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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 10, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 17, 2011 – Board Work Session -- 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!** The Harford County Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC) Annual Parent Forum will be held October 6, 2011, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the A. A. Roberty Building in Bel Air. Parents and caregivers of students with disabilities, community members, Board of Education Members, and Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) teachers and staff are invited to attend to get answers, to network and to provide input that matters to the school system.

• **New!** A Magnet Program informational meeting and video presentation will be held at Edgewood High School on October 6, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the school's auditorium. For more information on our Magnet Programs and additional meeting dates, click here.

• **New!** The June 1, 2011 Edgewood High School Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be televised on October 9, 2011. The ceremony can be viewed in Harford County on Comcast Channel 21, Armstrong Channel 7 and Verizon-Fios Channel 31.

• **New!** 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.

• **New!** The Northeastern Maryland Technology Council (NMTC) will host the next Science Café on October 11, 2011, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Harford Day School. "Contagion: Fear and Fact" will be a discussion about the nation's response to the global flu pandemic in 2009-10, led by Dr. Peter Emanuel, who was assistant director for chemical and biological countermeasures at the White House at the time of the flu pandemic. He is currently director for biosciences at Edgewood Chemical and Biological Sciences. Dr. Emanuel will share perspectives on how science, budgets and the international community shaped the United States' response to the flu epidemic. Science Cafés are a fun and free way for everyone, scientists or not, to learn about a specific science and technology topic that affects our everyday lives from a local expert. Visit [www.nmtsciencecafe.org](http://www.nmtsciencecafe.org) for more information.

• 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 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.

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- 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](mailto: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](#).

- 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).

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