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Please note: This memo will be distributed on Mondays beginning in November! **October 27, 2011**

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.

Board Meetings

For agendas, exhibits and more information, log onto 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.
- 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!

- **Reminder!** 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.
- **Reminder!** 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.
- **New!** Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School proudly announces its Reading Incentive Kick Off and Grand Reopening of the Carson Reading Room on October 31, 2011. Students will be celebrating these events by dressing up as their favorite book character on this day. For more information, please contact the school at 410-273-5524.
- **New!** Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils (HCRASC) will hold a county-wide meeting at Patterson Mill High School on November 9, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The special guests presenting to the students will be from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the statewide charity for the Maryland Association of Student Councils. This meeting will also include training for the students. In addition, HCRASC will hold a fundraiser night for the foundation on November 14, 2011, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Panera Bread at the festival.
- **New!** HCPS students Alex Mathoniere and Megan O'Neill from Fallston Middle School; Mitchell Roberts, Alexander Usselman, and Tyler Ziegler from North Harford Middle School; and Selena Ranney from Southampton Middle School were recently honored as some of the brightest young students in the nation at a statewide awards ceremony for gifted children sponsored by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY). The Center honored these bright middle school students who were participants in the 2011 CTY Talent Search for their exceptional performance on a rigorous, above-grade-level test given to academically talented second through eighth grade students. For more information about the program, visit www.cty.jhu.edu.
- **New!** The HCPS Band Together program recently sent out the 200th instrument for this school year. That means 200 students can now participate in instrumental music who otherwise would not have had the chance. HCPS offers instruction in instrumental music to all interested students in grades 4 through 12. Unfortunately, there are many interested students whose parents cannot afford to buy or rent an instrument, and there simply aren't enough school-owned instruments available for loan. That is where Band Together comes in. Band Together is an organization of music educators dedicated to collecting used instruments and reconditioning and distributing them to interested HCPS students in need. This program has exceeded

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expectations, and credit must go to Robert Powers of Emmorton Elementary and Brian Folus of Red Pump Elementary schools for their hard work and dedication to the students and the arts. If you have an instrument that you would like to donate to this cause, please contact Robert Powers at 410-638-3920 or Robert.Powers@hcps.org. The condition or age of the instrument does not matter. When you donate an instrument, you will receive a receipt for tax deduction purposes as well as the satisfaction of having made a difference in the life of a child.

- 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 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.

- 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

- 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.

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