

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 Lindsay.Reilly@hcps.org.**

Board Meetings

• **Monday, June 22nd 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.

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- Robert Tomback named HCPS Superintendent of Schools. For more information on Dr. Tomback, visit www.hcps.org.
- The last day of school is Friday, June 12th. ALL students will be dismissed three hours early on that day to allow teachers to finish the grading process and to allow for a smooth closure of schools.
- Last year, Ms. Sandy Hawkes, art teacher at Patterson Mill Middle-High School, applied for a Beautification Grant through Harford County Government. She was selected as a recipient of the grant totaling nearly \$10,000 to use towards a beautification project at the school. The project was completed by Ms. Hawkes' art students and will become a permanent part of the school. For the full story, click here. **NEW!**
- Throughout the entire school year, students from all Harford County Public Schools participating in the fifth grade residential outdoor education program at Harford Glen weigh their food waste and compostable food items, as well as keep track of all recyclables, reusable table settings and energy use. The "Golden Can" award is awarded to the group whose totals show that they were the most energy efficient during the school year. For the 2008-09 school year, Jarrettsville Elementary School achieved the highest results, earning the fifth graders the esteemed "Golden Can." For the full story, click here. **NEW!**
- Fifth grader at Abingdon Elementary School, Jayde Reed's unique piece of artwork was selected for a student art exhibit at the school system's A.A. Roberty Building on Hickory Avenue in Bel Air and was recently sold to a visitor of the building. Jayde's masterpiece was created using a felt-tip pen and an art technique called stippling. Jayde was inspired by a photograph she found. Her artwork sold for \$45. For the full story, click here. **NEW!**
- Senator Nancy Jacobs joined William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary School as they celebrated students who completed the Patriot Program. Students in Pre-k through fifth grade participated, and 192 students completed the program. Ten fifth grade students who participated in the program were awarded the title "Distinguished Patriot," an award exclusive to the program at William Paca/Old Post Road. Distinguished Patriots have completed the Patriot Program all six years they have attended William Paca/Old Post Road. For the full story, click here. **NEW!**
- 2009 Spring Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association (MPSSAA) Interscholastic State/Region Champions and Sportsmanship Award recipients were recognized by the Board of Education on June 8th. For award recipients and photos, click here. **NEW!**