

Memo to Media



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

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***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.Bilodeau@hcps.org.

Board Meetings

- **Monday, February 22nd 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.
- **Monday, March 8th 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!

- ***New!* PLEASE NOTE:** The February 16th Board of Education Meeting will air tonight, Thursday, February 18th at 8:00 p.m. on Harford Cable Network (HCN).
- ***New!*** The Board of Education of Harford County is seeking applications from interested county citizens to fill an opening on the school system's Ethics Panel. The purpose of the five-member Ethics Panel is to review any inquiries concerning potential violations of ethics on the part of school employees or Board members. The panel also reviews a yearly financial disclosure form submitted by Board members and specified school employees. For the press release, [click here](#).
- ***New!*** The Harford County Public School System, as well as 23 other public school systems in the state, will participate in the 2010-11 Maryland Teacher of the Year program. As in the past, any full-time classroom, resource or media teacher who spends the majority of his or her time teaching is eligible. Nominations may be self-submitted, or may be submitted by administrators, parents, colleagues, students or others. For more information and a copy of the nomination packet, [click here](#). The **new** nomination deadline is: **March 8, 2010, at 4 p.m.**
- ***New!*** Harford County is hosting the East Central Destination Imagination Tournament at Bel Air Middle School on March 6th. This tournament is poised to be the largest in the state this year. The tournament will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end with an awards ceremony around 4:00 p.m. Students from all across Harford and Cecil counties will test their abilities to think creatively and solve unique problems. The tournament is expected to draw more than 1,000 people, including students and family.
- ***New!*** Eleventh grader Nhya Fields, from Edgewood High School, is the winner of WJZ's 18th Annual Black History Oratory Contest. Nhya was awarded cash, a scholarship from Toyota Financial and gifts from the Enoch Pratt Library. WJZ's 18th Annual Black History Oratory Contest was open to all high school students in grades nine through 12. Students interested in entering the contest were required to write an original essay of 600 words based on one of the supplied quotes from Coretta Scott King, Langston Hughes or Malcolm X. For more information, [click here](#).
- ***New!* RESCHEDULED:** Comptroller of Maryland Peter Franchot will visit Deerfield Elementary School on Thursday, March 4th, at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact the Harford County Public Schools Communications Office at 410-588-5203.
- Alexander Funcheon and Tina Torre, ninth graders at Aberdeen High School, have been selected as finalists in the Fox 45 "Champions of Courage" essay contest. More than 4,000 entries were received representing 80 middle and high schools across the state. Alexander and Tina are two of just 28 finalists, and they have each won \$100 savings bonds that will be presented at an awards luncheon on Saturday, February 20th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor. For more information, [click here](#).

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