

Memo to Media



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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, October 20th 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.

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

• The October inductee into the Harford County Public School Educator Hall of Fame will be Rose B. Amoss. Mrs. Amoss spent 43 years in the Harford County Public Schools as an elementary teacher. She began teaching at the two-room Youth's Benefit Elementary School in 1927. She continued teaching at the old Wilna School on Old Joppa Road, which was one of the last two-room schools in the county. When the Wilna School closed, Mrs. Amoss went to the former Bel Air Elementary School, where she taught for two years and Emmorton Elementary for another two years, before spending the remainder of her career back at Youth's Benefit Elementary, until she retired in 1975. She will be inducted on Monday, October 20th at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building at 6:30 p.m. Call 410-588-5203 for more information. **NEW!**

• Edgewood Middle School would 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. **NEW!**

• During the week of October 27th – 30th, George D. Lisby Elementary School @ Hillsdale will take part in a National Healthy Eating Initiative, in conjunction with a grant from the Maryland State Department of Education. As part of this program, called P.A.C.K. (Pack Assorted Colors for Kids), parents have been asked to pack a fruit or vegetable in their child's lunch box based on the color of the day. The school lunch menu, created by Food Services Registered Dietician Karen Olsen, will include fruits and vegetables based on the color of the day. The schedule for the week is:

- **Monday, October 27th, PURPLE**
- **Tuesday, October 28th, RED**
- **Wednesday, October 29th, YELLOW/ORANGE**
- **Thursday, October 30th, GREEN**

Students will also coordinate their clothing to match the color of the day. For more information, contact Lisby-Hillsdale School Nurse, Ana Jakse, R.N. at 410-273-5530.

• Two employees from Harford County Public Schools, Patricia "Brigid" Carmichael, School Counselor at Joppa-towne 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.

• Ring Factory Elementary, Magnolia Middle earn character education awards - For the 11th consecutive year, the Maryland Center for Character Education (MCCE) recognized exemplary Maryland public and nonpublic schools for their work in positive character development, including Harford County's Ring Factory Elementary School in Bel Air and Magnolia Middle School in Joppa. For more information, email mccecharacter@aol.com, call Ring Factory at 410-638-4186 or Magnolia Middle at 410-612-1525.



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- On Saturday, November 1st, a benefit concert for the "Inscription to Hope" project will take place featuring renowned American composer, Z. Randall Stroope as conductor and a hand-picked selection of Stroope's favorite works, culminating in John Rutter's "Mass of the Children." The goal of "The Inscription of Hope Project" is to raise \$20,000 to build a school through author (Three Cups of Tea) Greg Mortenson's Central Asia Institute. The CAI, with its dedication to providing equal educational opportunities to young women in remote areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan, has inspired the choral students in the North Harford schools and their adult peers in the Deer Creek Chorale to undertake this exciting project. For more information, visit www.inscriptionofhope.org.
- Jarrettsville Elementary School, North Harford Middle School and Patterson Mill High School are the recipients of the Harford County Public Library (HCPL) 2007 Summer Reading Trophies. The trophies were awarded to the elementary, middle and high school with the highest percentage of students who completed the Library's Summer Reading Program, 'Catch the Reading Bug.' This summer over 16,700 children and teens registered for the program, an increase of 1,000 participants over last year. For more information, contact Janine Lis at 410-273-5601 ext. 2256.
- The Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) Honors & Awards Committee recently announced that Stacey Stewell, physical education teacher at Church Creek Elementary, has been selected as a 2008-2009 Simon McNeely recipient for outstanding teaching and service in dance, health and physical education. The committee will present Ms. Stewell the award on Friday, October 17th at 8:30 a.m. during the convention General Assembly at the Sheraton Hotel (Ballroom A) in Towson. For more information, contact Anna Spring at 410-313-7165.
- 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](#).