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REMINDERS

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

K-11

June 12, 2014

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Pre-K

June 10, 2014

Maryland PTA Financial Workshop

June 14, 2014

State PTA Office
Glen Burnie

Next Newsletter Submission Deadline

August 15, 2014

A Message from Sandra Monaco-Burton, HCCPTA President

It's difficult to believe that we have reached the end of another school year. I am sure by now most of us are ready for the less hectic summer schedule. I hope all of your final events come off without a hitch and you actually get to enjoy them!

Of course, PTAs have quite a few housekeeping tasks at this time. Don't forget to update your procedure books and ask your committee chairs for their final reports. Collect all pertinent documents now, before people go on vacation. Select your auditor or auditing committee now so that shortly after the June bank statement is in, the treasurer can hand off everything for the financial review. And, please submit to HCCPTA as soon as possible the "Harford County Local PTA Officer Contact Information" form so that we know how to contact your officers throughout the summer.

Now is also the time for incoming and outgoing officers to meet and discuss the events of the year. Share your successes, best practices and frustrations. This transfer of knowledge, expertise, and documentation will help ensure your organization's future success. Officers should host a planning meeting of your Board of Directors where you can start to discuss any changes to your budget, activities, advocacy efforts, etc. In addition, make the time over the summer to meet informally with your school administrators. Ask other parents and children what they love about your school and your PTA. By collecting the opinions and ideas of all your school's stakeholders, you will get a good idea of your PTAs strengths and weaknesses, and hopefully get some great input as to your priorities for the next school year.

Keep in mind that communication and volunteer recruitment issues plague most of us, and it is good to discuss with parents and volunteers what they find most effective. While many of us are proud of our high tech approach to communication, please keep in mind that not everyone uses social media, and not everyone will be motivated to log on to register to volunteer. Don't discount the power of personal interaction, be it in person or by way of a telephone call.

As you plan, please feel free to contact us for help with any issue. Also, don't hesitate to send me questions to pose to the entire PTA/PTSA officer email list so that we can all learn from each other's experiences.

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PTA Vision

What the future will look like if PTA accomplishes its mission. Making every child's potential a reality.

PTA Mission

A powerful voice for all children, A relevant resource for families and communities, and A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Global Lift Equipment Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: June 15, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- a) Be currently attending or planning on attending a post-secondary institution in Canada or the US by September of 2014.
- b) Submit a short story. Detailed instructions can be found on the application page.
- c) Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.

To apply, go to: http://www.usedforklifttexas.com/forklifts/2874/caterpillar_forklifts_texas.php

Lift Parts Express Scholarships - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: June 30, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- a) A current Senior in high school.
- b) A Freshman or Sophomore in college/university.
- c) Enrolled or expected to be enrolled by the Fall 2014.
- d) Submit a completed online application form prior to the deadline.

To apply, go to: <http://www.forkliftpartstexas.com/forkliftparts.php>



10 Words or Less Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: June 30, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- a) Anyone who is between the ages of 14-25 who will be attending school in the Fall 2014.
- b) Submit answers to the essay question prior to the deadline

To apply, go to Facebook and respond to the question: <https://www.facebook.com/myscholarships>

BBG Communications Scholarship - \$1,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: June 30, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- a) Be between the ages of 16 and 21 on June 30, 2014.
- b) Submit answers to the two essay questions, which can be found on the application page, prior to the June 30, 2014 deadline.
- c) Have at least one full year of post secondary studies remaining at the time of the award.
- d) Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.

To apply, go to: <http://www.breylancommunications.com/apply.php>

Arctic Physical Therapy Scholarship - \$500 – 1 Award (Deadline: August 31, 2014)

Student Eligibility:

- a) Be attending college or university no later than January 2015.
- b) Be attending college or university on a full-time or part-time basis by January of 2015.
- c) Have achieved a GPA of 3.0 or greater during their last academic year.
- d) Be attending a school in the U.S. or Canada by January of 2015.
- e) Submit answers to the essay questions no later than 11:59 PM EST on the day of the deadline.

To apply, go to: <http://www.physicaltherapyfairbanks.com/fairbanks.php>



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDANCE
HELPING SCHOOLS EVERYDAY

http://www.scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_mco_scholarship_8939.php?utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201402&utm_content=hccpta%40hccpta.org



Legislative Matters

by Marla Posey-Moss, HCCPTA VP of Legislation



Harford County Parents, Teachers and Students, it has been my pleasure to serve as your VP of Legislation for the last two years. In that capacity I have provided legislative feedback on two legislative sessions, led a session during training, helped transition the Council into new leadership, wrote bill testimony as a member of the MD PTA Legislative Committee, reported on various activities regarding conferences and Common Core and overall added value to the success of the HCC PTAs. As my tenure concludes, I encourage all locals to continue to strive for positive changes to improve your schools and I remain humbled by the opportunity to have served the county and the council as your VP of Legislation.

During the 2014 legislative session, the Maryland PTA tracked 137 bills and provided testimony on 20 house bills as well as 12 Senate bills. Of the 32 bills on which the MD PTA provided testimony, it supported 23 bills of which 10 of them were assigned chapter numbers to become law. Listed below are the bills that the MD PTA supported and became law.

HB 265 Task Force to Study How to Improve Student Achievement in Middle School (Chapter 220)

This bill establishes the Task Force to Study How to Improve Student Achievement in Middle School. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is required to staff the task force. A report with findings and recommendations is due by December 1, 2014. *The bill takes effect July 1, 2014, and terminates June 30, 2015.*

HB 428 Children - Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program – Eligibility (Chapter 404)

This bill expands eligibility for the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program (MITP) by allowing a child to participate in the program until the beginning of the school year following a child's fourth birthday. *The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.*

HB 440 Education - School Vehicles - Authorized Riders (Chapter 268)

This bill prohibits a school vehicle driver from allowing certain individuals who are not students or school employees to board or ride on the school vehicle. An individual may board and ride on a school bus if the individual is serving as a school vehicle attendant and the individual is (1) an employee of the local school system or transportation company that operates the school vehicle; (2) otherwise authorized by the local school system; or (3) a nurse, aide, or other individual assigned or authorized to work with a student according to the student's individualized education program, 504 plan under the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or other student-specific written plan. The bill also requires the school vehicle attendant to possess photo identification that identifies the local school system or transportation company that employs the individual as a school vehicle attendant, or another authorizing document issued by the local school system that authorizes the individual to act as a school vehicle attendant for a child on the school vehicle. Finally, an individual may board and ride on the school vehicle with written permission from the local school system. *The bill takes effect Oct. 1, 2014.*

HB 812 Education - Middle Schools - Automated External Defibrillators (Chapter 616)

This bill requires all middle schools to meet the requirements of the current high school automated external defibrillator (AED) programs developed by each local board of education. Therefore, each middle school is required to have an AED on-site and an individual trained in the operation and use of an AED present at all middle school-sponsored athletic events. *The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.*

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REFLECTIONS WINNERS

by Robert J. Reschly, Jr., HCCPTA Secretary

HCCPTA celebrated the creativity of Harford county students at the annual Reflections Awards ceremony held on 24 April 2014 in the Patterson Mill MS/HS auditorium. The 2013-2014 Reflections theme was "Believe, Dream, Inspire." Students from 23 local PTAs/PTSAs participated this year, creating 686 works of art. HCCPTA received 354 of these for judging and was able to recognize 150 at the county level. Of the entries chosen by HCCPTA judges, 73 of them (all entries awarded either Outstanding Interpretation or Award of Excellence by HCCPTA) were sent forward for Maryland state competition. Maryland PTA recognized 8 of the entries received from Harford county with awards and forwarded 3 of them (all entries awarded Outstanding Interpretation by MDPTA) to National competition. One of these, the entry created by Lorelai Glenn received an Award of Merit during National competition.

Please congratulate all of the students who chose to create and compete, along with all our local PTA/PTSA chairs who work hard to make the Reflections program a success. A list of every Harford county student recognized at the county, state, or national level is at the end of this article.

It is not too early to start creating works of art for the 2014-2015 Reflections competition. The theme for the 2014-2015 school year is "The world would be a better place if..." Once again, congratulations to each and every Harford county student who participated.



**The last day of school for Kindergarten-11th grade is
Thursday, June 12.**

**The last day for Pre-Kindergarten is
Tuesday, June 10.**



REFLECTIONS WINNERS

by Robert J. Reschly, Jr., HCCPTA Secretary



Dance Choreography

Primary

Outstanding Interpretation

Amanda Poling

Bel Air ES

Award of Excellence

Lorelai Glenn

North Harford ES

Maryland Outstanding Interpretation

National Award of Merit

Award of Excellence

Maureen McMennamin

Prospect Mill ES

Award of Merit

Kaitlyn Calland

North Bend ES

Award of Merit

Esther Lim

Homestead/ Wakefield ES

Award of Merit

Paige Rhoten

North Bend ES

Intermediate

Outstanding Interpretation

Kyra Bray

North Harford ES

Award of Excellence

Jessica Schneider

Youth's Benefit ES

Award of Excellence

Aaron Coogan

Bel Air ES

Award of Merit

Emma Runyeon

Youth's Benefit ES

Award of Merit

Brooke Emerson

Bel Air ES

Award of Merit

Elizabeth Poggioli

Youth's Benefit ES

Award of Merit

Tia Gay

North Harford ES

Middle

Outstanding Interpretation

Kimberly McGuire

Bel Air MS

Award of Excellence

Isabella Keh

Bel Air MS

Award of Excellence

Heather Roberts

Bel Air MS

Award of Merit

Sophia Maly-Cordell

Bel Air MS

Award of Merit

Rosina Bray

North Harford MS

Senior

Outstanding Interpretation

Madalyn Rupprecht

North Harford HS

Award of Excellence

Hannah Grzymala

North Harford HS

Award of Excellence

Dev'Nay Kess

Edgewood HS

Award of Merit

Alissa Roberts

Bel Air HS

Award of Merit

Alissa Roberts

Bel Air HS

Maryland Award of Merit



Film Production

Primary

Outstanding Interpretation

Paityn Gannon-Herd

Bel Air ES

Award of Excellence

Julian Ramirez

Homestead/ Wakefield ES

Intermediate

Outstanding Interpretation

Greer Strine

North Bend ES

Maryland Outstanding Interpretation

Award of Excellence

John Montanarelli

Youth's Benefit ES

Award of Excellence

Daniel Truxel

North Bend ES

Award of Merit

Patricia Tamaras

Youth's Benefit ES

Award of Merit

Meadow Santoriello

Emmorton ES

Award of Merit

Faith Smeltzer

Homestead/ Wakefield ES

Award of Merit

William Perdue

Darlington ES

Award of Merit

Sam Raedeke

Homestead/ Wakefield ES

Middle

Outstanding Interpretation

Katherine Meagher

North Harford MS

Award of Excellence

Garrett Strine

North Harford MS

Award of Excellence

Heather Roberts

Bel Air MS

Senior

Award of Excellence

Genae Hatcher

Patterson Mill MS/HS





REFLECTIONS WINNERS



Literature

Primary

Outstanding Interpretation	Kaitlin McCracken	North Harford ES
Award of Excellence	Emma Ingram	Darlington ES
Award of Excellence	Caleigh Hall	Abingdon ES
Award of Merit	Frank DeLucia	Bel Air ES
Award of Merit	Rameen Shah	Homestead/ Wakefield ES
Award of Merit	Charles Hammond	Emmorton ES

Intermediate

Outstanding Interpretation	Hudson Welsh	Youth's Benefit ES
Award of Excellence	Lydia Young	Ring Factory ES
Award of Excellence	Anna Boegner	Norrisville ES
Award of Merit	Liam Gallihue	Darlington ES
Award of Merit	Meadow Santoriello	Emmorton ES
Award of Merit	Thomas Hammond	Emmorton ES
Award of Merit	Hannah Workman	Darlington ES
Award of Merit	Sophia Topping	Homestead/ Wakefield ES

Middle

Award of Excellence	Maria Mian	Bel Air MS
Award of Excellence	Kaitlyn Coyne	Bel Air MS
Award of Excellence	McKenna Mitchell	North Harford MS
Award of Merit	Anthony Fulco	North Harford MS
Award of Merit	Catherine Catrambone	North Harford MS
Award of Merit	Maryam Khan	Patterson Mill MS/HS

Senior

Outstanding Interpretation	Catherine Huang	Aberdeen HS
Award of Excellence	Jasmine Kweon	Aberdeen HS
Award of Excellence	Katherine Stuempfle	Edgewood HS
Award of Merit	Peter Sheu	Aberdeen HS
Award of Merit	Elizabeth Eakes	North Harford HS
Award of Merit	Erin Drumm	North Harford HS
Award of Merit	Alissa Roberts	Bel Air HS

Special Artist

Outstanding Interpretation	Patrick Mullen	North Harford HS
Award of Excellence	Lauren Showalter	North Harford HS
Award of Excellence	Ivy Young	North Harford HS
Award of Merit	Justin King	North Harford HS

Music Composition

Primary

Outstanding Interpretation	Maggie Donahue	Bel Air ES
Award of Excellence	Joseph Morrison	Homestead/ Wakefield ES
Award of Excellence	Esther Lim	Homestead/ Wakefield ES
Award of Merit	Caroline Adle	Homestead/ Wakefield ES
Award of Merit	Esther Lim	Homestead/ Wakefield ES

Intermediate

Outstanding Interpretation	Erin O'Leary	North Bend ES	Maryland Outstanding Interpretation
Award of Excellence	Russell Perdue	Darlington ES	
Award of Excellence	Connor Seeley	Homestead/ Wakefield ES	
Award of Merit	Jason Walter	Homestead/ Wakefield ES	
Award of Merit	Russell Perdue	Darlington ES	
Award of Merit	Maxwell Clifton	Bel Air ES	
Award of Merit	Delaney Fairley	Youth's Benefit ES	

Middle

Award of Excellence	Andrew Steinberg	Bel Air MS
Award of Excellence	Maxfield Henkel	North Harford MS
Award of Merit	Heather Roberts	Bel Air MS
Award of Merit	Sophia Maly-Cordell	Bel Air MS
Award of Merit	Brooke Santoriello	Bel Air MS

Senior

Outstanding Interpretation	Natalie Brosh	Edgewood HS	Maryland Award of Merit
Award of Excellence	Alissa Roberts	Bel Air HS	





REFLECTIONS WINNERS



Photography

Primary

Outstanding Interpretation
Award of Excellence
Award of Excellence
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit

Ryan Kydd
Madison Hackman
Luke Watkins
Olivia Manns
Kai Olsen
McKenzie McMann
Evan Dawson
Korynn Sims

Hickory ES
Abingdon ES
Abingdon ES
Bel Air ES
Darlington ES
Norrisville ES
North Harford ES
Bel Air ES

Maryland Award of Excellence

Intermediate

Outstanding Interpretation
Award of Excellence
Award of Excellence
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit

Tara Coffin
Adrianna Mace
Jonah Olsen
Rylee Devito
Isabella Dietz
Abigail Wagner
Maggie Sadiq
Abigail Wagner

Emmorton ES
Youth's Benefit ES
Darlington ES
Youth's Benefit ES
Abingdon ES
Ring Factory ES
North Harford ES
Ring Factory ES

Middle

Award of Excellence
Award of Excellence
Award of Excellence
Award of Merit
Award of Merit

Emalee Belinski
Mariel Davis
Matthew Funk
Matthew Funk
Jenna Lyttle

Bel Air MS
Fallston MS
Patterson Mill MS/HS
Patterson Mill MS/HS
North Harford MS

Senior

Award of Excellence
Award of Excellence
Award of Excellence
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit

Alison Sansone
Matthew Davis
Abby Mervine
Anna Dufour
Alexander D'Agostino
Mary Beth Eisinger

Aberdeen HS
Aberdeen HS
Patterson Mill MS/HS
North Harford HS
North Harford HS
North Harford HS

Visual Arts

Primary

Outstanding Interpretation
Award of Excellence
Award of Excellence
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit

Claudia Gerry
Sophia MacKinnon
Averil Wright
Priya Ramnarine
Sylvia Gneo
Nathaniel Roberson
Christopher Corcoran
Albert Ball

Youth's Benefit ES
Prospect Mill ES
Abingdon ES
Bel Air ES
Ring Factory ES
North Bend ES
Emmorton ES
Darlington ES

Intermediate

Outstanding Interpretation
Award of Excellence
Award of Excellence
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
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Award of Merit

Delaney Sommers
Tsambika Anastasi
Desiree Alampi
William Perdue
Jack McNeirney
Daniel Chung
Chloe Connolly
Lily Grissom

Abingdon ES
Darlington ES
North Bend ES
Darlington ES
Abingdon ES
Fountain Green ES
Emmorton ES
Abingdon ES

Middle

Outstanding Interpretation
Award of Excellence
Award of Excellence
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit

Sierra Smith
Elizabeth Moorman
Hannah Donohue
Mark Boegner
Mackenzie Plowman
Savannah Tolson
Rosina Bray
Ariel Tugado

Bel Air MS
Fallston MS
Fallston MS
North Harford MS
Bel Air MS
Bel Air MS
North Harford MS
North Harford MS

Senior

Outstanding Interpretation
Award of Excellence
Award of Excellence
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit
Award of Merit

Rachel Donohue
Alexandra Agim
Tina Therres
Jasmine Kweon
Jessica Kweon
Daniella Van Nestle
Afiong Onyile
Morgan Chadderton

Fallston HS
Patterson Mill MS/HS
Fallston HS
Aberdeen HS
Aberdeen HS
Fallston HS
Edgewood HS
Edgewood HS

Maryland Award of Merit





Legislative Matters

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SB 58 Education - School Vehicles - Authorized Riders (Chapter 267)

This bill prohibits a school vehicle driver from allowing certain individuals who are not students or school employees to board or ride on the school vehicle. An individual may board and ride on a school bus if the individual is serving as a school vehicle attendant and the individual is (1) an employee of the local school system or transportation company that operates the school vehicle; (2) otherwise authorized by the local school system; or (3) a nurse, aide, or other individual assigned or authorized to work with a student according to the student's individualized education program, 504 plan under the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or other student-specific written plan. The bill also requires the school vehicle attendant to possess photo identification that identifies the local school system or transportation company that employs the individual as a school vehicle attendant, or another authorizing document issued by the local school system that authorizes the individual to act as a school vehicle attendant for a child on the school vehicle. Finally, an individual may board and ride on the school vehicle with written permission from the local school system. *The bill takes effect Oct. 1, 2014.*

SB 64 Children in Need of Assistance - Educational Stability (Chapter 468)

This bill requires the juvenile court to inquire as to the "educational stability" of a child at shelter care, adjudicatory, and disposition hearings and any change of placement proceedings. The bill also specifies factors the court may consider in determining the "educational stability" of a child. *The bill takes effect Oct. 1, 2014.*

SB 212 Fairness for All Marylanders Act of 2014 (Chapter 474)

This bill prohibits discrimination based on "gender identity" in public accommodations, labor and employment, and housing. Discrimination based on "gender identity" is also prohibited by persons licensed or regulated by a unit of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. "The bill also prohibits discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation in State personnel actions and in the leasing of property for commercial use. *The bill takes effect Oct. 1, 2014.*

SB 332 Prekindergarten Expansion Act of 2014 (Chapter 2)

This Administration bill expands prekindergarten services to four-year-old children from families whose income is no more than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG) by establishing a competitive grant program to provide funding to qualified public and private prekindergarten providers. If funds are provided for the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program in the State budget, then at least the same amount must be provided in subsequent years. *The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.*

SB 676 Teachers and Principals - Performance Evaluation Criteria - Use of Student Growth Data (Chapter 544)

This bill prohibits any performance evaluation criteria for teachers and principals (i.e., the educator evaluation system) from using student growth data based on State assessments to make personnel decisions before the 2016-2017 school year. This prohibition does not apply to a local school system and an exclusive employee representative that mutually agree to use student growth data based on the State assessments to make personnel decisions in accordance with an agreement executed on or after January 1, 2014, and before March 1, 2014. *The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.*

SB 701 Education - Children with Disabilities - Habilitative Services Information (Chapter 329)

This bill requires each local school system to provide to parents of a child with a disability verbal and written information about access to habilitative services, including a copy of the Maryland Insurance Administration's Parents' Guide to Habilitative Services, at specified times. *The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.*



99th Annual Maryland PTA Convention News and Updates

The 99th Annual Maryland PTA Convention on July 11 and 12 will kick off the 100th Celebration! Joining in the celebration will be National PTA President, Otha Thornton, and Keynote Speaker, Debbie Phelps, mother of Olympian swimmer Michael Phelps. Registration packets have been mailed to schools. For questions, call the Maryland PTA office at 410-760-6221. Online registration is available at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e8yg07hf347404e9&llr=s69w4qmab>.

Maryland PTA's 1st Annual Emerging Minority Leadership Conference

The 1st Annual Emerging Minority Leadership Conference is being held on Thursday, July 10th from 12 noon to 4pm. The EML conference is the day before convention at the Baltimore Sheraton North in Towson, Maryland. Online registration is available at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e95n9epe2884ecd7&llr=s69w4qmab>.



The convention is your opportunity to network with more than 1,000 PTA members and partners, and hear from experts in the PTA and education community in a robust offering of inspiring education sessions and special guest speakers.

Registration at <http://www.pta.org/members/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3905>.

HCCPTA Newsletter

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A Message from Sandra Monaco-Burton, HCCPTA President

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At Council we too have been busy these last few months. Inside this issue you can celebrate with us the talented kids who participated in the Reflections Program; many of them were able to attend our awards ceremony on April 24. On May 15, we hosted a Board of Education Candidate Forum so that the community could meet one-on-one with those individuals hoping to represent our children for four years. Maryland's primary election will be on June 24. Early voting will take place June 12-19 and there are four early voting locations around the county. Please share with your communities the importance of the Primary Election—candidates will be eliminated; only the top two vote getters will move on to the November General Election.

As this Council plans its own calendar, budget, and events, we hope that more of you will consider joining the HCCPTA Board of Directors. We have many vacancies going into 2014-2015. Please contact me if you would like to see job descriptions or discuss responsibilities.

If you missed our May Leadership training, keep a lookout for an announcement for our next set of workshops, which will be held in August or September. Treasurers may want to take the full-day Financial Training offered by Maryland PTA over the summer. In addition, Maryland PTA's website will list upcoming training opportunities around the area at: mdpta.org.

Also included inside this newsletter are the winners of our 2013-2014 Membership Awards. We had quite a few units increase their membership over last year—some of you significantly! I hope you will share your strategies during our trainings next year.

I would like to thank you once again for your tremendous advocacy and efforts on behalf of our children. Each PTA/PTSA plays a big role in establishing the uniqueness of each school community. Your time and your talents, your dedication and your resourcefulness, are what make our good schools GREAT. I wish you a peaceful and relaxing summer break.



Visit our Website at www.hcc-pta.org

Do you want to share your successes and solutions with us?

Send in a brief article to be printed in our next "eNewsletter." Tell us what works, what doesn't....Let's make it easier for the next PTA volunteers!

Email us your news to HCCPTA@hccpta.org Attention: Communications Chair

Next deadline is August 15, 2014

2014 VOTER GUIDE

The PTA is pleased to provide this voter guide.

Voter Registration

Deadline - June 3, 2014

Registration Information

In Person: Harford County Election Office

133 Industry Lane

Forest Hill, Maryland 21050

MVA: Harford County Election; MVA Satellite Station

501 West MacPhail Road

Bel Air, Maryland 21014

MD Dept.

Social Services:

411 West Bel Air Avenue

Aberdeen, Maryland 21001

-or-

2 South Bond Street

Bel Air, Maryland 21014

By Mail: Request an application by calling the Election Office at
410-638-3565.

Pick up Mail-In registration form at any U.S. Post Office,
library or public school.

Application Via Web:

http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/documents/2012_English_Internet_VRA.pdf

Voting Dates

Primary Election Dates

Early Voting: June 12-19, 2014, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Election Day: June 24, 2014 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

General Election Dates

Early Voting: October 23-30, 2014, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Election Day: November 4, 2014 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

NOTE: Voters registered as Independents are able to vote in the primary race for Board of Education candidates only, as Board of Education races are nonpartisan races.

Early Voting Locations

Jarrettsville Library - 3722 Jarrettsville Road, Jarrettsville

McFaul Center - 525 W. Macphail Road, Bel Air

The University Center - 1201 Technology Drive, Aberdeen

Edgewood Library - 629 Edgewood Road, Edgewood

Absentee Voting

ABSENTEE VOTING: Registered voters of Harford County may apply to vote by absentee ballot if qualified. A single application can be completed for both the Primary and General Election.

HOW TO APPLY: Complete and submit an application. An application can be obtained by:

MAIL - Call the Election Office and request an absentee application at **410-638-3565**.

IN PERSON - At the Harford County Election Office, 133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050.

ONLINE - To obtain a form online, visit the **State Board of Elections** at http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/documents/2014_Absentee_Ballot_Application_English.pdf

NOTE: Once you apply and receive an absentee ballot, you must vote by absentee ballot for that election.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The deadline for receipt of the completed application by mail or fax 410-638-3310 to the Election Office is the Tuesday before the election. After the deadline, application must be made in person using the absentee ballot late application provisions.

LATE ABSENTEE VOTING: After the Tuesday preceding an election and on election day, a person who finds they will be unable to vote at the polls on election day may come to the Election Office in person to receive their ballot or designate in writing, another Harford County voter to act as their agent to obtain an absentee ballot.

Precinct Locator

http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/gismap/Election_SearchGoogle.cfm

For Additional Voting Information visit: <http://www.harfordvotes.info>

For Candidate and Ballot Information visit: <http://www.vote411.org>

News from Our Local



News from Youth's Benefit Elementary School PTA:

By Heather Johnson

The Youth's Benefit Elementary School students have supported a number of community service activities sponsored by the school's Student Government Association throughout the year. The efforts of the school community have resulted in:

- 25 barrels of shoes for Soles4Souls
- 3,172 pounds of food for Kids Helping Kids
- 8 boxes of hats, gloves and scarves for The Salvation Army
- 15 boxes of personal and household items for Anna's House
- \$2,963.23 Pennies for Patients and
- 5 large trash bags for Fallston Animal Rescue Mission

In addition, the students have raised approximately \$26,000 for the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart event.

On Tuesday, April 22nd each grade level of Youth's Benefit enjoyed special Earth Day presentations and the opportunity to get outside and plant flowers around the campus. We are grateful to the many community volunteer presenters including students from North Harford High School, who helped to make this day possible. In addition, many thanks to students at the Forbush School in Glyndon for providing the beautiful flowers for planting. The YBES Earth Day celebration offers students an awareness of environmental issues within the framework of curriculum and allows Youth's Benefit to partner with Harford County students, farmers, bee keepers, 4H volunteers and community organizations. Many thanks to the YBES Green Gator Committee and PTA for organizing and implementing this educational event!

News from Prospect Mill Elementary School PTA:

By Danielle Spigler



We have been quite busy this spring, with many events and activities for our families at Prospect Mill, as we continue to BUILD our school community. After several delays due to snow and building closures, we held our Talent Show at the Amoss Center on March 18th. We had nearly 100 students participate, including many 5th graders who came together in a grand finale act. We had a special surprise act by some staff members as well that was loved by all! Our two amazing co-chairs, Joan Hare & Cathy Koncurat made that amazing event happen!

We also held our second International Night on March 27, which was a great success! Students completed passports by learning about different countries at the displays by many of our PMES families. They also had the opportunity to sample foods, play games, and make crafts at each stop on their journey. Thanks to Lorena dosSantos for her leadership on this event! Also in March we held a Board of Ed Candidates' Forum at our PTA meeting, and gave parents the opportunity to meet our candidates, ask questions and learn about their views on topics pertaining to our children and their education in HCPS. We are thankful to all three of our candidates, Arthur Kaff, Rachel Gauthier and Barry Michel for attending that event.

Our Reflections committee chairs Lucille Brennan & Nicole Moaddel hosted a breakfast for all students who participated in the Reflections contest this year, and honored our local and county winners with certificates and prizes! Finally, we had the opportunity to celebrate our own 4th grade teacher Mrs. Alisa Janiski, one of the five finalists for the HCPS Teacher of the Year! We are so proud to have her at our school and our kids are lucky to have her and all our amazing teachers!

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News from Prospect Mill Elementary School PTA

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April brought with it showers, but they didn't dampen our Carnival spirit! We moved our Carnival indoors with the support of school administration, adapted some of our activities, and the result was an amazing event, raising lots of money to continue supporting school programs for our kids! We had incredible support from PMES families, staff members and the community, but the committee members really came together to make it happen!

Finally, last week we celebrated and honored our teachers and staff with events all week long with a Week at the Movies theme, including a Walk of Fame complete with Hollywood stars for each staff member. Toniann Roland and Cora Polesovsky along with their committee created a fabulous event to make our teachers and staff feel appreciated!

We look forward to finishing out the school year with an ice cream social and Reflections artwork showcase during the school art show on May 20, as well as an Ironbirds game, two more community nights, and end of year celebrations in the classrooms! We are so proud of all we've accomplished this year and look forward to a relaxing summer!



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HCCPTA Celebrates Membership Growth

by Robert J. Reschly, Jr., HCCPTA Secretary

Every year HCCPTA celebrates those local PTAs/PTSAs that have either grown or show extraordinary member involvement. Several different statistics are used and local units showing strongly by any of them are recognized. This year since weather interfered with the Founders Day program, recognition was during the HCCPTA general membership business meeting preceding the new officer training held on 22 May 2014 at Harford Technical HS.

Growth is the lifeblood of PTA. The most basic measure of growth is the change in number of PTA/PTSA members in a local unit from year to year. By that measure, the following local units had increases:

Riverside Elementary School PTA, Inc.	102.4%
North Harford Elementary School PTA, Inc.	82.8%
Emmorton Elementary School PTA, Inc.	47.7%
William Paca-Old Post Rd. Elementary School PTA, Inc.	42.6%
Joppatowne High School PTSA, Inc.	39.5%
Prospect Mill Elementary School PTA, Inc.	35.3%
Magnolia Middle School PTA, Inc.	33.3%
John Archer School PTA, Inc.	32.8%
Church Creek Elementary School PTA, Inc.	25.6%
Edgewood Elementary School PTA, Inc.	18.4%
Darlington Elementary School PTA, Inc.	15.1%
Havre de Grace Elementary School PTA, Inc.	11.4%
Aberdeen High School PTSA, Inc.	8.4%
Roye-Williams Elementary School PTA, Inc.	7.4%
Bel Air Elementary School PTA, Inc.	3.0%
Red Pump Elementary School PTA, Inc.	2.9%
Fallston High School PTSA, Inc.	0.9%

Another interesting measure is how large the local unit is as a percentage of the size of the student body. By that measure the three local units with the highest rate of parent, teacher and administrator participation are:

Youth's Benefit Elementary School PTA, Inc.	78.1%
John Archer School PTA, Inc.	75.2%
Hickory Elementary School PTA, Inc.	75.0%

Finally, looking at the growth of the local unit as a percentage of the size of the student body, the three units listed below achieved the largest percentage growth:

North Harford Elementary School PTA, Inc.	30.6%
Prospect Mill Elementary School PTA, Inc.	24.1%
John Archer School PTA, Inc.	24.0%

Please join us in congratulating each of these units on their wonderful successes. With hard work, your unit may appear in the 2014-2015 lists. HCCPTA certainly hopes to be able to recognize every unit in the county.

Betty Bull Award's Scholarship Report

by Bruce Butz, HCCPTA Treasurer and Betty Bull Award Chair

In 1988, the Harford County Council of PTAs sponsored the first Betty Bull Award in honor of Mrs. Bull and her tireless and selfless efforts on behalf of children's welfare. She served during the 1950's as National PTA Legislative Chair, Maryland PTA President, Maryland State PTA Legislative Chair, President of HCCPTA, and President of the Jarrettsville Elementary PTA. She was also President of the Maryland Council on Education following World War II. She died on November 13, 1990, at the age of 86 and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy O'Donnell, and a son, Robert, of Temple, Maine.



The purpose of the Betty Bull Awards program is to provide financial assistance to students of Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs & PTSAs) who are pursuing their goal toward advanced education. All Harford County high school graduating seniors are eligible to participate with the stipulation that the student or a parent or guardian is a member of a PTA or PTSA in one of the 49 local PTA units in Harford County.

Harford County Council PTA's Scholarship Committee, comprised of Sandra Monaco-Burton, Dana Saulsbury, Christine Jestel, and chair, Bruce Butz, reviewed the 15 applications received. Student applicants represented eight (8) of the county's public high schools including the Science and Math Academy, a decrease of 35% over last year.

Aberdeen High School	1
Bel Air High School	3
Edgewood High School	1
Fallston High School	2
Havre de Grace High School	1
Joppatowne High School	2
North Harford High School	3
Patterson Mill Middle High School	1
Science & Math Academy @ Aberdeen High School	1

Please check the HCCPTA Website in June to view the winners.

