Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for October 9 - October 13, 2023.

There is NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, October 9th.  Monday is a systemwide professional development day for teachers.

RecXtra clubs began last week and continue this week.  These clubs are 100% free but spots are on a first come first serve basis.  Clubs meet from 2:45 - 4:15. Activity buses are provided, or students can be picked up.  More information and a link to the signup sheet can be found on the John Poole website, [here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fschools%2Fpoolems%2Fclubs%2Factivities%2F&data=05%7C01%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C41125095e4854d64380b08dbbec55885%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638313527019607236%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Wwxmf%2BHGfSCc%2Bpu4koSxy25d9PWs3M7o9UPglV%2BVqqc%3D&reserved=0).

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You are invited to participate in the 5th annual MCPS STEAM Festival on Saturday, Oct 21 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at Wheaton and Edison HS! This is an opportunity for students, staff, and community partners to showcase the amazing things happening here in the County around Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. We welcome student groups to share the projects they are currently working on either in class or in a club, showcase projects completed in the spring of the previous school year, and/or bring an activity to do with younger visitors. This year’s festival celebrates the MD STEM Festival theme of “STEM-ertainment” so any activities or demonstrations around the intersection of STEM with the Arts are most welcome. Students earn SSL Hours for their participation! The festival will have two indoor expo areas for displays and interactive presentations with visitors, dedicated spaces for keynote talks, and an outdoor courtyard space that can be used as well.

Event Summary:

**Event:** MCPS STEAM Festival

**Date:** Sat, Oct 21

**Time of event:** 10 am-1 pm (setup begins as early as 8 am)

**Location:** Campus of Wheaton High School and Thomas Edison HS of Technology

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Silver Spring, MD 20906](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fmaps%2Fplace%2F12401%2BDalewood%2BDr%2C%2BSilver%2BSpring%2C%2BMD%2B20906%2F%4039.0609504%2C-77.069051%2C17z%2Fdata%3D!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x89b7ce50f530a8e7%3A0xaaed6fef303f8e08!8m2!3d39.0603329!4d-77.0658004!16s%252Fg%252F11b8v4c6dp%3Fentry%3Dttu&data=05%7C01%7CJiji_P_Olds%40mcpsmd.org%7C6aae47a342654022a2dd08dbbad83db8%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638309210143105800%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cbITv0jC%2ByuKSUHq9FBSpwSdf8eWc4Ndf4Rd%2FCBmyhU%3D&reserved=0)

Please find additional details in our [**Participant Invitation**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1MLeAvlTXyQaoEWgraWUR9Z1d8v62CMoV%2Fview%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=05%7C01%7CSonja_M_Bloetner%40mcpsmd.org%7C1095fec03f844471dbda08dbc37c72bd%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638318711509894149%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DN8OhodmvVY8wFVH9XUpddFI6Da2xlZH%2BibrnAZ6l5E%3D&reserved=0) and registration via our [**Google Form**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2FJWT8EA2cndaW3Ne76&data=05%7C01%7CSonja_M_Bloetner%40mcpsmd.org%7C1095fec03f844471dbda08dbc37c72bd%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638318711509894149%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GuZoyE10cxkjG5V1GZ7giGRPKyrrKw%2B3SG%2F%2FC%2FxUbvU%3D&reserved=0). **We would love for our school to be represented and hope you can participate!**

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MCPS 2024-2025 School Calendar Feedback

MCPS provides a school year calendar that allows for effective use of time for teaching and learning, professional growth opportunities, and planning instructional strategies focused on improving student achievement while maintaining an equity lens for all students, and commitment to community engagement in the MCPS Antiracist System Action Plan. MCPS will consider educational interests, operational needs, mandated school closures by state law, compliance with minimum instructional days and credit hour requirements, contingencies for inclement weather and other emergencies, staff professional days and early release days, and alignment with assessment schedules.

MCPS is seeking input about the 2024–2025 school year calendar! Please take a moment to complete the [MCPS School Calendar 2024-2025 Feedback](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSe4bKbeBGylczLqGatOpFBqIAJzEeM52Rwr8cL3GqZDZN0Y5w%2Fviewform&data=05%7C01%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C89bd8a381771487af52c08dbb5ed4241%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638303802851015579%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vuuL6qMcpyBmJCNpPRytHMkhWV3yT0S77vQLKPxRtE4%3D&reserved=0). Your input will be used to select the first and last day of school, as well as other important dates for the coming school year.

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**JPMS 2nd Annual Timberwolf 5k/Fun Run** is coming up on **Saturday, October 28th**.
Registration is now open.  [https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Poolesville/JPMSTimberwolf5kfun](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frunsignup.com%2FRace%2FMD%2FPoolesville%2FJPMSTimberwolf5kfun&data=05%7C01%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd5843c90ee6949e0fbfc08dbc5bac246%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638321178153800103%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wBP0cRrB3eiEp67NcQ80aSOxmW%2FOEjdjx5wYX59ykSk%3D&reserved=0)Can't run/walk but would like to support? Make a donation to the race or advertise your business by becoming a sponsor -  [https://jpms.memberhub.com/store](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fjpms.memberhub.com%2Fstore&data=05%7C01%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd5843c90ee6949e0fbfc08dbc5bac246%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638321178153800103%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=06UFBuOYXX520GcSwE1RQaHRGEPNAFFPKiCMMbcWTyY%3D&reserved=0).

GotSneakers? Help our environment - bring in used athletic shoes throughout the month of October and the weekend of the race. We are partnering with GotSneakers?, a sneaker recycling organization that will donate funds to the PTSA for every pay of athletic shoe we collect.  More information about the types of shoes we can accept can be found here - [https://gotsneakers.com/sneakerguidelines/](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgotsneakers.com%2Fsneakerguidelines%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd5843c90ee6949e0fbfc08dbc5bac246%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638321178153800103%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qLl9trERkD9YdZglUNY1MRHTyFIDbdFvIroGDEYKOwA%3D&reserved=0)Volunteer/earn SSL! We need adult and student volunteers for race day. A signup genius will be coming out in a future newsletter but please consider saving the date to run/walk or volunteer for the race. This event is the largest fundraiser PTSA will hold this year and we would love to see many of you on race day!

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**JPMS PTSA Presents Parent Night! featuring area experts on Fentanyl**

**Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 7:00 p.m. (in-person & virtual)**

RSVP for Free: [https://bit.ly/JPMSPTSAParentNightRSVP](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FJPMSPTSAParentNightRSVP%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR1yKdv_e3P5jP3_-7frMJivLuGmxDgmRTqNg1LYHspRKDGN02VP01rc_OQ&data=05%7C01%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd5843c90ee6949e0fbfc08dbc5bac246%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638321178153800103%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eTLkb%2BuVvxAaKEXrAuWR2qEAgDOMfDXcKVeIYMHxCQM%3D&reserved=0)

Join us for our first-ever Parent Night as we host Area Experts from the Department of Health and Human Services and Montgomery County Police. Program includes Narcan demonstration, expert presentations, and open (or anonymous) Q&A.

Google Meet details will be posted and emailed the day prior.

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Maryland State’s Attorney’s Office of Montgomery County is hosting a contest that challenges teens to create an original video to promote awareness of the dangers of opioid abuse, overdose, and fentanyl among teens. It is open to all 6th through 12th-grade students.  The top prize is $1,000, second place is $750, and third place and fan favorite winners will receive $500 all donated by Magnolia Plumbing in honor of two young Montgomery County residents who lost their lives to illicit fentanyl; Michael Pisarra and Matthew Loudoun.

 Students can enter the contest on their own or as a group; however, students may only participate in ONE entry. Students must submit their video by November 17th.

MCPS has created a [webpage](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fdepartments%2Fstudent-leadership%2Fspeakup-savealife&data=05%7C01%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd2e186c6b76e4e5aae9008dbbb6cc593%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638309848183403921%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=S%2FH6cIO0xr8%2BMXFGwaGJPNJS3AF%2BTdXtaVyGxyxtp08%3D&reserved=0) with more information on the Speak Up, Save a Life video requirements and a calendar of due dates.

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Media Center Memo:

In an effort to help students have worry-free school days, the media center has some tips for keeping students' Chromebooks ready and in working order:

* Students should be transporting their Chromebooks in something like a padded case, cover, or binder.  The Chromebook screens are made of glass and will likely break if dropped.  The media center has padded carrying cases for students if they would like one.
* Chromebooks should be plugged in EACH NIGHT so that they are fully charged and ready to go in the morning.  One idea to help form this habit is to plug in the Chromebook in the same place your student charges their phone overnight or where they keep their backpack.

Parents, thank you for helping your students with these tasks!

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**YEARBOOK NEWS:**

The 2023-2024 yearbook is available now to purchase at [jostens.com](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fjostens.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C7ad89096ea8540fcc91308dbb2e01852%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638300447773918582%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PTLni%2FgahovMi0UT1a64Q9FQomvi2Ty3dqej3g6mk1M%3D&reserved=0). This year, Jostens is making a limited number available for $40 instead of $50. When these run out, the remaining yearbooks will be sold at $50. Order today and get the best pricing for the year!

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Please continue to check the [myMCPS Classroom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclassroom.mcpsmd.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C2d6a7da9413e4d8a105a08dbc84e30cc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638324010384272681%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sQMiIjiSPm9xP2JW45%2BrmN0fE8D4Qi1dvOpDX%2BxClAg%3D&reserved=0) calendar or our [JPMS school webpage](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fschools%2Fpoolems%2F&data=05%7C01%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C2d6a7da9413e4d8a105a08dbc84e30cc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638324010384272681%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9svkXyEv0njP3p0aSqvLAz6PF5LitB2ArIPczmTEd8I%3D&reserved=0) for the most updated information, including upcoming events, bus routes, and other happenings occurring at school.

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Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:

Monday, October 9: Professional Day for staff.  NO SCHOOL for students.

Tuesday, October 31: End of the 1st Marking Period

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green