



November 6, 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.

Board Meetings

• **Monday, November 10th at 7:00 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.

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

• 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. **NEW!**

• 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 cardio-respiratory endurance. The raindate is Thursday, November 20th. For more information, call 410-638-4140. **NEW!**

• The annual H.E.L.P. (Harford Equity Leadership Program) Conference will be held on Friday, November 7th, at Harford Community College from 9:40 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Student representatives from all HCPS secondary schools will be in attendance. The purpose of the conference is to inspire young leaders and to inform students about equity issues in an interactive format. Following an opening presentation in the Chesapeake Center Theater at 9:40, students will rotate to two sessions on a variety of diversity topics and then regroup with their sponsors in the afternoon to work on their action plans. For more information, call 410-809-6065. **NEW!**

• Edgewood Middle School cafeteria staff members, Edna Jackson and Carmen Martinez, brought home more than just knowledge of the cafeteria from the State Food and Nutrition Convention held in Ocean City the weekend of October 10th - 12th. Jackson and Martinez participated in the convention's bake-off and their baked apple bread pudding cake won first prize. They each received a certificate of recognition and a gift card to King Arthur Flowers as well as a blue ribbon to hang proudly in Edgewood Middle's kitchen. Representatives from each county and Baltimore City's Food and Nutrition Departments had the opportunity to participate in the bake-off, as well as attend classes at the convention to learn about nutrition, spices, a "then and now" lecture, and costs among many other topics. For more information, contact Linda Reynolds at 410-612-1518.

• 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.

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- Two employees from Harford County Public Schools, Patricia “Brigid” Carmichael, School Counselor at Joppatowne Elementary, and Laurie Namey, Assistant Principal at Edgewood Middle, were contributing authors to the book **Character Education by Design: A Blueprint for Successful District and School Initiatives**. The book, sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education, is a how-to guide for developing an effective character education initiative, one that will not only enhance the climate of the school and school behavior of the students, but also improve students’ learning and achievement. For more information, contact Brigid Carmichael at 410-612-1546.

- 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](#).