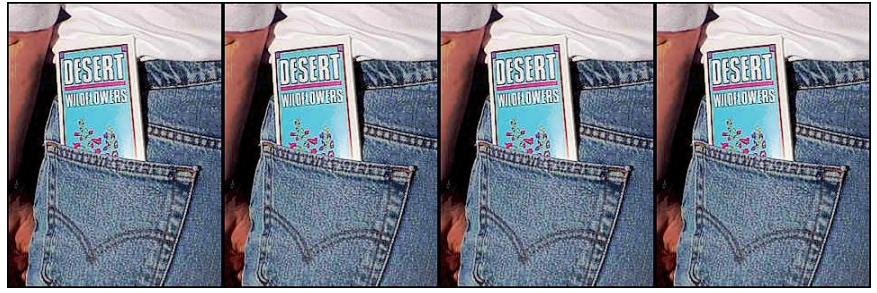


JOHN POOLE'S BACK POCKET



January 7, 2011

A Thought for Today:

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."
– Edith Lovejoy Pierce

Happy New Year!

I hope all of our families and friends had a lovely winter break and 2011 has started well all over town. The new year is time for resolutions, and I would like to propose two that would be great for every student.

Resolution Number 1: Make reading a daily family activity. Your child sees you as the primary pattern on which to construct a life. If you say reading is important but don't let your kids see you do it, it's a case of "do as I say and not as I do." The family can really enjoy a half an hour after dinner or before bed when everything is turned off – TV, radio, phones and all – while everyone is in the same room reading together. You may be reading a magazine or the *Monocle* or the manual for a new electronic device; it doesn't have to be a book. The important thing is that it's something you are interested in. The same goes for what your kids are reading. Comic books and magazines are just as much reading as books are. Then, before reading time is over, share something you read. I don't mean a book report! A simple comment like, "There's an article about the game last week that mentions our neighbor," or "Now I know what that piece of plastic in the box our new microwave came in is for," or "This is a really sad story!" is enough to show you got something positive from your reading. Of course, a question about what your children are reading is supportive, too. And here's a great idea: encourage your middle schooler to read to your younger kids during family reading time.

Resolution Number 2: Keep working on homework. The single biggest reason grades are low and kids get behind is failure to complete homework. Athletes have to practice and so do scholars. If you have a daily routine of checking the assignment book and checking Edline you'll soon see patterns in the work load. There is almost always math homework, for example. Many teachers give a monthly or unit calendar that you should know about. It's also a good idea to know the phone number of at least one child in each of your child's classes, so if it seems odd that there was no homework recorded on a given day, you can check with a study buddy.

Keeping these two resolutions can make a huge difference for your child!

The new year also brings new practices. I'm going to ask that, starting immediately, students bring only water in clear unbreakable containers to their classes. Eating and drinking in the classrooms leads to roaches and sticky surfaces, so we already keep careful watch on that. Water, however, is important for brain and body health, so we allow students to carry it with them, but not coffee, tea, soda, sports drinks or other liquids. Please be sure to remind your kids that these other drinks are for the cafeteria at lunch or breakfast only. Thanks, and Happy New Year!

Student Leaders of the Pack

Each month, our staff selects five students from each team who have exemplified the Timberwolf PRIDE core values of Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Effort. Sometimes, these students have earned recognition through scholarly excellence, but these values are personal as well as academic, so sometimes the honorees will be chosen for displaying the good citizenship that makes our school a better place to work and learn.

Student Leaders of the Pack for December received their certificates at a ceremony this morning. Parents were invited to attend, a light breakfast was served, and photographs were taken of each award winner for display in the school lobby.

Congratulations to these great kids! We are very proud of the December Leaders of the Pack!

6TH GRADE

Purpose – **Keegan Hemingway**
Respect – **Shane Enriquez**
Integrity – **MacKenzie Gross**
Dedication – **Amber Bratcher**
Effort – **Jeffrey Ricketts**

7TH GRADE

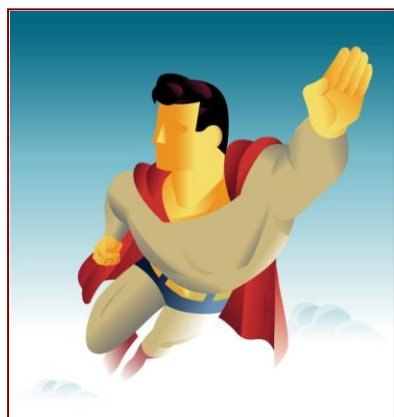
Purpose – **Christopher Johnson**
Respect – **Joe Lopes**
Integrity – **Allison Nalesnik**
Dedication – **Nicholas Kuhn**
Effort – **Anelia Slavoff**

8TH GRADE

Purpose – **Cameron Eichorn**
Respect – **John Siegrist**
Integrity – **Morgan Brashear**
Dedication – **Max Pushkash**
Effort – **Megan Souder**

ARTS

Purpose – **Julia Montone** (6)
Respect – **Michael Morgan** (6)
Integrity – **Adele Spinder** (8)
Dedication – **Emma Ross** (8)
Effort – **Benton Anthony** (7)



Hallway Heroes

Hallway Heroes are students we honor for demonstrating exemplary **PRIDE** behaviors as they move from class to class, helping to keep our hallways safe and comfortable for everyone.

The students recognized below consistently demonstrate **Purpose**, **Respect**, **Integrity**, **Dedication** and **Effort** everywhere they go at JPMS. They are **Hallway Heroes**, and we are proud to celebrate their high expectations and their **Timberwolf PRIDE**.

6th Grade: **Joe Brashear, Ava Corral, James Donovan, and Alison Huber**

7th Grade: **Taylor Behrens, Michael Kuhn, Ian Ofsthun, and Amanda Warfield**

8th Grade: **Maggie Reed and Adele Spinder**

Semester Exam Schedule

January 12 – Review Day
January 13 – Periods 2 and 6
January 14 – Periods 1 and 5
January 18 – Periods 3 and 7
January 19 – Period 4
January 19-21 – Make-ups

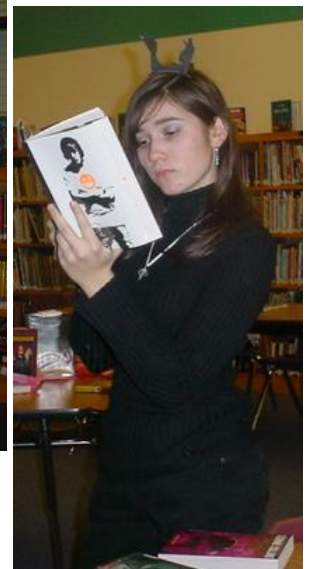
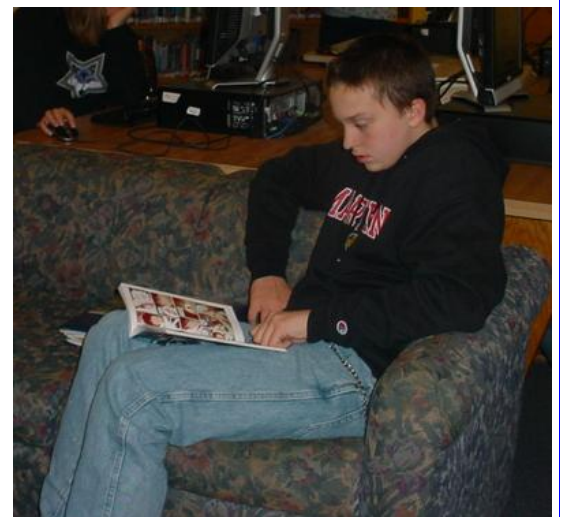
Exams are almost here! Please make note of the days and times for your child's exams. Help your kids get to bed early the nights before tests, eat a good breakfast and get to school in plenty of time so they are collected and ready to go when their exams start. Please look into rescheduling any appointments during exams. Making up exams can be stressful. Thanks!

Book Store Days

Ms. McIntyre and Ms. Howard made sure every student had a chance to stock up on vacation reading by inviting classes into the media center just before winter break. All kinds of interesting topics and favorite authors were enticingly displayed, and students checked out a ton of books!



**Thanks to
Ms. McIntyre
and Ms. Howard
for the photos!**



**Reading is fun, exciting,
informative and free-
the perfect hobby for a lifetime!**

SGA Shout Out!

Hello, students and parents. This is the SGA: **Diana Firstova**, your president; **Benton Anthony**, your vice president; **Nancy Morgan**, your secretary; and **Abigail Nalesnik**, your treasurer. Every week in the **Back Pocket** we will be writing tips on how to be successful in school. So, be on the look-out.

Here's a really COOL way to help others!

Montgomery County's two student government associations - the Montgomery County Region (MCR) and the Montgomery County Junior Councils (MCJC) - are inviting schools across MCPS to take part in the 15th Annual Special Olympic Maryland Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday, January 29th at Sandy Point State Park on the Chesapeake Bay.

All of the money raised by MCPS students will come back to the school system to support corollary sports teams that have been organized in partnership with Special Olympics in several MCPS high schools. For further information contact Mrs. Vega at 301-972-7979 or via email Krista_N_Vega@mcpsmd.org

– Your SGA

Safeway Introduces *10% Goes Back to Schools* Program in January 2011

- School bus tags will be displayed throughout the Safeway stores from January 1-25, 2011, and customers can use their Safeway Club card to buy participating items.
- When a customer purchases participating products with their club card, Safeway will donate 10% of their purchases to the local school of their choice.
- For non-eScrip families, on or after January 29, 2011, customers can go online to www.backtoschools.escrip.com, pick their local registered school, and use their receipt tape to redeem school rewards.
- Customers can bring their receipt tapes to their local school for the school to redeem after January 29, 2011.
- The last date to redeem rewards is February 28, 2011.
- For current eScrip members, the contributions are automatic.
- For questions or additional information, please contact Mr. Gregory A. Ten Eyck, director, Public Affairs, Safeway/Eastern Division, via e-mail at greg.teneyck@safeway.com or at 301-918-7077.

John Poole
Middle School

PTSA NEWS

Every Child
One Voice

A message from your PTSA president

Dear JPMS families:

It is never too late to join John Poole Middle School's PTSA. Please contact Lori Kocur for membership information or to register as a JPMS Parent Volunteer. It's as easy as that!

Show your kids how much you care and how important their school experience is to you – register to volunteer today!

*Sincerely,
Sharon Armstrong*

- Sharon Armstrong – President, awakejake1@aol.com
- Marilyn Soltis - Vice President, marilynsoltis@hotmail.com
- Suzanna Zapata – Secretary, Susana.m.zapata@lmco.com
- Sue Van Meter – Treasurer, Van17119@verizon.net

PTA Meeting

Please mark your calendars for our January PTA Cluster meeting on Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00 P.M. in the Media Center. Patricia Sullivan of Recovery Allies and the Gaithersburg Kolmac Clinic, will present a program on Youth Addiction. She is trying to bring attention to the growing drug problem among young adults in Montgomery County. Patricia has worked for over 25 years in the addiction field and co-vice chairs the Montgomery County Alcohol and other Drug Advisory Council. She has also testified on addiction issues in Annapolis. Please try to attend this informative meeting!

A huge thank you to Eileen Foy

for spending her precious time completing the school directory. It was sent home in the students backpack with the PTA membership cards attached. Thanks, Eileen!





Announcing —

8th Grade Ford's Theater/Lincoln's Cottage Field Trip

The 8th grade team is planning a field trip for Monday, February 28, 2011, to Ford's Theater and Lincoln's Cottage in Washington, DC. This trip is part of our unit on the Civil War. The purpose of the trip is for students to be able to explain Lincoln's contribution to the Civil War.

We will leave John Poole Middle School by 8:10 a.m. and return by 2:15 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$18.00. If a student has any financial concerns or problems please contact Mrs. Arnold or Mr. Whalen. Students will need to bring a bag lunch. Students participating must return their permission form with a check made out to John Poole Middle School to their American History teacher by January 21, 2011. If an eighth grade parent would like to go as a parent chaperone, please write a separate check for \$10.00 and indicate this on the permission form. Since we are only taking two buses, there is only a limited amount of parent chaperones. Forms and field trip expectations were distributed in American History classes on January 3, 2011, and are posted on Edline.

Homework Hotline

TV's Homework Hotline Live is back after being closed for winter break. Watch Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 o'clock when you need help with homework. You can find Homework Hotline Live on the Web at AskHHL.org and on the MCPS cable TV channel. Or just call the Hotline, at 301-279-3234; that's 301-279-3234, from 4 to 6 o'clock.



Parent Academy

On January 26 you are invited to a workshop "Understanding Your Child's Personality Type from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Germantown. A certified Myers-Briggs Type Indicator practitioner will help you improve your effectiveness as a parent by understanding your children's learning styles, ways of working with others, ability to build relationships and responses to discipline.

Registration: montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy.

An Interesting Presentation

Ashley Merryman, co-author of *NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children* will speak on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, 7:30-9:30PM at Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool Fellowship Hall. (4444 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204 - 703-892-3878.)

NurtureShock demonstrates that many of modern society's strategies for nurturing children are in fact backfiring—because key twists in the science of child development have been overlooked. The authors discuss the inverse power of praise, why insufficient sleep adversely affects kids' capacity to learn, why white parents don't talk about race, why kids lie, why evaluation methods for "giftedness" and accompanying programs don't work, and why siblings really fight. Nothing like a parenting manual, *NurtureShock* gets to the core of how we grow, learn and live.

There will be a fee of \$10.00, half of which will be donated to The Arlington Food Assistance Center. The paperback will be available for purchase at the event for \$14.99 + tax. Further information is available at aucpva.org.



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The information below is not about the JPMS Saturday School,
but it is still a wonderful program!



The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.

Saturday School

What is the Saturday School?

- Low cost tutoring and mentoring program for Montgomery County students
- Small group instruction from certified teachers
- Curriculum aligned with that of Montgomery County Public Schools
 - A focus on reading, language arts and math for Grades 1 through 8
 - Support for SAT, ACT and HS Assessments for Grades 9 through 12

Who Should Attend? Montgomery County students in Grades 1 through 12 who want additional academic support

When?

SATURDAY MORNINGS THROUGH MAY 7, 2011
8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
SEE CALENDAR ONLINE AT WWW.SATURDAY SCHOOL.ORG

How to Register?

Parents **must register in person** at the Saturday School Center that their child will attend. At the time of registration, parents **must bring**:

- \$50 registration fee per student. *(Make checks payable to GBTLA or The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.)*
- Their child's most recent report card

A payment plan is available. Parents should ask the Center Director at their Center for more information.

Parents may register their children any Saturday the Saturday School is in session through April 30, 2011.

Where?

12 LOCATIONS

BLAIR HS ❖
EINSTEIN HS ❖
GAITHERSBURG HS ❖
KENNEDY HS ❖
MAGRUDER HS ❖
NORTHWEST HS ❖
PAINT BRANCH HS ❖
ROCKVILLE HS
SHERWOOD HS
SPRINGBROOK HS ❖
WATKINS MILL HS ❖
WHEATON HS ❖

❖Breakfast provided.

Transportation provided at Blair, Kennedy and Wheaton High Schools.

Questions?

Call the Office of the Executive Director at 301-320-6545

Contributions gladly accepted. The GBTLA Saturday School is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.



WINTER 2011 Schedule of Workshops

Parent Academy workshops give parents the tips and tools to help their children be successful in school.

All workshops are **FREE** and held at schools and locations throughout Montgomery County.

Child care and interpretation services are provided.



A program of the Department of Family and Community Partnerships

Registration Form

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

What school(s) do your children attend? _____

Do you need an interpreter? If yes: Amharic Chinese French Korean
 Spanish Vietnamese

Do you need child care? (ages 3-12) If yes, number of children _____

We will do our best to honor all requests for interpretation and child care, based on availability.

Workshop Title: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____

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If you need sign language interpretation, please call 301-517-5539 (Voice/TTY).

For more information, visit
www.mcpsparentacademy.org

**Sign up
for one or more
workshops today!**

**There are 4 easy
ways to register ...**

ONLINE
Register at

www.mcpsparentacademy.org

BY PHONE
Call

301-517-5940

BY MAIL
Send to

Parent Academy
Department of Family and
Community Partnerships
850 Hungerford Drive, Room 50
Rockville, Maryland 20850

BY FAX
Send to
301-279-3815

The MCPS Parent Academy would not be possible without the support of our generous partners:

- ABC 7 WJLA-TV
- Drive2Survive
- Education For All
- Guide Youth Services
- Mental Health Association of Montgomery County
- Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union
- Montgomery College
- Montgomery County Federation of Families
for Children's Mental Health
- Montgomery County Police Department
- Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office
- Mount Calvary Baptist Church
- National Alliance on Mental Illness,
Montgomery County
- National Institutes of Health
- Peer2Peer Tutors
- Wheaton Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Work Life Coaching
- YMCA Youth and Family Services

The MCPS Department of Family and Community Partnerships also would like to thank all MCPS staff members who donate their time and expertise to lead Parent Academy workshops.

What people are saying about the Parent Academy ...

"Excellent program. Informative. Encouraging. Empowering!"
—Parent, Argyle MS student

"I'm so glad I had the opportunity to attend the workshop and bring my two kids with me. We left with so much to think about and discuss. I will definitely tell my friends to attend next time!"
—Parent, Martin Luther King, Jr. MS and Seneca Valley HS students

"These workshops motivate me to keep helping my child."
—Parent, Georgian Forest ES student

Understanding the MCPS Operating Budget in Tough Economic Times
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Come learn how MCPS has planned its operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Dr. Marshall Spang, MCPS budget director, will answer your questions about how much it costs to educate each MCPS student and what the funding outlook is for Fiscal Year 2012.

Silver Spring International HS, 313 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring 20910

Understanding the MCPS Operating Budget in Tough Economic Times
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See January 11.

Boost Your Child's Self-Esteem (Spanish)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Get tips on how to help your child feel great in school and personal life, and encourage positive decisions. In addition, learn how to take advantage of community resources that will help you help your child.

Gaithersburg MS, 2 Teachers Way, Gaithersburg 20877

Understanding the MCPS Operating Budget in Tough Economic Times
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See January 11.

Career Educational Services Center, Middlebrook
850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville 20850

Getting Kids Up and Out: Mastering the Daily Routine
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Stressed out by the time you have for work? Explore simple ways to add structure to your family's day to help with getting up and out, homework, chores, dinner, and bedtime. Presented by YMCA Youth and Family Services.

White Oak MS, 12201 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring 20904

Computer Smart 1
MONDAY, JANUARY 24 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning-level workshop. Facilitated by a MCPS technology teacher. Attend one session or all five.

Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Understanding Your Child's Personality Type
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Who is motivating your child? A certified Myers-Briggs Type Indicator practitioner will help you improve your effectiveness as a parent by understanding your child's natural learning styles, ways of working with others, ability to build relationships, and responses to discipline.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. MS, 13727 Mistaria Dr., Germantown 20874

Breaking the Bullying Cycle
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Learn how to recognize the signs and effects of bullying, along with tips and strategies to help your child. Presented by the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County.

Eastern MS, 300 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring 20901

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 1 of 4)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Learn about the special education process and how to advocate for your child. Topics include the Individualized Education Program (I.E.P.), resolving issues, community resources and support. Learn, network, and share tips with other parents.

This is the first of a series of four Parent E.A.S.E. workshops facilitated by the Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health.

Francis Scott Key MS, 910 Schindler Dr., Silver Spring 20903

Preparing Your Child for College (Spanish)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Get information from a Montgomery College admissions officer on how to help your child prepare for college, how to pay for higher education, and how to support your student as they work toward a diploma. Presented in Spanish.

Whelan HS, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring 20906

Anxiety in Children and Adolescents
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Do your children or adolescents suffer from anxiety? An NIH psychologist will take you through the biology behind both normal and excessive anxiety, and discuss interventions that can be used at home and in school.

Tilden MS, 11211 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville 20852

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 2 of 4)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 6:30-8:30 P.M.

See January 27.

Francis Scott Key MS, 910 Schindler Dr., Silver Spring 20903

Computer Smart 2
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See January 24.

Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Raising Responsible Children
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7 7:00-8:30 P.M.

How can you get your kids to cooperate with chores and take responsibility for homework? Discuss parenting skills such as setting limits, applying logical consequences, and practicing an allowance plan. Presented by YMCA Youth and Family Services. For parents of elementary school students.

Gesthaven ES, 1234 Gesthaven Dr., Silver Spring 20903

Understanding the Maryland School Assessment (MSA)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 7:00-8:30 P.M.

The MSA is a test of reading, math, and science achievement by all students in Grades 3-8. Learn how you can help your child prepare for this important test.

Julius Weil MS, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville 20850

Breaking the Bullying Cycle
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See January 27.

Rockview ES, 3901 Dandridge Ave., Kensington 20885

Conquista tus Sueños (part 1 of 3) (Spanish)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Parents play an important role in their children's education. Learn how to support your child's learning, speak up to help your child succeed, and access information and resources. Attendance at all three sessions (2/10, 2/17, and 2/24) is encouraged. Presented in Spanish.

Col. E. Brooke Lee MS, 11800 Montello Ave., Silver Spring 20902

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 3 of 4 Parent E.A.S.E. workshops)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 6:30-8:30 P.M.

See January 27.

Francis Scott Key MS, 910 Schindler Dr., Silver Spring 20903

Ask MCPS: Coffee and Conversation
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 8:00-11:00 A.M.

Drop by and talk with MCPS central office staff. Bring your questions, find out about programs and services in the school system, pick up resources, and take home tips on how to help your children succeed in school. Facilitated by Department of Family and Community Partnership.

Carey Educational Services Center, Room 50, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville 20850

Summer Opportunities Fair
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Explore summer opportunities for your children in kindergarten through Grade 12. Local and regional providers will be on hand to talk about summer camps, programs, and activities. Meet program staff, pick up applications, and get information on financial assistance.

Richard Montgomery HS, 250 Richard Montgomery Dr., Rockville 20852

Breaking the Bullying Cycle
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See January 27.

North Chevy Chase ES, 3700 Jones Bridge Rd., Chevy Chase 20815

Conquista tus Sueños (part 2 of 3) (Spanish)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See February 10. Presented in Spanish.

Col. E. Brooke Lee MS, 11800 Montello Ave., Silver Spring 20902

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (part 4 of 4 Parent E.A.S.E. workshops)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 6:30-8:30 P.M.

See January 27.

Francis Scott Key MS, 910 Schindler Dr., Silver Spring 20903

Drive Smarter: Teens Behind the Wheel
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Teen drivers can become distracted in the blink of an eye. Learn from DriveSmarter about advanced driver safety and techniques to avoid collisions. Instruction includes minimizing in-car distractions, becoming a family committed to safety, and overcoming bad judgment behind the wheel.

Montgomery Blair HS, 51 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring 20901

Let's Get Organized!
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Assignments, projects, textbooks, papers, activities, and more—a good organizational skills are important for learning. Help your child develop organizational skills that will increase academic success. Presented by Peer 2Peer Tutor.

Sigs MS, 140 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring 20902

Conquista tus Sueños (part 3 of 3) (Spanish)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See February 10. Presented in Spanish.

Col. E. Brooke Lee MS, 11800 Montello Ave., Silver Spring 20902

Computer Smart 3
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See January 24.

Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Can We Talk? Speaking Up for Your Children to Help Them Succeed (English and Spanish)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Developed for parents by the MCPS Parent Advisory Council, this workshop offers information on how to talk effectively with teachers and principals and advocate for your children. Separate workshops will be presented in English and Spanish.

Westview MS, 11700 Westview Church Rd., Germantown 20876

Keys to College and Workplace Readiness
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Learn about the keys to college readiness, a pathway that will help prepare students for college and the workplace. Beginning in kindergarten and continuing throughout the school years.

Redland MS, 6505 Munster Hill Rd., Rockville 20855

Computer Smart 4
MONDAY, MARCH 7 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See January 24.

Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Let's Get Organized!
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See February 23.

Rodville HS, 2100 Baltimore Rd., Rockville 20851

Computer Smart 5
MONDAY, MARCH 21 7:00-8:30 P.M.

See January 24.

Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

A Parent's Guide to Gangs
THURSDAY, MARCH 24 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Increase your awareness of gang activity in the community. Start from the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County will help you recognize signs of gang involvement, and learn what to do if a child is involved in a gang.

John F. Kennedy HS, 1901 Sandolph Rd., Silver Spring 20902

The Road to Independence
THURSDAY, MARCH 24 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Parents can prepare to raise dependable, responsible minors and teens. Learn specific strategies to emphasize that independence is earned through the demonstration of responsibility. Discussion will explore the importance of giving choices and setting limits in areas such as curfew, driving, chores, and money. Presented by YMCA Youth and Family Services.

Paint Branch HS, 14121 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville 20886

Building a Positive School Climate Through PBIS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Repeal. Responsibility. Integrity. These are the values emphasized by Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), a framework used throughout MCPS to build a positive school climate. Come and learn more about PBIS, what it looks like in action in school, and how it can be supported and used at home.

A. Mario Lederman MS, 12701 Goodhill Rd., Silver Spring 20906

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Friday, January 7, 2011
7:00pm-9:00pm

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Continuing the Legacy...How will YOU Serve?



Monday, January 17th



Service Projects & Volunteer Fair

Join thousands of volunteers in a day of service!



Free fun for all ages!

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel
& Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road
Bethesda, MD 20852
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Make bag lunches for
area shelters, learn
ways to get involved
with over 50 nonprofit
organizations, and
much more!

Earn SSL Hours!

Service Projects & More

Silver Spring Civic Building
1 Veterans Plaza
Silver Spring, MD 20910
12:30 – 3:00 pm

Additional Projects

- Stepping Stones Shelter (Rockville)
- A Wider Circle (Silver Spring)
- F.O.R.C.E. (Derwood)
- Manna Food Collections
(28 locations on Jan. 15th and 16th)

Find out more at MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/mlk
or call 240-777-2600

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



January 11	Geography Bee Finals (Afterschool)
January 11	PTA Meeting
January 12	Review Day – Exams
January 13-21	Exams
January 17	Holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 21	2 nd Marking Period Ends
January 24	Professional Day (No School for Students)
January 25	3 rd Marking Period Begins
January 25-31	MAP-R Testing
January 27	Science Expo (6:00 – 8:00)
January 27	Basketball – Boys vs. Kingsview at JPMS
	Basketball – Girls vs. Kingsview at Kingsview
January 31	Town Hall Meetings

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Boys Varsity Basketball

Tuesday, January 11	5:15 p.m.	Watkins Mill vs. PHS at Watkins Mill
Friday, January 14	5:15 p.m.	Seneca Valley vs. PHS at PHS
Friday, January 21	7:00 p.m.	Wheaton vs. PHS at Wheaton
Monday, January 24	7:00 p.m.	Clarksburg vs. PHS at PHS

Girls Varsity Basketball

Tuesday, January 11	7:00 p.m.	Watkins Mill vs. PHS at Watkins Mill
Friday, January 14	7:00 p.m.	Seneca Valley vs. PHS at PHS
Friday, January 21	7:00 p.m.	Wheaton vs. PHS at PHS
Monday, January 24	5:15 p.m.	Clarksburg vs. PHS at PHS



Boys Varsity Wrestling

Wednesday, January 12	6:00 p.m.	Watkins Mill vs. PHS at Watkins Mill
Saturday, January 22	2:30 p.m.	Churchill vs. Blair vs. PHS at Blair
Tuesday, January 25	6:00 p.m.	B-CC vs. PHS at PHS
Saturday, January 29	1:00 p.m.	Gaithersburg vs. Northwest vs. PHS at PHS
Saturday, February 5	1:00 p.m.	Blake vs. PHS at Blake



Call John Poole!

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Counseling 301-972-7980
Cafeteria 301-407-1037
Health Room 301-407-1029



And Ask for...

Principal - Mrs. Boucher	Assistant Principal - Ms. Lemon
Technology & Arts IRT & Grade 6 Team Leader	- Mr. Grotenhuis
English IRT	- Mrs. Lindsay
Social Studies IRT & Co-coordinator of Testing	- Mr. Whalen
Math IRT & Grade 7 Team Leader	- Mr. McKay
Science IRT & Grade 8 Team Leader	- Mrs. Callaghan
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Hardy

Our Vision:

The Timberwolf community experiences joy in learning, celebrates excellence, and values positive relationships.

Our Mission:

At John Poole Middle School, our mission is to:

- **promote joy in learning through motivation and engagement**
- **celebrate excellence by acknowledging achievement**
- **foster a shared responsibility for academic and social success**
- **value positive relationships, thereby promoting a respectful and supportive learning environment**



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