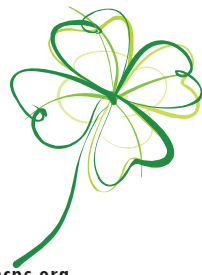


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Board Meetings

- **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.
- **Monday, March 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.

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

Save the Date

The 2010 HCPS Teacher of the Year Banquet will be Thursday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace!

• **New!** Mrs. Gladys Pace will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame as it's 150th member during the March 22nd Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please join us in celebrating Mrs. Pace's 36 years as an outstanding educator in Harford County Public Schools.

• **New!** Team 1980 - The Brigade, stationed at Aberdeen High School, is the only FIRST Robotics team in Harford County. Students on this team will compete in two regional events organized by FIRST Robotics, an international organization which promotes the development of engineering, mathematics and science skills in a fast-paced competitive sport. More than 50 teams from around the world will meet to compete in the unique game for 2010, "Breakaway." The first competition will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center Friday and Saturday, **March 12th and 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Admission is free. In addition to the Baltimore competition, the team will compete again at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA on March 25th through the 27th. Learn more about FIRST Robotics at www.usfirst.org. See the hometown FIRST Robotics Team, "The Brigade," on their website at www.team1980.org.

• **New!** Harford County Government will recognize Arbor Day 2010 during a ceremony on **Friday, April 2nd, 9:00 a.m.** at the Harford Glen Environmental Education Center. The Arbor Day festivities will consist of planting tree seedlings, repairing and replacing existing tree shelters, as well as learning about the benefits of trees in our community. Exhibitors at the celebration will include the Harford County Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division; the Harford County Department of Public Works Environmental Affairs, Office of Recycling; Anita Leight Estuary Center; the Harford Forest Conservancy Board; Environmental; Harford County Public Schools Envirothon Program; and the County Executive's Office of Community Relations. Civic organizations, school groups, scouts and individuals are invited to participate. For more information about the Arbor Day event, or to volunteer, please contact Betsey Greene, Department of Planning and Zoning, at 410-638-3103 ext. 1359.

• 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.

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- In collaboration with Cecil County Public Schools, HCPS is pleased to invite Harford County parents of students with disabilities to a Resource Conference on **Saturday, March 6th from 9:00 a.m. to noon** at Bay View Elementary School, 910 North East Road, North East, MD 21901. This event presents a range of special education topics focusing on the needs of children and families and includes free sessions, a continental breakfast and materials. For more information, please contact the Parent Resource Center for Special Education at 410-996-5637.
- Harford County will participate in its 20th Envirothon Competition that annually challenges teams of high school students to learn and be tested about the environment. Each year, students are tested on the same four topics: aquatics, forestry, soils and wildlife. In addition, a different fifth topic is selected each year by the state or Canadian province that hosts the International Competition. This year's International Competition will be in California, and the fifth topic is "hydrology and ground water impacts." The oral portion of this competition will take place at Harford Glen on **March 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Teams will come to the competition with a prepared powerpoint presentation to deliver in front of a panel of judges who will score them on related criteria, such as completeness, timing and clarity.
- On **March 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Harford Glen will host, for the third year, the High School Student Environmental Summit. Teams of students from all the high schools will attend to report out on local projects they have been working on since the fall Environmental Summit in September. Twice a year, students and a teacher chaperone bring their environmental issues for discussion, debate and resolution to these summits. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation has partnered with this activity, funds a leadership training course on Fox Island for the student leaders, and in other ways supports the spread of these kinds of student-led activities for environmental improvements.
- HCPS, in partnership with Harford Community College and the Office of Economic Development, will host the Futures11 networking and career event on **Thursday, March 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the gymnasium of Harford Community College. Approximately 400 high school juniors will take part, coming from the following programs: Harford Technical High School, the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School, the Biomedical Sciences Program at Bel Air High School, the Academy of Finance at Edgewood High School and the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Program at Joppatowne High School. The event is designed to help students begin considering their post-secondary career options.

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