



**December 18, 2008**

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

**\*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](mailto:Amanda.Spencer@hcps.org).

## Board Meetings

- **Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Budget Work Session at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For more information, log onto [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**
- **Monday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Budget Work Session at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For more information, log onto [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**
- **Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m.** - Board Budget Work Session at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For more information, log onto [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**

**Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org)!**

- Mrs. Sharon Pardew, art teacher at Joppatowne Elementary School, sponsors an Art Club at the school. The students entered a collective piece in a contest called "Together We are Better." The club's piece earned third place for the state of Maryland in the contest. Mrs. Pardew and the Art Club students will be recognized during a ceremony at Annapolis in April. Contact Mrs. Pardew at [sharon.pardew@hcps.org](mailto:sharon.pardew@hcps.org) for more information. **NEW!**
- Mr. Karl Tracy, strings teacher at Joppatowne Elementary School, is a member of a Jazz band called "Mood Swings." The band recently played at the Congressional Ball in Washington for over 800 people, including President George W. Bush. Mr. Tracy toured the White House, observed the Oval Office and was photographed with the Commander In Chief himself. Contact Mr. Tracy at [karl.tracy@hcps.org](mailto:karl.tracy@hcps.org) for more information. **NEW!**
- Students at Bel Air Middle School are shooting hoops to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers. On December 12th, BAMS officially kicked off their fundraising event. Students will raise funds for the American Heart Association, which funds cardiovascular disease research and public and professional education programs. Top fundraisers as well as a few 'wildcard' students, will have the chance to play basketball against their teachers, on Thursday, February 12th, at 6:00 p.m. On February 13th in the gymnasium, the school will hold its 11th Annual Hoops For Heart three-point shoot out event. BAMS has raised almost \$250,000 over the past 11 years and has been ranked #2 in the nation for their fundraising efforts. This year BAMS goal is to raise \$40,000. For more information, contact health teacher Gina Bechtel, at 410-638-4140 or [gina.becht@hcps.org](mailto:gina.becht@hcps.org). **NEW!**
- The student pages from Harford County who will serve the House and Senate during the 2009 General Assembly were introduced during the annual Student Page Breakfast held at Fallston High School on December 4th. The pages are Viona Miller of Joppatowne High, Gerard Neely of C. Milton Wright High, William Richardson of North Harford High, David "DJ" Sigworth and Gregory Waterworth of Fallston High, and Nick Temple of John Carroll High School. For more information, call Pat Whitehurst, coordinator of the program, at Fallston High, 410-638-4120.
- Seven Harford County Public School educators have recently been notified that they have achieved National Board Certification as teachers following a rigorous process that took at least a year to complete. The teachers achieving the status are listed below.



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**Andrew Grant**, Aberdeen High  
Social Studies – History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

**Heather Hamilton**, Magnolia Elementary  
Generalist/Early Childhood

**Patricia Krysiak**, Darlington Elementary  
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

**Cynthia Lippencott**, Magnolia Elementary  
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

**Sandra McMichael**, Fallston High  
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

**Christian Slattery**, Hall's Cross Roads Elementary  
Music/Early and Middle Childhood

**Tiffany Wendland**, Fallston High  
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

For more information, call the Communications Office at 410-588-5203.

- Ninth Grader at Fallston High School, Jennifer Muccioli, will be dancing with the Moscow Ballet in The Great Russian Nutcracker at The Lyric Opera House in Baltimore. Auditions were held in October and Jennifer was selected for two of the advanced roles in this prestigious event. The ballet will be performed Friday December 19th, Saturday, December 20th and Sunday, December 21st. For more information, call Fallston High School at 410-638-4120.

- At its December 8, 2008 meeting, the Board of Education of Harford County completed the process of naming the new elementary school being constructed off of Schucks Road, near Churchville. The Board voted unanimously to name the school Campus Hills Elementary School. This school remains slated to open in August 2011. The Board had begun the process of naming the school, following its policy, on September 22, 2008, by announcing its intention of naming the school and initiating a 60-day period in which it sought suggestions from the public through a variety of means. More than 20 names were suggested.

- The 2008-09 HCPS Educator Hall of Fame Nomination Form is now available online at [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) by clicking on "About Us" and "Hall of Fame Members." Click here for the direct link to the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame nomination form. One former HCPS educator is inducted into the Hall of Fame each month during the school year in response to the nominations subject to review by the Harford County Retired School Personnel Association, the Superintendent and the Board of Education.

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