

Memo to Media



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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 Lindsay.Reilly@hcps.org.

Board Meetings

• **Monday, June 8th 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. **NEW Time!**

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

- Robert Tomback named HCPS Superintendent of Schools. For more information on Dr. Tomback, visit www.hcps.org. **NEW!**
- 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. In addition, high school students and North Harford Middle School will follow a three-hour delayed opening schedule on Wednesday, June 10th and Thursday, June 11th. Please refer to the homepage of our website for the full schedule – www.hcps.org.
- Aberdeen High School student Stephen A. Albert was recently selected as one of the recipients of the 2009 Northrop Grumman engineering scholarship, worth \$10,000. This esteemed scholarship is awarded every year to one student in each of Maryland's 24 counties, including Baltimore City, as well as a few additional scholarships in regions throughout the country. Stephen, a 17-year-old senior, is Harford County's only winner for the 2009 scholarship. For the full story, click here. **NEW!**
- Each year, students at Edgewood High School are required to complete a service learning project to serve the community and enrich their minds. The students could have picked up litter, had a bake sale, or raked leaves. Instead, they chose to help stop world hunger. The English department came up with the idea to earn rice from the World Food Programme's website to help aid starving people and nations. This is an online game that allows students to answer multiple choice vocabulary and math questions. For each correct answer, 10 grains of rice are donated to help end hunger. The school goal was to earn 1.3 million grains of rice by the end of May. The project began in early February, and they met their goal within the first month. The students are going beyond what was asked of them, and continue to earn thousands of grains of rice on their own time. Edgewood High's service learning project has received national recognition and the story can be found on the United Nations World Food Programme's website. **NEW!**
- Fountain Green Elementary School's 2nd grade classes and one 5th grade buddy reader group have been very busy reading all school year! This year, they participated in the Shriners Hospital for Children Reading Challenge to earn books to donate to a hospital library. For the 2nd grade classes, every 100 books logged earned one book for donation to the hospital library. For the 5th grade class, every 10 chapter books logged earned one book for donation. The combined total of books read for all five classes is more than 4,000, and Fountain Green Elementary School will be donating approximately 75 books to the children's hospital! On Tuesday, June 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Fountain Green Elementary school, students will present a representative with the books. **NEW!**
- On May 27th, United Way of Central MD Community Partnership of Harford County's Women's Leadership Council (WLC) hosted an assembly for the young women of Patterson Mill High School and their mothers. The event was designed to be a conversation about the pathways to success, and the main theme was to make sure students understand they can choose their own path - whether it be a surgeon or a Broadway dancer. The event was empowering and inspiring. **NEW!**