havre de Grace High School; Leilana Taylor, Joppatowne High School; Nadia Lynch, Bel Air High School; Shannon Mack, Parkville High School; Stephanie Reid, Joppatowne High School; Stephanie Cooper, Aberdeen High School; and Syndi Stewart, C.Milton Wright High School.

• *New!* Each year, HCPS sends five students to Annapolis to spend two, non-consecutive weeks serving in either the House of Delegates or the Maryland Senate, performing various tasks such as filing books, running errands and sitting in on meetings and hearings. The competitive selection process for the Student Page Program, which began months ago, starts with each public and private school in the county choosing up to two applicants. Selected students completed an application and participated in a grueling interview process where they appeared before a 12-person committee made up of students and educators from around the county. From this pool of students, an ultimate five pages and one alternate are selected, which mirrors Harford County's representation in Annapolis. The high school seniors who were chosen to serve as student pages for the 2012 Maryland General Assembly - Belawoe Atwakoku, Aberdeen High School; Christina McIntyre, Bel Air High School; Adam Hiob, Aberdeen High School; Julius Halstead, Patterson Mill High School; and Erin Chase, North Harford High School - will come together for "A Morning Together" on Thursday, December 8, 2011, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. that will include breakfast and time for the free flow and exchange of ideas. During the breakfast, the pages will have the opportunity to meet with the elected officials for whom they will support in the upcoming 90-day legislative session to take place January through April 2012. Members of the media should RSVP to Teri Kranefeld, if they plan to attend (Teri.Kranefeld@hcps.org or 410-588-5203).

• *New!* Congratulations to Edgewood High School's Chiwy Webster who was selected as one of Harford County's Most Beautiful People on October 27, 2011, along with 18 other dedicated volunteers who serve in their communities in Harford County and across America. The ceremony will air on Harford Cable Network (Comcast Channel 21, Armstrong Channel 7 and Verizon Channel 31) Sundays at 7:00 p.m. the entire month of November.

• During the Board of Education meeting on Monday, November 21, 2011, Deborah J. Heiberger, Ed.D. will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame for her 28-year tenure with HCPS as a dedicated teacher and administrator. The induction ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the A. A. Roberty Building. In addition, the ceremony and Board meeting will be aired via live stream on the school system website at [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org). The live stream link can be found in the Board box in the lower right-hand corner of the homepage, [hcps.org](http://hcps.org).

• The Falcon Flying Feet Running Club, a group of active and dedicated students at North Harford Middle School, will participate in the Annual 5K One World Run to be held November 19, 2011, in White Hall at the Norrisville Recreation Complex. This international event takes place in many cities and countries around the world. The cause has even spread to Antarctica, so this year, there will be runners on every continent! Since the race is completely corporate-sponsored, all the race fees go to Project AIDS Orphan (PAO). PAO is a not-for-profit organization supporting children who have been orphaned by the AIDS crisis in East Africa. Funding goes directly toward Mission House of Hope which provides food, clothing, health care and education to AIDS Orphans in Kenya.

• 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).