



**March 12, 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, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Work Session at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda and more information, log onto [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203.
- **Monday, March 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.

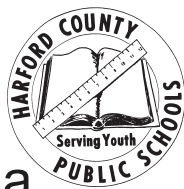
**Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org)!**

## 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 Commencement Ceremony schedule has been revised. [View the new schedule here.](#)
- The Harford Branch of the American Association of University Women will host the 23rd Annual Judith Resnik Educational Foundation Awards Luncheon honoring outstanding Harford County eleventh grade female mathematics-science scholars on Saturday, April 25th at 11:45 a.m. at Harford Community College's Chesapeake Center. The guest speaker for the event will be Becky Halstead, executive director for leader development at the Praevus Group and retired general, U.S. Army. One eleventh grade female excelling in mathematics or science will be honored from each Harford County high school. The cost of the luncheon is \$16.50 and registration is due by April 16th. For more information, contact Shirley Moore at 410-838-8179. **NEW!**
- The Harford County Public Schools Title I Annual Parent Conference will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The event will feature guest speaker Mrs. Allyn A. Watson, Supervisor of Compensatory Education, as well as performances by the Hall's Cross Roads Elementary Chorus and the Edgewood Elementary Chorus. Additionally, State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy Grasmick is scheduled to present at the conference. There will also be a sharing of Title I quilts and a unity poem presentation. For more information, contact the Office of Compensatory Education at 410-588-5278. **NEW!**
- North Harford Middle School annually hosts a talent show in conjunction with the Maryland School Assessments (MSA) in March. This year, the school is holding the "NHMS Who's Got Talent?" featuring local 'celebrity' judges. Last year, the school coordinated the "MSA Idol" where all three assistant principals acted as the three American Idol judges, Simon, Paula and Randy. The show will take place on Friday, March 20th at 12:15 p.m. For more information, contact Angie Jones at 410-638-3658.
- Patterson Mill High School will present its first musical entitled "Bye Bye Birdie," which will be performed March 13th at 7:30 p.m., March 14th at 7:30 p.m., and March 15th at 3:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students, seniors and children. Contact Shane Jensen at 410-638-4640 or [shane.jensen@hcps.org](mailto:shane.jensen@hcps.org) for additional information.
- The Annual Young Authors Writing Contest Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 14th (snow dates: March 20th & 27th ) at Barnes & Noble in Bel Air. The distinguished honor as a winning author is quite an accomplishment for the 79 Harford County authors and poets. Hundreds of writing pieces were submitted and only three were selected from each grade level for each category. This event is part two of the celebration sponsored by Barnes & Noble in Bel Air, and there will be a large gala

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event for all of the authors who entered as well as the winners.

- Ashley Eidsmore, a senior at the Science and Math Academy at Aberdeen High School, was recently selected as a 2009 Super Teen Winner by Next Step Magazine. Representing the Mid-Atlantic Region along with a group of fellow teens, Ashley's picture and write-up will be featured in the March issue of the magazine as well as its website, [www.nextstepmagazine.com](http://www.nextstepmagazine.com). This annual contest selects winners from regions across the country based on extracurricular activities, accomplishments and plans for the future. The Next Step Magazine helps students plan for college, careers and life. Next Step Magazine is a national publication for high school students, which is distributed in 20,500 high schools in 50 states.
- 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.
- 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.