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## Board Meetings

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- Monday, October 17, 2011 – Board Work Session/Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 24, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. \*\* Features the recognition ceremony

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

• **New!** You are cordially invited to attend the Red Pump Elementary School Dedication Ceremony on Friday, October 28, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the school's gymnasium. If you are planning to attend the event, please contact the Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) Communications Office at 410-588-5203.

• **New!** Maryland's 21st Annual Teacher of the Year Awards Gala will be held October 14, 2011, from 5:30 to 9:45 p.m. at Martin's West. This premier celebration recognizes the teaching profession and the 24 local Teachers of the Year who serve as its ambassadors. With 1,100 anticipated attendees, the highlight of the evening will be the surprise naming of the statewide Teacher of the Year. The announcement will be made at approximately 9:30 p.m. The winner, who will receive a 2012 Honda Civic as a gift, moves on to the National Teacher of the Year competition. The Maryland Teacher of the Year is a program of the Maryland State Department of Education and an affiliate of the National Teacher of the Year Program. Good luck to Harford County Teacher of the Year Christian S. Slattery, Sr.!

• **New!** You're invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast to support Harford County Alliance of Black School Educators on Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar at 991 Beards Hill Road, Aberdeen, 21001. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4.50 for children 10 and under. Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause. For more information, contact Valicia Beaty at 410-499-9939.

• **New!** This fall, thousands of volleyball teams from around the country will be participating in the Dig Pink National Breast Cancer Awareness Rally. A sea of pink will flood the gym at Bel Air High School when the girls volleyball team plays Patterson Mill High School in their annual "Dig Pink" game on Tuesday, October 18, 2011. The junior varsity teams will play at 5:15 p.m. and the varsity teams will play at 6:45 p.m. Admission for the event is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. There will be many raffle items, such as autographed NFL breast cancer awareness footballs and hats from the Ravens, gift certificates to local businesses, and many other great prizes. There will also be t-shirts and breast cancer awareness bracelets for sale at the event. Donations can be made for this event online at: [www.side-out.org/application/ous/fundraising\\_page/8176](http://www.side-out.org/application/ous/fundraising_page/8176). For more information about the Dig Pink event at Bel Air High School, please contact the Bel Air Girls Volleyball team's Head Coach, Tim Markland at [timothy.markland@hcps.org](mailto:timothy.markland@hcps.org) or call the school at 410-638-4600.

• **New!** 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.

- *New!* Aberdeen High School's Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter recently held a fundraiser from September 22 to October 1, 2011. The event, Souls4Soles Changing the World, One Pair at a Time, encouraged everyone in the school – students and staff – to collect pairs of shoes to be sent to children and adults around the world. The school collected 80 pairs of shoes, ranging from little kids sizes to adult sizes. A few pairs were even brand new!
- *New!* Harford Technical High School (HTHS) recently entered two teams in the MDC3 from the school's Computer & Networking program. The first online qualifying Cyber challenge round was held September 9-11, 2011, for all high school and college division teams, where both teams scored high enough to qualify for the semi-final round, which was held September 23-25, 2011. One of the HTHS teams, Team Xploiters, finished in the top eight in the state in this round, which qualifies them for the final/championship round to be held live at the Baltimore Convention Center October 21-22, 2011, where they will compete against the other seven teams in the state. This is a one-of-a-kind non-profit event bringing together Maryland's best minds to advance the critical field of cybersecurity across the public, private and academic sectors. Congratulations to the HTHS team, and best wishes for success in the championship round.
- *New!* HCPS staff will be given the opportunity to explore the causes, effects and best practices in dealing with students that bully and the victims of bullying in a one-credit continuing professional development course, Bullying: A Herd Perspective, that will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Tuckaway Farm in Havre de Grace.
- Don't miss the Diversity Literacy Fair hosted by HCPS and Barnes & Noble on Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The theme of the fair is "Valuing our differences through Literacy." Access the flyer on the HCPS website for more details by clicking [here](#).
- Students from Harford Technical High School's Agribusiness/Animal Science program, also part of the Harford Technical's Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter, will host the Third Annual Fall Harvest Festival on October 15, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This harvest festival is a wonderful opportunity to bring children and parents of all ages together to be informed in a fun way about how important agriculture still is in our world today. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet new people, learn about agriculture in the modern world and interact in educational and entertaining games and activities. Along with games, there will be a variety of animals. Trained students will be giving live horse demonstrations. There will also be face painting, pumpkin painting, sand art, scarecrow making and a hay maze! Families are encouraged to come out and get in the fall spirit!
- GEEF is preparing for its 7th Annual Gala and Silent Auction on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at the Richlin Ballroom from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. With an emphasis on challenged communities, the event benefits the students of Harford County Public Schools by funding programs that provide social and educational support. This annual event celebrates outstanding educators with the Everyday Hero Award and honors business partners with Collaborative Partnerships Award. Accomplishments of the Foundation's programs and the achievements of our students are highlighted. For more information about GEEF's programs to support student achievement and lifelong success, visit [www.geefinc.com](http://www.geefinc.com).
- Maudeline A. Banks will be inducted into the HCPS Educators Hall of Fame as the 163rd member on October 24, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the A. A. Roberty Building in Bel Air. She is being honored for 28 outstanding years of selfless dedication to students, faculty, staff and the community as a teacher.

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