



County Council members Calvin Ball, Courtney Watson and Delegate Guy Guzzone met with members at the Legislative Breakfast.

HCEA Legislative Breakfast

The fifth annual HCEA legislative breakfast was held Saturday, January 9th at Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville. Hosted by the HCEA Government Relations Committee, the event provided members an opportunity to meet, discuss education, pension and the labor negotiations bill with county council members and state legislators. Cash prizes were awarded to three schools that had the most members attend. Bushy Park Elementary won first prize, Reservoir High and Oakland Mills High tied for second place. Bushy Park donated their award money to a fellow staff member and the other two schools donated their award money to charity. Special thanks to Government Relations Committee Co-Chairs Natalie Janiszewski and Karen Filippelli and HCEA Executive Assistant Jessica Bernhardt for coordinating the event.

BJ's Wholesale Special Offer

The BJ's Wholesale Club is offering a discount fundraiser. HCEA Members and their families will get \$10 off the BJ's Membership fee and will get a 15 month membership. For every application submitted, BJ's will donate \$5 back to HCEA Help-A-Child fund. Current members can add 15 months onto their current membership at the discounted rate. This is a special marketing promotion and it is NOT available at the store level. Contact the HCEA office at (410) 997-3440 for applications. Offer expires March 31, 2010 and will not be available again until May 2010.



HCEA Teacher Negotiations Update

To date, the HCEA Teachers' Negotiation team has met with the Board of Education team twice. At the first meeting, both teams exchanged and explained their proposals. During the second meeting, both teams exchanged replies, questions, and clarifications to the proposals. The team will continue to keep you updated as negotiations progress, just remember due to confidentiality, they will not be able to share specifics. Both teams agreed to meet again on February 19th at the Board of Education.

Howard County Educators Rock!

The Help-A-Child fund needed your help and you delivered. Thank you to everyone that sent in a donation or signed up for payroll deductions. We had over 30 additional employees sign up for payroll deductions. This regular income really keeps the fund going. We have received 364 requests for assistance from the Help-A-Child fund so far this year, thanks to your generosity, no request has been denied for lack of funds. Our PPW's work hand in hand with HCEA to identify children in the Howard County Public School System that need our help, whether it's an eye exam and glasses so students can read their assignments or a winter coat to warm them on the way to school, the Help-A-Child fund works. Your donation stays in the school system and provides for your students. Thank you for helping us meet the growing need.

Computer Safety

There is no expectation of privacy on a school issued computer. Do not use it for personal emails and be sure to log off any time you are away from it so someone else doesn't abuse it when you are not there. And yes, an administrator does have the right to check randomly to see what you are doing.

HCEA Marketplace

For Rent

3BR TH for rent. 2 full baths, country kitchen, finished basement, washer/dryer, deck and fenced in backyard. Located near HES, HMS, RHS, Rt. 216 & Rt. 95 & Rt. 29. Available mid-Jan. \$1400/mo. + utilities. No smoking. No pets. Call 301-908-5491 or email Lramis@hcpss.org.

General Services

Home Mortgages/Refinancing: Interest rates and home prices are the lowest in years. Presidential is a Maryland based bank with offices in Columbia. No application fees or appraisal fees for HCEA members. First time home buyer programs. Contact Mitch Lax @ 443-812-9319 or by e-mail mitchlax@presidential.com to discuss your mortgage options.

Tutorrific! Tutor in homes throughout Howard County. A great way to make extra money! Please send an email or your resume to Deborah Peled Markowitz at tutorrific@comcast.net.

Columbia In-Home Licensed Day Care
Small intimate group, 1-on-1 attention
For infants and toddlers. Lic. #13-113166
Call Debby (410) 730-1828.

Photographer: Brian Roache Photography is available for studio, location or in-home portrait sessions (people and/or pets), senior portraits, weddings, bar/bat mitzahs and other events. 410-730-1035; Email: info@BrianRoachePhoto.com; Website: www.BrianRoachePhoto.com.



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Longaberger Bus Trip: Join us on our Fall Bus Trip to Dresden, Ohio Oct. 3 & 4. Trip includes tours of Longaberger® Home Office (shaped like a Market Basket) and the factory. Please contact Melissa Ronnenburg at melisron1@comcast.net for more information.

Vacation Rentals

Deep Creek Lake: 5 BR log cabin chalet; fully furnished; all amenities included; minutes from WISP Ski resort; 30% discount to HCEA members; weekend or weekly rental. Call Dan 410-465-5190.

Vacationing in Myrtle Beach? Rent our place in Barefoot Resort. 3BR 2B, sleeps 8. Pool, private beach with cabana, screened in porch overlooks one of 4 courses on resort, 2 miles from Barefoot Landing (which has the House of Blues, Alabama theater and lots of shopping). \$900 per week including cleaning/ daily rates available. Call cell # 757-646-1202 or send an email to kimberly_colaiacovo@hcpss.org.

Ocean City, MD: Beautiful condo completely renovated. 135th St., ocean block, ocean view, pool, full kitchen, balcony w/ocean view, cable TV, 1 BR sleeps 4, HCEA discount. Just \$750.00 (plus tax) a week. Call 410-730-6773 or beachatoceancity@yahoo.com.

Employment

Beth Tfiloh Camps seeks head counselors and instructors of campcraft, singing, nature, sports, art, and swimming. The Owings Mills day camp runs Monday-Friday from 9AM-4PM for 8 weeks (June 21-August 13). Apply online at www.btccamps.org or phone 410-517-3451. Your child attends free!

Spend summer in the sun: DRD Pool Management, Inc. is accepting resumes for summer job openings as swimming pool field supervisors and swimming pool managers (full or part time). No experience necessary. For more information, call David Watts at 410-785-7665 or email dwatts@drdpools.com.

The Children's Inn at NIH in Bethesda, MD is seeking a part-timed Education Program Coordinator for Monday-

Thursdays, 3-8pm. For more information please visit www.childrensinn.org or contact Tammy Pinson, Director of HR at pinsont@mail.nih.gov or at 301-451-9458.

Study in Mexico this summer!! MD K-12 Teachers who teach or are able to incorporate learning units related to Latin America in classroom eligible for almost all expense paid trip to Mexico June 27th-Aug. 10th. For further information visit <http://pages.towson.edu/cebacher>. Applications are due by February 15, 2010.

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Dates to Remember:

Call HCEA to register for events.

President's Day

February 15

Financial Seminar

February 18
4:30 PM
Homewood Center

MSEA ESP Professional Development Day

February 20

Read Across America Day

March 2

Home Buyers Seminar

March 4
4:30 PM
Homewood Center

Retirement Seminar

March 30
4:30pm
Homewood Center