



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.Reilly@hcps.org.

Board Meetings

• **Monday, November 9th 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, November 23rd 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!

• ***New!*** boys il MEN will host a guest speaker from the World Champion Reading Express Arena Football Team at Magnolia Middle School on November 3rd. Robert Blocker (starting Offensive Lineman) will speak to 8th grade students at 8:59 a.m., to 6th grade students at 9:47 a.m. and to 7th grade students at 2:08 p.m. boys il Men is a HCPS multicultural, academic/athletic mentoring program for males in the 6th through 8th grades at the following schools: Aberdeen Middle, Edgewood Middle, Havre de Grace Middle, and Magnolia Middle. During the school day, the program is designed to assist students with increasing their academic achievements. After school, students participate in athletic activities.

• ***New!*** On Wednesday, November 4th, Fountain Green Elementary will host Book Character Day! Students will come to school dressed as their favorite book character, with book in-hand, and will buddy read throughout the day. Media is welcome to attend for photos!

• ***New!*** If you live in the Wheel Creek watershed, you may be eligible to win a free rain garden from Harford County! A rain garden is a beautiful garden created with native plants, loose soil, mulch and sometimes gravel. Well-maintained rain gardens encourage birds and butterflies to visit your yard; reduce flooding and runoff problems by soaking up excess rain; and increase your property value by their beauty. Harford Glen has partnered with the Department of Public Works to educate the community about the benefits of these rain gardens. For details, visit www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/cbnerr/wheelcreek.asp or contact Beth Ebersole, Manager, Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve at 410-260-8720 or bebersole@dnr.state.md.us. The deadline is midnight on November 15th.

• ***New!*** Congratulations to Kimberly Chell, of Bel Air Elementary School, and to Nicole Nimmo, of Southampton Middle School, for having been awarded the 2009-10 Simon McNeely Award. For more information, click here.

• Congratulations to North Bend Elementary School and North Harford High School for earning Maryland Center for Character Education (MCCE) School of the Year awards! MCCE recognizes exemplary Maryland public and nonpublic schools for their work in positive character development. For more information, click here.

• American Education Week is observed annually in the Harford County Public School System as a time to promote an increased public awareness about the schools. The National Education Association's 88th Annual American Education Week 2009 is November 16-20. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 16 - Grandparents/Senior Citizens Day & All classes open for visitation

Tuesday, November 17 - Grades Pre-K, K, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, & 12

Wednesday, November - 18 Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, & 11