

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](mailto:Lindsay.Reilly@hcps.org).

## Board Meetings

• **Monday, July 6th 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.

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- *Save the Date* The Rainbow Graduation will be held July 31st at 10:00 a.m. Students who complete their formal high school education during the 2009 Harford County Public School summer school session will receive their high school diplomas during a ceremony held in the Aberdeen High School auditorium. The students will be dressed in caps and gowns from their home school as they march across the stage to receive their dipomas, hence the name Rainbow Graduation. *NEW!*
- Vicki C. Panos was recently inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame as its 143rd member. Vicki Panos was born and raised in Harford County and attended Bel Air elementary, middle and high schools. After her high school graduation in 1965, Ms. Panos attended Towson State College, graduating in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education. She began her teaching career in Baltimore County at Towson Town Junior High School, where she taught for eight years. During this time, Ms. Panos continued her education and earned her Master's equivalency from Towson State College. In 1977, she was hired as a Personal Assistance Team (PAT) teacher – a team of teachers aimed at helping students who were struggling with success. PATs taught science, math, social studies and English to two groups of seventh and 12th grade students. The new Fallston High was under construction at the time, and classes were taught at Southampton Middle. After a few years as a PAT, construction was complete and Fallston High opened its doors. Ms. Panos relocated to the new building and taught Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry to students in grades 9-12. During her teaching career, she assisted with the development of a new mathematics curriculum and was a member of a committee where she shared various ideas, proofread student exams and even created final exams for particular courses. She also was a member of the eligibility committee for extracurricular activities, including athletics. In addition to teaching, Ms. Panos coached softball and girls basketball for six years, leading the softball team to state semi-finals in 1982. After 22 years with Harford County, and a total of 30 years in education, Ms. Panos made the decision to retire in 1999. For photos of Ms. Panos, click here. *NEW!*
- The 2008-09 HCPS Custodial Awards Ceremony was held June 24th. Custodial crews from all the school buildings compete throughout the year to rank as the top elementary, middle and high school for the cleanest school award. Schools are judged based on two inspections during the school year - a planned visit in the fall and an unannounced visit in the spring. This year, the first place winners are: Patterson Mill Middle/High School, Southampton Middle School and Church Creek Elementary and Dublin Elementary (tie). Check the HCPS website for the full list of winners, including most improved and runners up, and for photos from the event. *NEW!*