



Here are some story ideas in which you may have an interest:

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## Board Meetings

- **Monday, December 21st 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.
- **Monday, January 11th at 8:30 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. (Note: Board Budget Work Session to be held at 6:30 p.m.)

**Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org)!**

- **New!** Angie Taddia, Havre de Grace Middle School health educator, was selected as a Blue Apple Health Education Award winner. There are only 12 recipients in the nation, and Ms. Taddia is the first middle school teacher ever from the state of Maryland! The Blue Apple Health Education Awards is an annual program honoring schools that serve as models of excellence for others across the nation in the area of school health education programs. For more information, visit [www.BlueAppleAward.org](http://www.BlueAppleAward.org). Ms. Taddia will be formally recognized for her achievement at the December 21st Board of Education meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **New!** Mrs. Pauline Frantz will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame on Monday, December 21st at 6:30 p.m. Please join us in celebrating Mrs. Frantz's 21 years as an outstanding educator in Harford County Public Schools.
- **New!** Havre de Grace High school is sponsoring a Blue Grass Show featuring the bands Jericho Bridge and 4Ever Erin. The Show will be January 31st from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased in the school office or at the door on January 31st. All proceeds to benefit programs for students at Havre de Grace High School. Tickets make great holiday gifts!
- **New!** Harford Technical High School was featured in "An Introduction to ICC 700-2008 National Green Building Standard For Maryland", a code book for the green builds in the state. This book is used by professionals and inspectors in the industry. The students and instructors of the Construction Technologies Program recently completed a 1,008 square foot, two-bedroom modular home utilizing the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Homes Guidelines. The home was designated as a "green build" in partnership with Harford Habitat Humanity. The home was constructed by the students over the course of the school year and was transported to a site in Aberdeen when it was completed.
- **New!** On December 14th, students from John Archer School participated in the "Living Christmas Tree" with Oak Grove Church in Bel Air. As a part of a long partnership with the church, students and staff from John Archer position inside the 40-foot tree and sing Christmas Carols for the community. For the complete story and a photo, [click here](#).
- **New!** Bakerfield Elementary School is embarking on its annual holiday "Adopt a Family" project. This year, the school is sponsoring 20 families for the holidays! This project is spearheaded by Assistant Principal Rosanna Hisley, School Counselor Christa Verleger and School Nurse Tracy Hinder. For the complete story and a photo, [click here](#).
- **New!** Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School held an awards ceremony on December 17th to recognize students for their participation in the *Focus on Fitness* program during the last 12 weeks. *Focus on Fitness* allows students to take part in games and activities that build social skills, team work and emotional control. Following 15 minutes of activity, they are served a healthy breakfast in the cafeteria. For a photo, [click here](#).