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August 21, 2008

***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@hcp.org.

Board Meetings

• **Monday, September 8th 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. **NEW!**

• **Monday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Work Session at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**

*****Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org by clicking HCPS Online Media TV and Radio Archive on the homepage!**

• **Reminder: Harford County Public Schools Superintendent, Jackie Haas, will attend a bus ride along with students on the first day of school set for Monday, August 25, 2008!!!** Driver of Bus #724, Julius Witherspoon, which services George D. Lisby at Hillsdale Elementary, will provide our transportation this year. Our trip will begin and end at Lisby/Hillsdale as the children and guests will be greeted by the 2008 Harford County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, Ron Wooden. You are welcome to board the bus at Lisby/Hillsdale Elementary or meet us at the stop for a photo op. If you plan to board the bus, you will need to be at Lisby/Hillsdale early enough to allow the bus to begin its route at 8:00 a.m. The school will have ample parking available for your vehicles. If you plan to meet at the stop, the bus stop we will visit is located at 233 Forest Green Road in Aberdeen. We will arrive at this stop at approximately 8:15 a.m. Please RSVP to Jane Jubb (Jane.Jubb@hcp.org) or 410-588-5214. **NEW!**

• If you are unable to make it to the First Day of School Bus Ride, great first day of school activities are happening all over Harford County Public Schools.

- Join Edgewood Middle School Principal, Dr. Lawrence Rudolph as well as administrators and staff members as they roll out the red carpet and hand out school vision lapel pins on the first day of school.
- Harford Technical High School will have black and yellow balloon arches on the doors and Principal Chas Hagan, along with administrators, will greet the students as they arrive for the first day.
- Join Principal Kaye Blome and the rest of the staff at Fallston Middle School as they roll out the carpet and play music as the administrators welcome the students back to school.
- Staff members at Roye-Williams Elementary will be wearing top hats and white gloves to continue their theme of "Top Hot" behavior as they welcome students back to school.
- Tomorrow, Friday, August 23rd, Fallston High School will be hosting Freshman Fest to welcome incoming freshman to the school to prepare them for the first day on Monday. **NEW!**

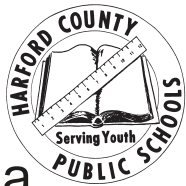
Elementary school starts at 9:00 a.m.

Middle school starts at 8:15 a.m.

High school starts at 7:30 a.m.

• The Open House and Back to School Night schedules for Harford County Public Schools is available on our website. Click here for the Elementary Schedule and click here for the Secondary Schedule (Middle and High). For questions, contact the Elementary Education department at 410-588-5207, the Secondary Education department at 410-588-5228 or your school. **NEW!**

• School Bus Safety Educational Tools from the HCPS Transportation Department are now ready for download from the HCPS website, www.hcps.org, with the 2008-2009 Bus Routes and information. Click here for the bus routes. For more information, contact the Transportation Department at 410-638-4092. **NEW!**



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HCPS Magnet Program Informational Presentations Set

In an effort to disseminate information to Harford County eighth graders and their parents about educational opportunities for high school, HCPS will be hosting a series of evening informational presentations within the county.

Beginning in September, a series of nine evening presentations will begin at county middle schools. The objective of these meetings is to allow parents and students to take an introductory look at the magnet programs, located at three specific schools that will be available to students throughout Harford County in the fall of 2008.

The Science and Mathematics Academy (SMA) at Aberdeen High School, the Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme (GS/IB) at Edgewood High School, and the nineteen career programs at Harford Technical High School (HTHS) in Bel Air will be showcased in an informational video presentation that was produced by Harford Cable Network. The schedule for the evening presentations is as follows:

Sept. 22	Southampton Middle	Oct. 7	Aberdeen Middle
Sept. 23	Edgewood Middle	Oct. 13	Patterson Mill Middle
Sept. 24	Bel Air Middle	Oct. 14	Magnolia Middle
Oct. 1	Fallston Middle	Oct. 15	North Harford Middle
Oct. 6	Havre de Grace Middle		

Presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents and students may choose to attend any of the presentations, regardless of their districted attendance area.

Open Houses for each of the magnet programs will be held as follows:

Oct. 21 & Oct. 29	Science & Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High
Nov. 5	Harford Technical High School
Nov. 11	Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme at Edgewood High

Specific times for the Open House events will be posted on the HCPS website, www.hcps.org as the beginning of the school year approaches. Attendance at the open house is not required for application or admission to any magnet program.

Applications to each of the magnet programs will be available at www.hcps.org, beginning on September 22nd; the county-wide deadline for submission of applications is December 5th. **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.

- 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.