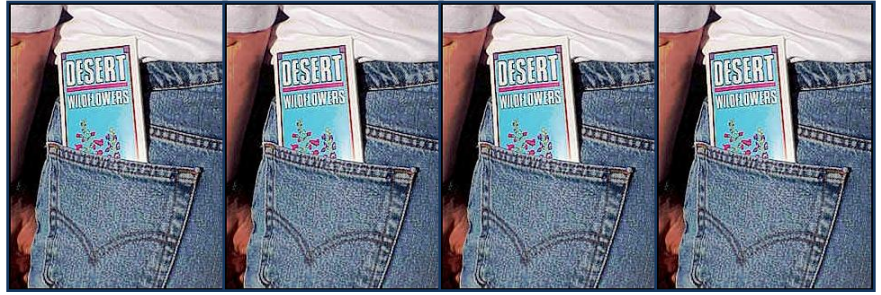


# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



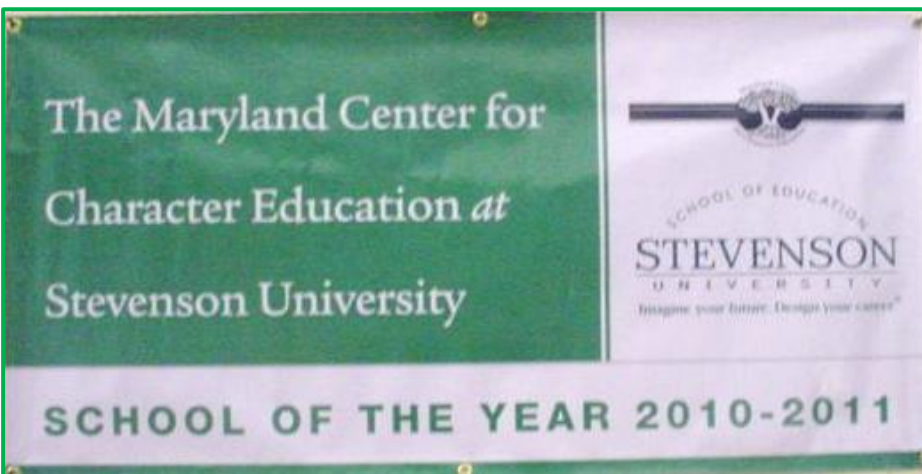
**October 7, 2011**

**A Thought for Today:  
Education is not received. It is achieved.**

**- Albert Einstein**

## **Our Pride Is Showing!**

This week Mrs. Arnold and I were delighted to go to Baltimore to receive our award as a Maryland State School of the Year for Character Education. I was very proud to hang the banner, pictured below, in our All Purpose Room. If you are able to join us for Open house on Monday, please take a peek.



John Poole was the only middle school in Montgomery County honored with this award, presented to schools across the state by the Center for Character Education at Stevenson University. We were recognized for the programs like PBIS, Blue Ribbon Week (which focuses on preventing bullying), Red Ribbon Week (which is dedicated to stopping drug and alcohol abuse), and the HERO Club.

We are always looking for ways to build a more civil community and to help our kids develop the skills needed to be successful human beings as well as excellent students – and now we are known throughout the state for our efforts!

## **Open House! Monday, October 10**

- **Drop in to see as many of your child's classes as you can.**
- **Come to Coffee With the Principal from 10:30 - 11:30 in the main office.**
- **Have lunch with your child in our cafeteria. (Please bring your lunch, because extra diners are really slow down the lunch lines. Thanks!)**

# 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 September 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 September Leaders of the Pack!



## 6TH GRADE

Purpose – **Kellie Dahlin**  
Respect – **John Sartschev**  
Integrity – **Hannah Bush**  
Dedication – **Ellen Beal**  
Effort – **Brady Pearre**

## 7TH GRADE

Purpose – **Tim McIntyre**  
Respect – **Ava Corral**  
Integrity – **Michael Wink**  
Dedication – **Emily Yin**  
Effort – **Stephanie Bateky**

## 8TH GRADE

Purpose – **Madison Carrillo**  
Respect – **Allison Nalesnik**  
Integrity – **Michael Yin**  
Dedication – **Jason Kuldell**  
Effort – **Sukalp Bhatija**

## 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!



**Sukalp Bhatija**  
**Kara Huff**  
**Susana Schmidt**

**Ricky Day**  
**Taneka Jackson**  
**Robert Siegreest**

**James Donovan**  
**Alessandra Molina**  
**Roger Yerger**

*Don't forget...*

*When you come to Open House on Monday, be sure to check in in the main office and pick up a visitor's badge!*

Grade 6 Students

# Outdoor Education is October 18, 19 and 20!

## Forms were due on September 30.

Contact Ms. Rice at 301-972-7979 or [Rebecca\\_rice@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Rebecca_rice@mcpsmd.org) for more information.

Please Note: All medication is due to the Health Room by October 14 along with accompanying medication forms, one per medication.

- ⇒ Parents may fill out the physician's section for over-the-counter medications, but doctors must complete the physician's section for any prescription medications.
- ⇒ Medications must be in original containers, and students may NOT bring medications to school to turn in—parents must bring medications to the Health Room during school hours.

For OTC meds, travel-size packs are recommended. Please call Ms. Sypes or Mrs. Salyers in the Health Room at 301-407-1029 or email Ms. Sypes at [Carrie\\_A\\_Sypes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Carrie_A_Sypes@mcpsmd.org) with any questions.



# October Is Bully Prevention Awareness Month

Governor O'Malley has been visiting schools to kick off October as Bully Prevention Awareness Month. We celebrated this as a cluster during our Blue Ribbon Week. We will continue to increase awareness and learn strategies for bully prevention throughout the year with the implementation of three special programs:

- **Blue Mondays** – One Monday each month will feature bully awareness and prevention lessons presented during first period and in an academic subject. Students are encouraged to wear blue and their Timberwolf PRIDE bracelets on Blue Mondays. Various spirit competitions will also be held. **The first Blue Monday is October 17!**
- **HERO Club** – This after-school club is for students who are interested in learning about and organizing bully prevention activities for our school. It is a cooperative program with Poolesville High school mentors and JPMS staff. Interested students should see their counselor. **The first meeting is Wednesday, October 19.** HERO Club will meet each Wednesday for the following eight weeks.
- **GUIDE Youth Services** – This social services organization will conduct two LEAD groups at JPMS to develop student leadership and self-advocacy. Students can be recommended for this program by their teachers. Parental support for a student's participation is required.

Let's work together to model civility, kindness and respect for everyone in our community all month long!

# Message to Students Regarding Upcoming Student Town Hall Meetings

Have a question you'd really like to ask the new MCPS superintendent, Dr. Joshua Starr? Now's your chance! Dr. Starr wants to hear from students about what's working well in MCPS and what the school system can do to improve. He'll be holding two town hall meetings with students—one at James Hubert Blake High School on October 12, and another at Quince Orchard High School on November 9. Go to [www.mcpsStudentTownHall.org](http://www.mcpsStudentTownHall.org) between now and November 9 to submit your questions or comments via email or Twitter, and Dr. Starr will choose some to answer at the town hall meetings.

## What is the Leo Club?



This service club's goal is to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.

### **Motto**

**L**eadership – Develop skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader.

**E**xperience – Learn how teamwork, cooperation and collaboration can bring exciting changes to your community and the world.

**O**pportunity – Make friends and feel the rewards of community service.

Please join us and contribute to our community! Email Mrs. Auel ([kari\\_r\\_auel@mcpsmd.org](mailto:kari_r_auel@mcpsmd.org)) if you would like to be added to the email list so that you can hear about our next meeting or service project.

### **Leo Club election results are in!**

The races were very close in all categories, mainly because we had such capable candidates!!

Your 2011-2012 Leo Club officers are:

**President--Grace Howard**

**Vice Presidents--Abigail Nalesnik and Carissa Caruso-DiPaolo (it was a tie!)**

**Secretary--Anelia Slavoff**

**Treasurer--Katie Kavanagh**

# Congratulations Everyone!



# YOU DID IT!! REC XTRA IS BACK!!

We always knew Poolesville parents were awesome!! Last year, because of budget cuts, we lost our RecXtra programs, but because you called and wrote letters or emails to our county council representatives, your voices were heard. We are so excited to be able to offer our students vibrant programs again this year!

Some of the activities scheduled for this year are Books and Boxing, Babysitting Club, Jewelry Making, Zumba Class, Scrapbooking, Photo Club and much more. Keep checking the *Back Pocket* for upcoming classes. It is our goal to provide activities to meet the desires of all students. If you have any suggestions for new programs, please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at [Winessa\\_R\\_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org).

**RecExtra needs your donations: Wrapping paper, beads and old jewelry, fabric and textbook supplies. Please drop all donations in the RecExtra box in the front office. Thank you!!**

## PHS Program Information Meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**DATE:** Thursday, October 13, 2011

**TIME:** 2:30-3:30 PM \*

**PLACE:** John Poole Middle School All Purpose Room

**PURPOSE:** To learn about the programs available at PHS

**Guest speakers:**

- Mrs. Billie Bradshaw, PHS Magnet Coordinator
- Selected PHS Magnet and ISP Students



### COME AND BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!

\*Students must arrange their own transportation home. The activity bus does not leave until 4:00 PM. If your child needs to ride the activity bus home, he or she must be in a supervised activity until 4:00. Make these plans in advance!

**PLEASE NOTE: Magnet applications were distributed to 8th Graders in Algebra and Geometry classes on Friday. They are also available at**

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolesvillehs/magnet/HSMagnetApplication%284%29.pdf>

# Getting NUTS for Clean Water!

During this October's annual Growing Native seed collection program, you can help to restore native forest and protect streams throughout the Potomac River region...one acorn at a time.

On October 8 from 9am-12pm, Montgomery County Public Schools' Outdoor Environmental Education Program will be organizing a seed collection at Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center. Students can even earn Student Service Learning Hours while helping the environment.

Come any time before noon, but be sure to schedule ample collection time!

R.S.V.P. with number attending to Zoe Unruh at [Zoe\\_Unruh@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Zoe_Unruh@mcpsmd.org).

## School Health Services Offer Seasonal FluMist Vaccine at School Clinics



School Health Services and MCPS will conduct free, nasal spray flu vaccine (FluMist) clinics at Einstein High School in Kensington and Seneca Valley High School in Germantown on **October 31<sup>st</sup> for school aged children** in Montgomery County.

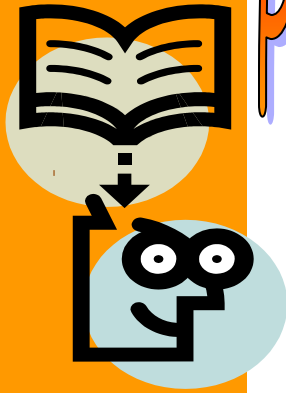
School Health Services will also conduct free, after-school nasal spray flu vaccine clinics in all MCPS elementary schools **for students enrolled at the school**. Those clinics will take place on November 10 and November 11, which are early release days for students.

Notification letters, consent forms, and Vaccine Information Statements will be provided to students in early October.

For more information about the upcoming clinics and the FluMist, visit the following websites:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/flu/>  
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu>

The injectable seasonal flu vaccine will be available, at no charge, at other DHHS flu clinics at various locations in the county, October through December. Visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu> or call 311 for county locations. Flu vaccine may also be available from your health care provider.



# Parent Information Nights!

Monday, October 10, 2011

Poolesville High School

Magnet Information Night at PHS

PHS Auditorium

5:00 pm A - M

7:00 pm N - Z

Tuesday, October 11 in the

JPMS Media Center

PTA meets with Mrs. Arnold

6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Arnold will share about



- Student Service Learning Hours

A MD graduation requirement



- Red Flags Information. A program for 8th grade about depression prevention.

Thursday, October 13 after school

2:30-3:30 in the APR

Students meet with Mrs. Bradshaw and PHS students about the four programs at PHS.

Parents are welcome.

**JOHN POOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

# Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser

*Proceeds from the sale will fund the cost of the Promethean Board needed  
for the Media Center. This benefits all students.*

*In addition, proceeds will fund Field Trips, Academic Awards, Cultural  
Events and much more!*

**Sale Extended thru Friday, October 7 – No Sales Tax Is Charged**

Questions: Please contact Marilyn Soltis @ [marilynsoltis@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynsoltis@hotmail.com) or  
Sharon Armstrong @ [awakejake1@aol.com](mailto:awakejake1@aol.com)

## Thank You For Your Support!

## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME and JOIN THE PTA



- Sharon Armstrong - President
- Marilyn Soltis - Vice President
- Dawn Albert - Vice President
- Dreama Hemingway - Secretary
- Sue Van Meter – Treasurer
- Lori Kocur – Membership & Volunteers
- Anne Donovan – Staff Appreciation

**Our next PTSA meeting is  
Tuesday, October 11 at  
6:30 PM in the Media Center.  
Mark your calendar now!**

**It is always worthwhile and never too late to join John Poole Middle School's PTSA.**

**Your membership entitles you to receive the 2011-2012 JPMS Student Directory at no charge!**

**Please contact Lori Kocur at [kocurs@verizon.net](mailto:kocurs@verizon.net) for membership information or to register as a JPMS Parent Volunteer. Once you are a registered volunteer, you will receive emails when opportunities to help out at school arise. 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!**

**Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:**

**[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/13\[11%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/13[11%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf)**

Enjoy neat vendors and fun activities at the  
Poolesville,



Join your neighbors and friends as you become involved in  
*WUMCO's Miniwalk for the Homeless*, Halloween  
costume contests for you and your dog, & spooky

activities such as:

Face & Pumpkin Painting,  
Scarecrow Stuffing,  
Ball, Bean, & Ring Toss,  
& MORE!

This fun-filled family event will be taking place on  
**OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 12NOON-4**  
**@ Whalen's Commons**

\* If you are interested in volunteering please email [PvilleFallFest@gmail.com](mailto:PvilleFallFest@gmail.com).

- Both Adult and Youth volunteers are needed

→ All students will receive **SSL hours** and members of the National Honors Society, **NHS hours**.

\*All proceeds go to WUMCO Help Inc.

# YAC Wants YOU!



**Join the County Executive's  
Youth Advisory Committee!**

**Earn Student Service Learning Credits!**

Montgomery County middle and high school students have fun while...

- Learning leadership skills
- Promoting healthy teen choices
- And planning teen events

**You CAN make a difference!**

For more information or for an application, please visit  
[montgomerycountymd.gov/rec](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/rec) or call 240-777-4980.



Youth Advisory Committee sponsored by:  
Montgomery County Department of Recreation  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families



**Applications Due: October 14, 2011**

**Montgomery College Workforce Development & Continuing Education Youth Programs  
is still accepting registrations for**

***KIDS COLLEGE***

Enrichment and advancement courses for students in grades 2 - 12

**These courses, held on the Rockville campus, cover a wide range of topics including:**

**Aggressive Learning for Middle School Students \* Financial Fitne\$\$ for Teens**

**Keyboarding for Computers \* Leadership Skills \* Music Preparatory Program**

**'Teen Fiction Writing (online) \* Mathematics Enrichment Program**

**And more...**

**Courses fill quickly, so register now!**

For brochures or registration forms, access our website at

<http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthpdf/kidscollege.pdf>

For additional information, contact *YOUTH PROGRAMS* office 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

**Asistencia en Español Disponible**

# Save the Date!



***Important events you won't want to miss!***

<b>October 10</b>	Open House – Columbus Day
<b>October 10</b>	Magnet Meeting at PHS in the Auditorium (5:00 – A-M and 7:00 – N-Z)
<b>October 11</b>	Softball – Girls play King Middle School at JPMS (2:50 p.m.) Softball – Boys play King Middle School at King (3:15 p.m.)
<b>October 11</b>	PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
<b>October 13</b>	Magnet Prep Meeting at JPMS (2:30-3:30 p.m.) in the APR
<b>October 15</b>	Saturday School
<b>October 18-20</b>	Outdoor Education at the Smith Center (6 <sup>th</sup> grade)
<b>October 20</b>	Softball – Boys play Kingsview Middle School at JPMS (2:50 p.m.) Softball – Girls play Kingsview Middle School at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)
<b>October 21</b>	MSTA Convention – No School for Students and Teachers
<b>October 26</b>	Softball – Boys play Ridgeview Middle School at JPMS (2:50 p.m.) Softball – Girls play Ridgeview Middle School at Ridgeview (3:15 p.m.)
<b>October 27</b>	Yearbook Portrait Make-ups
<b>October 28</b>	First Marking Periods Ends
<b>October 31</b>	Professional Day – No School for Students
<b>November 1</b>	Second Marking Period Begins
<b>November 10&amp;11</b>	Early Release Days (Students dismissed at 11:50 a.m.)
<b>November 10</b>	Report Card Distribution



# Announcing –

## Outdoor Education Reminder

If your child requires medication to be given while they are in Outdoor Education, the medication and the paperwork should be turned in to the school health room by **October 14**. Our health room is open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact our school health room at 301-407-1029.

## Yearbooks

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered through Jostens only. If you do not pre-order a yearbook, you are not guaranteed a yearbook. You can go to [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) today to pre-order your yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Aulls at [Kelly M Aulls@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kelly_M_Aulls@mcpsmd.org).

## Debate Club Is Back!

Based on the interest (and abilities!) of our budding JMPS Debate Club last year, we have entered into discussions with Capitol-Debate ([www.capitol-debate.com](http://www.capitol-debate.com)) about bringing a 10-week debate camp to JPMS this fall. The head of the organization – who is interested in helping JPMS field a team that could compete nationally, as other of their middle school teams have successfully done – is willing to bring a nationally-renowned debate coach in for this camp if we can get at least eight debaters.

While we are seeking grant support to defray expenses and scholarships will be available, parents should know that there will be a cost for the camp. More information can be obtained by e-mailing Barbara Davidson at [barbara.r.davidson@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.r.davidson@gmail.com) or calling her at 301-407-0004.

## Open Gym

The PBA started its **Open Gym Night** series, for current 4th-8th graders, on Tuesday, September 20, at JPMS. The "Girls Only" session runs from 6:00 to 7:00 PM and the mixed session (boys and girls) will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The cost is \$1.00 per participant. PBA coaches will be providing supervision. Players should bring their own drink and remember to keep it in the lobby. Parents of younger players are encouraged to stick around while your son/daughter is playing.

The Open Gym Night sessions will run every Tuesday straight through until the **PBA Winter League Tryouts**, which will be held during the week of **October 17-18 at JPMS**. For more information on youth basketball activities, go to the PBA's web site at [www.PBAhoops.com](http://www.PBAhoops.com). NOTE: This year's tryouts have a different format, so please check for your correct tryout date info.

## Homework Hotline Live is off to a fast start.

*Homework Hotline Live* is back. Call with your homework questions afternoons from 4 to 6 pm, and text from the Hotline website or your phone until 9 at night! Call 301-279-3234 or go to Ask H-H-L dot org.



## A Student Service Learning Award Opportunity!

Once again, Prudential is looking for young people across the country who have distinguished themselves through volunteer activities in their communities. All JPMS eighth grade students who have earned 100 SSL hours or more are eligible to apply for this award! The application period for the 17th year of The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards officially began last Friday and will conclude on November 1. To be considered, the applicant must complete an application online at [spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com) or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit), and then submit it to Mrs. Arnold. We are allowed to choose one representative from our school to submit as our Prudential Spirit to Serve nominee.

# Technical difficulties!

I apologize that some problems with graphics made it impossible to publish pictures of Blue Ribbon Week and some additional news. Please be patient until next week's issue. Thanks!

# PHS NEWS

*Go Falcons!*



### Boys Varsity Football

October 15	2:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Kennedy HS at Kennedy HS
October 21	6:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at Wheaton HS
October 28	6:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Catoctin HS at PHS
November 4	6:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS

## Fall Sports at PHS

### Girls Varsity Soccer

October 10	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
October 14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at PHS
October 17	5:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Albert Einstein HS at PHS
October 21	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS
October 25	5:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS

### Boys Varsity Soccer

October 10	5:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
October 14	5:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at PHS
October 17	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Albert Einstein HS at PHS
October 21	5:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS
October 25	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS

### Girls Varsity Field Hockey

October 11	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at PHS
October 13	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Walter Johnson HS at PHS
October 18	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. B-CC HS at B-CC HS
October 20	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at QO

# Call John Poole!

Main Office 301-972-7979  
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 Level Coordinator	- Mr. Grotenhuis
English IRT	- Mrs. Lindsay
Social Studies IRT	- Ms. Nachlas
Math IRT	- Mr. McKay
Science IRT	- Mrs. Callaghan
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Hardy

**JPMS**  
**Timberwolves**  
**live with**  
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## **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

