



November 13, 2008

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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.

Board Meetings

- **Monday, November 17th 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 or call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**
- **Monday, November 24th 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!**

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

• Magnolia Elementary School will officially dedicate its new pre-kindergarten playground on Tuesday, November 18th at 10:15 a.m. **NEW!**

• The annual Student Page Breakfast will be held at Fallston High School on Thursday, December 4th from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Each year, six high school seniors from the Harford County Public Schools (and John Carroll School) are chosen to represent the county as pages in the General Assembly Session in Annapolis. Local senators and delegates are invited to meet the pages and discuss issues facing the General Assembly. Students from all over the state are similarly chosen to be pages in either the Senate or House chambers. For more information and for reservations at the breakfast call Fallston High Social Studies Teacher Pat Whitehurst, 410-638-4120. **NEW!**

• Joppatowne High School's Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Program students will participate in a demonstration of geospatial technologies on GIS Day, November 19, 2008. This event will take place at Joppatowne High School from 9:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Tenth and 11th grade students participating in this program will be on site to demonstrate the software they have been working on this year including Satellite Tool Kit and ArcGIS 9.1. Held annually on the Wednesday of National Geographic Society's Geography Awareness Week (November 17 - 21, 2008), GIS Day is a global event that celebrates geographic information system (GIS) technology. A GIS is a computer-based mapping tool that takes information from a database about a location such as streets, buildings, water features, and terrain, and turns it into visual layers. The ability to see geographic features on a map gives users a better understanding of a particular location, enabling planners, analysts, and others to make informed decisions about their communities. For more information about the event, contact HCPS Coordinator of Accelerated Learning Programs, Eric Cromwell at Eric.Cromwell@hcps.org or 410-588-5374. **NEW!**

• North Harford High School will be displaying the work of artist, Gale Jamieson, throughout the school's art galleries. Ms. Jamieson was an artist-in-residence, working with the students at North Harford High to create a dream catcher for the "Inscription of Hope" concert performed by the combined choirs at North Harford High, North Harford Middle and the Deer Creek Chorale on November 1st. Her weaving pieces will also be sold to raise money for the "Pennies for Peace" project going on at North Harford High School. To learn more about Ms. Jamieson's work, visit www.galejamieson.com. For more information on the fundraisers, call 410-638-3650.

• The Annual Bel Air Middle School Turkey Trot Run will be held on Tuesday, November 18th at the school. Classes will run at the following times:

7th grade - 12:15 p.m. - 1:05 p.m.

6th grade - 1:05 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.

8th grade - 1:55 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Approximately 100 students from each grade level have qualified for the run during their physical education classes. Hope you are able to attend the event and witness students elevating their heart rates while improving their cardiorespiratory endurance. The raindate is Thursday, November 20th. For more information, call 410-638-4140.

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• Edgewood Middle School will hold a Health Fair on Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the school. The event will feature free blood pressure screenings offered by Upper Chesapeake Hospital, tobacco prevention and cessation information from the Health Department, child care resources, guest speakers, door prizes and many more agencies represented with hands on activities for all ages. This fair is open to everyone. For more information, contact Peg Taibi at 410-612-1518.

• Intent to Name Schucks Road Elementary Announced - According to Board policy, the official announcement of the intent to name the elementary school that is being constructed off Schucks Road, near Churchville, was made at the Board meeting held Monday, September 22. The policy suggests that the name of a public school facility should "give proper recognition to the community which it serves," but also provides for a building/ground to be named for a person, living or dead, who has made "significant contributions to education in the Harford County Public Schools." The policy further requires the intent to name be widely publicized in the community, with an invitation for the public to submit names in writing or in person during Board meetings in the 60-day interim, between announcing the intent to name and action being taken. The Superintendent will provide the Board with a complete list of names suggested along with her recommendation at the Monday, November 24th Board meeting. Allowing for 60-days required prior to naming the building, the Board will take action at its December 8, 2008 business meeting (7:00 p.m., HCPS A.A. Roberty Building). To submit names for the school, [click here](#).

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