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Board Meetings

- **Monday, January 25th 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, 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.

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- ***New!*** Alexander Funcheon, ninth grader at Aberdeen High School, has been selected as one of 28 finalist in the Fox 45 “Champions of Courage” essay contest. Alex has won a \$100 savings bond 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. Alex will also participate in a video taping on Monday, January 25th, at 2:00 pm at the Fox 45 television studio. “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. Alex wrote his essay about Pastor A. L. Reeves, director of the boys il MEN program. Boys il MEN is a multicultural mentoring program for males in grades six through eight. The program features an academic concept, which assists males to succeed in education, along with an after school athletic component. Currently, the primary targets are Aberdeen, Edgewood, Havre de Grace and Magnolia middle schools.
- Mrs. Sara Margaret Hodge will be inducted into the Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) Educator Hall of Fame during the January 25th Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please join us in celebrating Mrs. Hodge’s 39 years as an outstanding music educator in Harford County Public Schools!
- Harford Technical High School won a 2009 Young Professionals Award from the Maryland Chapter of the US Green Building Council. Please join us in recognizing this achievement at the January 25th Board of Education Meeting. Harford Tech also will receive the award at a special event on Thursday, January 28th, at The Athenaeum on the campus of Goucher College, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore, MD 21204, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For the full story, [click here](#). Congratulations, Harford Tech!
- ***New!*** The Reginald F. Lewis Museum, in partnership with the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA), recently announced the winners of its Second Annual Maryland Statewide High School Juried Art Show whose artwork will be showcased at the museum from January 17th to February 28th to commemorate the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The exhibition will feature works by young artists from several regions across the state which include Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Prince George’s counties. Out of 60 entries submitted for this competition, 18 finalists’ pieces were selected to be featured in the show. One of the finalists in this year’s competition is Henry Obi, a tenth grader at Joppatowne High School, who submitted his artwork, “Reflections.” For the full story, [click here](#).
- ***New!*** The Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) Grants Office, in conjunction with Roye-Williams Elementary School in Havre de Grace, recently applied for, and was awarded, a \$300,000 grant called EAGLES AIM from the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). The grant, which began September 1, 2009, and will run through August 31, 2012, was established as part of the Promoting Student Achievement at Schools Impacted by Military Force Structure Changes program. For the full story, [click here](#).
- ***New!*** Elizabeth Cartier, seventh grade science teacher at Aberdeen Middle School, recently led her middle school students to a win in the 2009 “Smart Move” Challenge as part of the FIRST Lego League (FLL) Robotics Competition. For the full story, [click here](#).

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- *New!* On January 14th, Dr. Robert L. Satcher, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronaut, visited Edgewood Middle School to share his experiences from his recent trip to space. Dr. Satcher shared a video presentation from his trip that included footage and audio from the takeoff, the crew aboard the shuttle and in space, and the landing. Following the presentation, students were afforded the opportunity to ask Dr. Satcher questions about being an astronaut and about his trip. For the full story, click [here](#).
- *New!* Five students from Bakerfield Elementary School participated in the Maryland Council on Economic Education's 2009 Stock Market Game. The five students from Mrs. Gray's fifth grade math class are pictured to the left, from left to right, Destiny Harris, Brooklyn Todd, Juan Soriano, Maura Seibert, Naz Cason. Their Stock Market Game Team, #408, won first place in the Maryland/DC region for elementary schools in the Stock Market Spring Game.
- For the 2009-10 school year, a total of 50 Harford County Public School student musicians were selected as members of the Maryland All-State Junior Chorus; the Maryland All-State Senior Band, Senior Jazz Band and Senior Orchestra; and the Maryland All-State Senior Women's Chorus and Senior Mixed Chorus. For the full press release, click [here](#).
- *New date!* On January 29th, Emmorton Elementary School will be in the spotlight on *Good Morning Maryland @ 9* on ABC! Meteorologist Justin Berk and his camera crew will travel to Emmorton Elementary to give Ms. Hamel's fourth grade class a front-row seat as he explains the ABC's of weather. The students will participate in live weather updates throughout the hour, and in between the on-air shots, Justin will share activities with the students and answer questions.
- C. Milton Wright High School will host the Seventh Annual College Night on Monday, February 22nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. This event is FREE and open to ALL high school students and parents in Harford County. More than 80 prestigious colleges, universities, technical schools and military contacts from the Mid-Atlantic region will be participating in the event. College Night enables Harford County high school students and their parents to meet directly with college admissions representatives to learn more about academic studies, campus life, the admission process and tuition.

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