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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, October 24, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. \*\* Features the recognition ceremony
- Monday, November 14, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 21, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. \*\* Features the recognition ceremony

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

● **New!** To kick off the year-long school system budget development process, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert M. Tomback will hold a Budget Hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Bel Air High School. The public is encouraged to attend to provide input and share what they feel is important for consideration as the Superintendent prepares his proposed operating budget for the 2012-13 school year. If you cannot attend, please send your suggestions and comments to [Budget@hcps.org](mailto:Budget@hcps.org).

● **New!** The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) is the Army's technology leader and largest technology developer. RDECOM from Aberdeen Proving Ground will spend a week at Hickory Elementary School from November 7-10, 2011. They will conduct whole group and small group presentations for each grade level. The innovation road show will give each grade level a mission and the students will be given a kit of materials and told they need to build something to achieve the outcome listed in the mission scenario. The understanding is that the "invention" will not be functional; however, the students will need to be able to tell the group about what they have designed and how it "should" work. The media is invited to come out anytime during the week for coverage. For more information on the schedule for the week, contact the school directly at 410-638-4170.

● **New!** 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).

● **New!** American Education Week 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 14-16, 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

● **New!** Congratulations to Fountain Green Elementary School (FGES) for being named a Maryland Center for Character Education School of the Year for best character education practices in 2010-2011. The foundation of the character education program at FGES actively promotes core ethical values as the basis of good character. The entire school, parents and community members work together to achieve and live up to the FGES mission and vision. The 2011 awards were presented at the state awards luncheon on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at Stevenson University.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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