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***NOTE: 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, September 26, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m. ** Features the recognition ceremony - Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas to be posthumously inducted as the 162nd member of the HCPS Hall of Fame.**
- **Monday, October 10, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.**

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

- ***New!*** Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) recently launched an official Facebook page. This site will be used as a communication tool to increase the home-school-community partnership. The HCPS Office of Communications will post important school system information, share good news, and provide an opportunity for dialogue regarding topics that affect our students and staff. Check it out and “Like” the page to receive updates on your news feed. Click here to access the page.
- ***New!*** On Friday, September 16, 2011, Magnolia Elementary School is participating in Back to Football Friday to gear up for the season and to help promote exercise and movement to fight childhood obesity. This is a contest where 34 winning schools will be named NFL PLAY 60 Super Schools and will receive an NFL team celebration and a \$10,000 NFL PLAY 60 health and wellness grant. Magnolia Elementary participated last year and had a great time, but did not win. This year, the students and staff are stepping up their game. A pep rally will be held at 9:00 a.m. and students will come out by grade level for 45 minutes to participate in football stations. In addition, The Raven Maniacs will be onsite partaking in the “festivities!” For more information on the Back to Football program, log onto <http://www.nfl.com/backtofootball> or contact the school at 410-612-1553.
- ***New!*** On Saturday, September 17, 2011, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Bel Air High School will host a 9/11 Open House to showcase a steel beam segment from the World Trade Center, as well as many other 9/11 artifacts collected throughout the past 10 years. Student essays reflecting on the attacks, the war on terror and the national mood ten years after the attack will also be included in the display. In addition, a 9/11 flag memorial will be on display in front of Bel Air High School until Tuesday, September 20, 2011. The memorial consists of 2,977 flags, one flag to represent each life lost as a result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. For more information, contact the school at 410-638-4600.
- ***New!*** The Greater Excellence in Education Foundation (GEEF) presents the 4th Annual Education Conference on Saturday, September 24, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Edgewood High School. The conference is for parents/guardians and students in grades Pre-K through 12 and will include many fun and informational workshops, free breakfast and snacks and free giveaways and prizes. For more information and to register, visit www.geefinc.com. Register by September 20, 2011, to reserve your space.
- ***New!*** HCPS and Harford Community College are proud to host the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) & National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Eligibility Seminar on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at Edgewood High School. The seminar will be held from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. The event is open to the public, and is being held in conjunction with the annual College Fair - Education After High School. Student-athletes interested in participating in NCAA or NJCAA intercollegiate sports should attend to gather information. The seminar is designed to better educate parents and student-athletes on the initial eligibility requirements of the associations. The seminar should be of particular interest to high school students and their families (7th grade and above), as well as high school counselors, administrators, coaches and athletic directors.

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- *New!* 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](#).
- *New!* 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.
- Churchville Elementary School will celebrate its 80th birthday with an open house on Saturday, September 17, 2011, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact the school directly at 410-638-3800.
- During the Board of Education meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011, Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas will be posthumously inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame for her 36-year tenure with HCPS as a dedicated special education teacher, helping teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. 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. The "live stream" link can be found in the Board box in the lower right-hand corner of the homepage, hcps.org.
- Southampton Middle School will celebrate the grand opening of its Ben Carson Reading Room on September 28, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Southampton Middle was awarded \$10,000 in December 2010 by Louis & Phyllis Friedman, attorneys and Board members for the Carson Scholars Fund. Judy Fida, paraeducator at Southampton Middle and volunteer for the Carson Scholars Fund, took on the project. Ms. Fida, art students, faculty/staff and community members volunteered their time this summer to create a jungle-theme mural and a relaxing and comfortable atmosphere to encourage students to enjoy the experience of reading books. Southampton Middle has also been recognized as the only school in Harford County to have the most Carson Scholars. Congratulations to Southampton Middle School!
- HCPS, in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council, will host the Annual Sustainable School Construction Workshop on Thursday, September 29, 2011, at Joppatowne High School. The workshop begins at 8:00 a.m. and will feature live demonstrations, exhibits/vendors and light refreshments. For more information on the workshop, including the agenda and how to register, click [here](#).
- HCPS presents the Education After High School College Fair, to be held Tuesday, October 11, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Edgewood High School. Area parents and students in all grade levels are invited to attend and meet representatives from more than 100 colleges and universities. Parking for parents and students will be available at Edgewood High, Edgewood Middle and Deerfield Elementary schools. For more information, please contact Laura Wade at Laura.Wade@hcps.org.

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