



**November 20, 2008**

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 [Amanda.Spencer@hcps.org](mailto:Amanda.Spencer@hcps.org).

## Board Meetings

• **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](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)!**

- The November inductee into the Harford County Public School Educator Hall of Fame will be Lawrence Mills. Mr. Mills taught for 16 years at several schools in the county including Joppatowne Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Edgewood Elementary and Deerfield Elementary, before becoming assistant principal at Deerfield for several years. Larry was promoted to principal at Joppatowne Elementary School, and finally moved to Abingdon Elementary School to serve as the first principal of this new school in 1992. He spent nearly the next 10 years at Abingdon, dedicating himself to the success and achievement of the overall functions of the school. After serving as principal at Youth's Benefit Elementary for one year, Larry retired from Harford County Public Schools in 2002 at the same time his wife, Maureen, retired from the school system where she taught for many years. In 2007, after five years of retirement, Larry passed away at the age of 60. He will be inducted, posthumously, on Monday, November 24th at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building at 6:30 p.m. Call 410-588-5203 for more information. **NEW!**
- The artwork of Amanda Mullins, Edgewood Middle School seventh grader, and Kosha Shah, Meadowvale Elementary School fourth grader, have been chosen to be used as the covers for the annual Superintendent/Board of Education's holiday greeting cards. Kosha's artwork will be featured on the holiday postcard and Amanda's artwork will be featured on the electronic holiday card. Both of these drawings were chosen by a committee at the central office from among the dozens of entries submitted in the annual contest. Amanda and Kosha will be honored at the Monday, November 24th Board Meeting (6:30 p.m., A.A. Roberty Building). For more information, call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**
- The Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) Honors & Awards Committee recently announced that Kathleen Donaldson, physical education teacher at Edgewood Middle School has been selected as a 2008-2009 Simon McNeely recipient for outstanding teaching and service in dance, health and physical education. Ms. Donaldson will be honored at the November 24th Board Meeting (6:30 p.m., A.A. Roberty Building). For more information, call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**
- The Maryland Humanities Council in partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education have launched a statewide initiative to engage in an examination of Dr. King's legacy and race relations in their communities. In response to this initiative, MSDE is showcasing the artwork of Maryland students in a traveling exhibition. This artwork was produced by K through 12 public and private art students and is based upon Dr. King's Six Principles of Non-Violence. In addition to the artwork, students submitted an artist statement describing the connection between their work and Dr. King's philosophy. Anna Wehland and Abigail Barbara, Prospect Mill Elementary fifth graders, as well as Isis England, sixth grader at Magnolia Middle School, have earned a spot in the Maryland State Department of Education traveling exhibition. Their artwork was accepted among those from around the state of Maryland. The exhibition will travel the state and exhibit in many places over this year. Currently, the exhibition is at the BWI airport and soon it will be at the Walter's Art Gallery. In addition, Anna Wehland's artwork was chosen for the flyer to announce the Reception at BWI. Click here for photos and more information. **NEW!**
- Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School will hold its Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) Celebration Assembly on Friday, November 21st at 9:30 a.m. Immediately following the ceremony, APGFUCU will present a partnership banner and sign the partnership agreement to the school around 9:50 a.m. For more information, call Gwen Jones at 410-273-5524. **NEW!**



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- Roye-Williams Elementary School in Havre de Grace will hold a Native American Assembly on November 20th. One Native American student from the school and his father and several others will be sharing stories and items pertaining to Native American history and culture during the event. Roye-Williams will also hold Dance-a-thon on November 24th. Donations for this event will support the school's Physical Education Department and the Field Day event at the end of the year. For more information, contact Sharon Krown, Publicity Coordinator for Roye-Williams at 410 273-5536. **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.
- 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](http://www.galejamieson.com). For more information on the fundraisers, call 410-638-3650.
- 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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