

Memo to Media



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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 Amanda.Spencer@hcps.org.**

NOTE NEW TIME!

Board Meetings

- **Monday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m.** - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.
- **Monday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m.** - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.

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

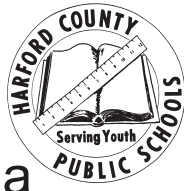
Save the Date

The 2009 HCPS Teacher of the Year Banquet will be Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace!

- The 2009 Commencement Ceremony schedule has been revised. **View the new schedule here.**
- Twenty Harford County students have been selected as recipients of Carson scholarships for 2009. The Carson Scholars Fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4-11 who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. Students then also receive the honor of being named "Carson Scholars" and are awarded with an Olympic-sized medal and a trophy for their school to celebrate their accomplishments. Previous winners of Carson Scholarships are eligible to reapply for the scholarship annually, as long as they consistently maintain high academic standards. All scholarship recipients will be honored at the 13th Annual Awards Banquet on April 26, 2009 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Martin's West in Woodlawn, Maryland. For more information on the Harford County Public Schools Carson Scholar recipients, click here. **NEW!**
- Superintendent Search Update: Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) is conducting the nationwide search for Harford County Public School's next Superintendent. MABE received sixteen applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds from across Maryland and the nation. In early May, the search consultants will present all applicants to the Board of Education who will select highly qualified candidates to interview. The selection for interviews will be based upon state requirements and the criteria that were established by the Board with input from stakeholders. The Board will hold initial interviews the week of May 11. After those initial interviews, the Board will select three or four finalists to visit the county. Each finalist will spend a full day meeting with stakeholders, touring the County and meeting with the Board. The visits are scheduled for May 18 – 20. The media will be invited to attend a session with each finalist. Details of those sessions will be forthcoming as soon as they are available. **NEW!**
- The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) announced the winners of the 13th annual Mariel C. Furlong Award for Making a Difference. The winner in the school nurse category was Debra Kauffman, school nurse at Fountain Green Elementary School. Mrs. Kauffman, R.N. is being honored with the award in recognition of her continued efforts as a school nurse to advocate for children with food allergies. Click here to read more about her award. **NEW!**
- The Greater Baltimore Regional Junior Miss Scholarship Program, a preliminary local competition to America's Junior Miss Program, has awarded the 2010 Charm City's Junior Miss Title to Ashleigh Omorogbe, junior in the Science and Math Academy at Aberdeen High. Click here for more information on Ms. Omorogbe. **NEW!**

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- Edgewood High School Senior, Larry Tucker, recently won first place in the poetry category of the Baltimore CityLit Maryland Young Writers Contest. As part of the award, Larry, along with the other winners in the contest, will be acknowledged in the May issue of Baltimore's Child magazine and will receive a congratulatory certificate in the mail. In addition, each writer is invited to read his winning piece at CityLit Festival, Baltimore's premiere public event in celebration of literature. The Festival will take place Saturday, April 18 at Enoch Pratt Free Library. The reading takes place as part of youth events at 12 noon in the library's Central Hall. In addition, first place winners will have their writing published in the May issue of Baltimore's Child and receive free registration to the Maryland Writing Project's Student Writers' Workshop Summer Program.
- A local Edgewood High student was recently selected by the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute (PCI) as a winner of the Third Annual Le Cordon Bleu Schools North America Market Basket Competition. Ten future PCI students participated in the semi-annual event that took place on March 21; and three received scholarships to attend the Pittsburgh culinary school. Second-Place winner Gladys Kemp, from Edgewood High School, Maryland, will begin her culinary education at PCI in September. Gladys, 17, has attended Edgewood High School for four years. The Le Cordon Bleu Market Basket Competition takes place twice yearly at 14 of the Le Cordon Bleu Schools North America locations. This year's pastry competition began with an essay and concluded with an intense kitchen challenge at Pennsylvania Culinary Institute. The Le Cordon Bleu Market Basket Scholarship Competition is two-phased. First, future students submit an online entry form which includes a 75 - 150 word essay demonstrating their interest, desire and passion for becoming a chef; a team of judges select the finalists and invite them to compete in the kitchen challenge. Then, on the day of the scholarship competition, future students are given a market basket containing key ingredients. They have 90 minutes to prepare and present two identical plated desserts (one for presentation and one for judging).
- The Harford Branch of the American Association of University Women will host the 23rd Annual Judith Resnik Educational Foundation Awards Luncheon honoring outstanding Harford County eleventh grade female mathematics-science scholars on Saturday, April 25th at 11:45 a.m. at Harford Community College's Chesapeake Center. The guest speaker for the event will be Becky Halstead, executive director for leader development at the Praevus Group and retired general, U.S. Army. One eleventh grade female excelling in mathematics or science will be honored from each Harford County high school. The cost of the luncheon is \$16.50 and registration is due by April 16th. For more information, contact Shirley Moore at 410-838-8179.
- The Harford County Public Schools Title I Annual Parent Conference will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The event will feature guest speaker Mrs. Allyn A. Watson, Supervisor of Compensatory Education, as well as performances by the Hall's Cross Roads Elementary Chorus and the Edgewood Elementary Chorus. Additionally, State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy Grasmick is scheduled to present at the conference. There will also be a sharing of Title I quilts and a unity poem presentation. For more information, contact the Office of Compensatory Education at 410-588-5278.