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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.

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- **New!** The Board of Education of Harford County business meeting scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the A. A. Roberty Building in Bel Air will feature the posthumous induction of former Superintendent of Schools Jacqueline C. Haas into the Harford County Public Schools Educator Hall of Fame. Due to capacity regulations for the Board Room, seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis.
- **New!** 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!
- **New!** Congratulations to Churchville and Meadowvale elementary schools for recently being awarded a Department of Defense Education Activity grant. Churchville and Meadowvale provide educational services to more than 200 students total whose parents are employed by the United States Department of Defense Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). The *Chargers and Mustangs Succeed in STEM* initiative will accelerate student achievement in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at these two military-connected schools. The following strategies will be implemented: 1) mathematic interventions for students needing extra assistance and students who will benefit from accelerated learning opportunities; 2) innovative professional development in science in order to increase teacher comfort with content knowledge and inquiry-based STEM lessons; 3) after-school LEGO League Club at Churchville Elementary School with the support of APG parent volunteers; and 4) extended-day STEM Club at Meadowvale Elementary School, including a partnership with Vulcan Quarry.
- **New!** A Magnet Program video and informational presentation will be held in the auditorium of North Harford High School on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For more information on our Magnet Programs and additional meeting dates, click [here](#).
- 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.

- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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](#).
- 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.