



**February 19, 2009**

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

## Board Meetings

- **Monday, February 23rd 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](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203.
- **Monday, March 9th 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](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203.

**Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website [www.hcps.org](http://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 Harford County Public School Teacher of the Year Application is now available online at [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org). Application submission deadline is Monday, March 2nd by 4:00 p.m. Click here to access the application. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to nominate the phenomenal teacher in your life. **\*IMPORTANT NOTE: There have been considerable changes made to the application and process this year. Previous years applications will NOT be accepted.\*** If you have questions, contact the Communications Office at 410-588-5203.
- Fourth Grade Teacher at Joppatowne Elementary School, Mrs. Donna Forster, was recently selected as the district level recipient of the 2009 Veterans of Foreign Wars National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Forster was selected as the winner for VFW Post 5838 in Joppatowne and also received the top prize for District 14 of Maryland. This award recognizes the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions. For her accomplishment, she was presented with a check from each the local VFW post and the district totaling \$200. For more information, contact Joppatowne Elementary School at 410-612-1546. **NEW!**
- The February inductee into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame is James C. Haas, who will be officially inducted at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, March 23rd (A.A. Roberty Building, 6:30 p.m.). After earning a Bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Colorado, Mr. James C. Haas came from his native state of Colorado to Harford County, where he spent 36 years dedicated to teaching students. One of the original teachers selected to open and provide services for John Archer, Mr. Haas taught students with severe and profound disabilities there for 20 years. During his tenure at John Archer, Jim earned his Master's degree at Johns Hopkins University in special education, constantly learning new ways to impact students with unique learning needs and challenges. Jim moved to Southampton Middle School in 1991, where he developed and implemented the first Inclusion Program for Harford County middle schools. After successfully implementing the model Inclusion Program, he moved to teaching social studies at Southampton Middle in 1995, where he taught until his retirement in 2007. For more information, call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**
- In celebration of African American History Month, Mr. Patrick Spicer, Esq., General Counsel for the Board of Education and author of the Harford Historical Bulletins Decade of Delay: The Desegregation of Harford County Public Schools, will give a presentation at the Bel Air Historical Society, 143 N. Main Street in Bel Air on Sunday, February 22nd from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. For more information on the presentation, call 410-809-6065.

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- The Office of School Counseling for Harford County Public Schools in partnership with the Office of Advising, Career and Transfer Services at Harford Community College, will host the Tenth Annual Career Opportunity and Information Fair on Tuesday, March 31st from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center at HCC. This career awareness program for high school and community college students and parents will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from local educational, business and military communities. For more information, call 410-588-5245.
- The Third Annual Harford County High School Chess Tournament will take place on Friday, March 6th from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Aberdeen High School Media Center. This chess tournament will feature 40-minute games as well as individual and team championships with trophies awarded to the top players and teams. It is open to any high school student in Harford County. To register or for more information, contact Mr. Wardle at Aberdeen High School at 410-273-5500 or [william.wardle@hcps.org](mailto:william.wardle@hcps.org).
- Intent to Rename Campus Hills/Schucks Road Elementary Announced - According to Board policy, the official announcement of the intent to rename the elementary school that is being constructed off of Schucks Road, near Churchville, was made at the Board meeting held Tuesday, January 20. The school was originally approved to be named Campus Hills Elementary School by the Board on Monday, December 8, 2008. The motion to rename the building was brought forth by Board member Robin Rich, who suggested the facility be named after the late Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas, HCPS superintendent of schools from 1999 - 2008. Board policy suggests that the name of a public school facility should "give proper recognition to the community which it serves," but also provides for a building/ground to be named for a person, living or dead, who has made "significant contributions to education in the Harford County Public Schools." The policy further requires the intent to name be widely publicized in the community with an invitation for the public to submit names in writing or in person during Board meetings in the 60-day interim between announcing the intent to name and action being taken. The Superintendent will provide the Board with a complete list of names suggested along with her recommendation at the Monday, March 9th Board meeting. Allowing for 60-days required prior to naming the building, the Board will take action at its March 23, 2009 business meeting (6:30 p.m.), HCPS/A.A. Roberty Building). Click here to submit a suggestion to rename the school.
- C. Milton Wright High School announces the Sixth Annual College Night, to be held on Monday, February 23rd, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. This FREE event is open to all high school students and parents in Harford County. The snow date is Tuesday, February 24th. Over 80 prestigious colleges, universities, technical schools and military from the Mid-Atlantic region will be participating in the event. College Night will enable Harford County high school students and their parents to meet directly with college admissions representatives to learn about academic studies, campus life, the admission process and tuition. College Night has been extremely successful and is recognized as the premier event for high school students and parents in the county.
- The Second Annual Harford County Table Tennis Tournament, sponsored by the National Honor Society, will take place at Patterson Mill High School on Tuesday, February 24th and Thursday, February 26th. The middle school competition is scheduled for the 24th at 3:30 p.m. and the high school competition will begin at the same time on the 26th. Admission for non-participants is \$2.00. The registration fee is \$18.00 and includes a tournament t-shirt. Prizes in the form of gift certificates will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners. Register at Patterson Mill High School. Contact Krista Wilkinson ([Krista.Wilkinson@HCPS.org](mailto:Krista.Wilkinson@HCPS.org)) or Cindy Mehr ([Cindy.Mehr@HCPS.org](mailto:Cindy.Mehr@HCPS.org)) for more information.
- The North-East Theatre Festival, which is a two-day celebration of theatre and related arts, will take place Friday, February 20th from 2:00 – 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 21st from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Bel Air High School. It is an opportunity for drama students and teachers from the northeast region of Maryland to come together and participate in a variety of activities that will showcase the performing arts. The snow dates will be February 27th and 28th. College representatives will be present to provide information on the drama/theatre programs at each school as well as business representatives.