

Here are some story ideas in which you may have an interest:

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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.

Board Meetings

• **Monday, August 4th at 7:00 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.

• Prospect Mill Elementary fifth grade mentor teacher, Louanne Calvin has been invited by Towson University to present in Taiwan at a conference in the Metropolitan Kaohsiung School District on August 11-12th. Ms. Calvin is a graduate of Towson's Elementary Education Program and M.Ed. Program in Reading. She is also a student in Towson's CAS in Organizational Change Program working towards a certificate in school administration. Last year, she was the top recipient of the Towson Professional Development Schools Min-Grant Program (\$2,000) for her action research study titled, After School Math Rockets Club. For more information, contact Bud Beehler, III at 410-638-3817. *NEW!*

• A student at Forest Hill Elementary School, Jared Wagner, has won the State of Maryland Sons of the American Revolution's Elementary School Poster Contest. Jared also won the Col. Aquila Hall chapter contest. He was presented a certificate and a check for \$50.00 for his winning poster. The theme of this year's Americanism Poster contest was "Molly Picher" and Maryland 4th and 5th graders from all over the state participated in the program. For more information, visit www.marylandsar.org or call 410-574-5467. *NEW!*

• The Harford County Alliance of Black School Educators is sending four representatives to the National Alliance's African American Male Youth Leadership Summit on July 31st - August 3rd. The event will be held at Prairie View A&M University, a historically black university located approximately sixty miles from Houston, Texas. The three day summit includes interactive workshops that focus on academic achievement, communication skills, financial responsibility, and career exploration. Two HCPS students, Dominique Henson and Michael Barnes Adams, as well as two HCPS teachers, Matthew Byrd and Marcus Sherrod have been selected to attend. For more information, contact Hattye Knight at 410-588-5238 or Hattye.Knight@hcps.org.

• Harford County Public Schools Summer School Rainbow Graduation for 2008 will be held in the Aberdeen High School auditorium on Friday, August 1st at 10:00 a.m. Contact Mark Buzminsky at 410-273-5594 for more information.

• Meadowvale Elementary School in Havre de Grace has been selected to receive a Ben Carson Reading Room. Mayor of Havre de Grace, Wayne H. Dougherty, recommended Meadowvale Elementary for the award and will attend the ceremony in addition to County Executive David Craig. For more information, contact Principal A. Blaine Hawley at 410-939-6622. These Reading Rooms are designed to encourage young people to discover the joy of independent reading in a warm, inviting atmosphere, with rewards given for minutes read. For more information on the Ben Carson Reading Room program, visit www.carsonscholars.org/rooms.php.

• The 2008 Harford County Public Schools Teacher Night at Ripken Stadium will be held on Saturday, August 30th. On that evening, the Ten 2008-09 Harford County Public School Teacher of the Year Finalists will be honored and the Teacher of the Year will throw out the first pitch. It is also the Harford County Education Association (HCEA) night at the Stadium. Forty tickets have been reserved for Harford County Public School teachers - 20 each at \$9.50 per ticket in the Reserved Section and \$12.50 per ticket in the Loge Section. The price of admission includes a free Ironbirds cap, a game program, and free parking. To purchase tickets, call Jenna Raglani, Ironbirds Account Executive, at 410-297-9292, ext. 317.