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Here are some story ideas in which you may have an interest:

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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!**

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- The 2009 Commencement Ceremony schedule has been revised. **View the new schedule here.**
- Bel Air High School's Maddie Salamone and Fallston High School's Kyle Saltsman were the top winners in the 24th annual Al Cesky Scholarship program, held at the Richlin Ballroom on May 20th. Each student received a \$5,000 scholarship while 20 others – a boy and girl from each public and private high school in the county, received \$2,000 awards. For the full story, click here. **NEW!**
- The Harford School Health Services Association (HSHSA) announced the 2008-09 Nurse of the Year, Mrs. Debra Kauffman, RN, at its annual banquet held at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace on April 30th. For the past 18 years, HSHSA has been honoring one Harford County Public School Nurse as Nurse of the Year who is selected based on demonstrated outstanding service to the school, the school system and the profession. Mrs. Kauffman is the school nurse at Fountain Green Elementary School. For the full story, click here. **NEW!**
- A student team from Jarrettsville Elementary took first place in the spring sessions of the North Central Region Stock Market Game competition organized by the Maryland Council on Economic Education (MCEE). Team members Alex Rasmussen, Eric Seipp, Michael Phelps, Connor Milaniez and Andrew Ryan started with an imaginary \$100,000 and invested in corporations on the New York, American and NASDAQ markets during a ten-week period in an attempt to increase the size of their portfolio. In the end, the team earned a simulated \$119,869.31. For the full story, click here. **NEW!**
- Youth's Benefit Elementary School fifth grader Andrew Parks was recently named the First Place winner in the 4th-5th grade category for the State level of the Fall 2008 InvestWrite Competition. This essay competition was open to all students who participated in the Stock Market Game. As part of the award, Andrew won a \$50 Series EE Savings Bond, and both he and his parents are invited to the awards program held at Towson University on May 27th. For the full story, click here. **NEW!**
- The Harford Tech Construction Technologies program completed their first-ever green modular home for the Habitat for Humanity program in Harford County. The Harford Habitat for Humanity, the Harford Student Trades Foundation, Bank of America and De Walt joined together to form a partnership that supported the building project throughout the entire duration. For the full story, click here. **NEW!**
- Six Harford County Public Schools along with 69 other Maryland Schools make up the 2009 class of newly certified Maryland Green Schools. These schools achieved certification or recertification as Maryland Green Schools and includes Aberdeen High School, Bel Air High School, C. Milton Wright High School, Forest Hill Elementary School, Forest Lakes Elementary School and North Harford High School. The Harford Glen Environmental Education Center was also recertified as a Maryland Green Center.

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The Maryland Green Schools Award Program, developed and administered by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE), challenges schools to integrate the environment into all aspects of the school culture including professional development for teachers, curricular integration, modeling of best management practices inside and outside the school, community involvement, and of course, celebration. For more information, visit www.maeoe.org.

- The NAMM Foundation has named Harford County Public Schools one of the 2009 “Best Communities for Music Education” survey, which acknowledges schools and districts across the U.S. for their commitment and support of music education in schools. As the economy challenges state and local school budgets to adequately support education, the 124 school districts named by the NAMM Foundation demonstrate the unwavering commitment to provide music education for their students. The NAMM Foundation’s mission is to ensure that all children have access to quality music education programs that encourage lifelong participation in music making. [Click here to read the full list.](#)

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