



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

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Board Meetings

- **Monday, February 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.
- **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.

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- ***New!*** Comptroller of Maryland Peter Franchot will visit Deerfield Elementary School on Thursday, February 11th, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the Harford County Public Schools Communications Office at 410-588-5203.
- ***New!*** Prospect Mill Elementary School will hold its fifth grade Patriot Assembly on Monday, February 22nd, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Southampton Middle School's lecture hall. About 120 patriots and their families will attend the assembly, which will feature Mr. Robert B. Thomas, Jr., Harford County Public Information Officer, as the keynote speaker, as well as several other public officials.
- ***New!*** Composer Paul Caldwell will work with North Harford High School choral students on February 4th and 5th, with a performance the evening of February 5th. The performance is in conjunction with current studies of the Holocaust, Apartheid, Hurricane Katrina and Genocide in Rwanda. For more information, [click here](#).
- 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. "Champions of Courage" is a showcase for students to honor those who have shared the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with young people. The competition challenges students to salute their personal heroes who have inspired them to dream, to overcome and to achieve. For more information, [click here](#).
- Six high school seniors were recently selected to serve as student pages for the 2010 Maryland General Assembly, including Rachel Cooper and Alex Hutcheson of C. Milton Wright High School, Brandon Ellis of Joppatowne High School, Kate Kidwell of Fallston High School, and Katherine Clarke and Kate Froelich of John Carroll High School. Pages were selected after submitting an application and participating in an extensive interview before a 12-person committee, consisting of students and educators from around the county, who tested the applicants on their knowledge of politics and other various topics. To view the press release, [click here](#).
- The Aberdeen Middle School (AMS) chorus, directed by Mrs. Amanda Wilcox, has been selected by the Maryland Choral Educators Association (MCEA) to perform at the State Convention in February. The association listened to choral groups that attended the MCEA State Festival and chose AMS to perform at the State Convention in February. At the convention, the Aberdeen Middle School chorus will perform six to eight songs, and Mrs. Wilcox will provide insight on teaching the songs, including challenges and changes.