

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 Lindsay.Reilly@hcps.org.**

Board Meetings

• **Monday, September 14th 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!

- *Save the Date!* Harford County Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Robert Tomback, will attend a bus ride along with students on the first day of school, **Thursday, August 27, 2009!** Driver of Bus #860, Susan Keyes, which services Bel Air High School, will provide our transportation this year. Our trip will begin and end at Bel Air High School. Please plan to meet us at Bel Air High to board the bus at **6:25 a.m.** The school will have ample parking available for your vehicles. If you prefer to meet at a stop for your photo op, please contact the Communications Office at (410) 588-5203.
- *Open House!* There will be an informal Open House for the community to walk through the **new Bel Air High School** to check out the building first-hand on **Thursday, August 20th from 7-8:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend!
- School bus safety educational tools from the HCPS Transportation Department are now ready for download from the HCPS website, along with the 2009-2010 bus routes and schedules. Click here for the information. *NEW!*
- The Board of Education is seeking applicants for membership on its Citizen Advisory Committees. Membership is open to all Harford County residents, including those without children in the school system. Click here for the press release. *NEW!*
- The Maryland Summer Center for Conservation Research Program at Harford Glen, held July 13th - 24th, offered students the opportunity to conduct primary research on the topic of habitat restoration. This was a day program, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., for Gifted and Talented students entering grades 5 - 8. Students used the Investigating and Evaluating Environmental Issues and Actions (IEEIA) model to develop research questions, create data instruments such as questionnaires and prepare an action plan. Research topics included issues involving aquatic biology, wildlife management, forestry and soil conservation and involved using geospatial technologies such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Students worked with local experts from the Soil Conservation District, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center. At the conclusion of their research, the students presented their findings to a panel of local stakeholders. For the full story, click here. *NEW!*
- The Second Annual Freshman Field Day at Aberdeen High School was held July 27th from 11-1 p.m. This event was organized with two key objectives in mind: to provide incoming freshmen with a positive first experience with faculty and staff and to alleviate some of the anxieties that students often have about entering high school. These objectives were reached with the help of Aberdeen High School (AHS) faculty and students, Aberdeen Proving Ground military personnel, members of the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and other community volunteers. With nearly 100 students and some parents in attendance, the day went off without a hitch. For the full story, click here. *NEW!*