Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for April 8 - April 12, 2024.

As you know, a solar eclipse is expected on Monday, April 8th.   MCPS has shared with the community that schools will be operating on a regular schedule for the day. Safety reminders for families were sent in this week’s MCPS Thursday Things to Know.

Since the eclipse will take place during our dismissal, students and staff must avoid looking directly at the sun between 2:04 – 4:32 p.m.  Please speak with your children about this and we will remind students over the announcements at the end of the school day.  Students are more than welcome to bring their own ISO-approved sunglasses to view the eclipse.

There is NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, April 10.  This is a professional day for staff.

The end of the 3rd marking period is Tuesday, April 9.  Please finish the marking period strong and check your grades.  This week is the last opportunity to turn in missing assignments and make sure you are taking every opportunity for re-assessment.  You should be speaking with your teachers if you have any questions or concerns about an assignment.

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**Out-of-School Time (OST) on April 10**

OST opportunities are designed to provide students and families with engaging options for students on days when school is not in session. Visit the [Out-of-School-Time website](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fstudents%2Fout-of-school-time%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C6cc769a00cc64dd7e7c608dc54e39aa6%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638478583798290447%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uNg3gB%2FleKkKdRUH8i3AkDGRcpfDXNSpf8RuANxvtJ4%3D&reserved=0) to learn more about opportunities offered through the year.

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**Youth Climate Summit**

MCPS is hosting the annual [Youth Climate Summit](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2FYouthClimateSummit%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C0ff43d095d484a6a6b1208dc49d3f5dc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638466421907604407%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5IFDBZpDILFKBeIHgNPpwJzzVkzJqAZ%2B5WYPe%2F6A%2FG4%3D&reserved=0) on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. at Tilden Middle School. At the Youth Climate Summit, students will learn about climate change on a personal level through speakers and workshops that demonstrate actionable ways to engage in the climate movement. Centralized transportation will be available, and lunch will be provided. Students will earn student service- learning hours for their participation. All students must submit their registration by Tuesday, April 2nd.

Mentors can be community volunteers interested in the environment and the ability to organize and inspire. Community volunteers interested in participating as mentors are required to complete the training requirements for a one-time volunteer on the [MCPS website](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fdepartments%2Fstudent-leadership%2Fvolunteer&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C0ff43d095d484a6a6b1208dc49d3f5dc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638466421907624096%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rqq3GOK20aPvkCcfW1s6fiR5d4eCjElLQw4wNPswrUg%3D&reserved=0).  Parents should complete the [Parent Volunteer Interest Form](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2F14AB-ooG2NDrKZQzREDO7Mn4ORzpCd1045A_FAG0F7nE%2Fprefill&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C0ff43d095d484a6a6b1208dc49d3f5dc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638466421907636868%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8UxAQ%2FgnsXNbzZaOgq8pOhMRQiCa66heku7ugqje9Jo%3D&reserved=0). Students should compete the [Student Registration Form](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2F14AB-ooG2NDrKZQzREDO7Mn4ORzpCd1045A_FAG0F7nE%2Fprefill&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C0ff43d095d484a6a6b1208dc49d3f5dc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638466421907649780%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=f7D3s1isdgdDX%2BYMWBWka4i8wz8rqEHpu1qzr2ED1M0%3D&reserved=0).

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Game Changers Conference

Unity Christian Fellowship, Inc. will host its semiannual Game Changer's conference on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at The Universities at Shady Grove. The conference theme is "The World is Shifting Forward! Focus Forward and Compete." The goal is to allow students to succeed as a game changer. The target audience is Black or African American and Hispanic/Latino males in Grades 4–12. There will be separate sessions for elementary, middle, and high school students. In addition, parent workshops will be held every half hour (beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending with the last session at 1:30 p.m.). Sample topics include: Navigating Montgomery County Public Schools, Financial Planning, The Service Academies, etc. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Although there is no charge for registration, all participants are asked to register in advance [here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fform.jotform.com%2F240265349327155&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C27b256c6c3f64636591908dc57524c6e%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638481258190521871%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pEAdgm2%2Fk%2BEonS9kWpwhxSKq7qahLbWopOiTXsoTks4%3D&reserved=0).

There will be an essay writing competition for students to improve their writing skills and better prepare them for school and college essay writing. Students are encouraged to write and submit a 300-word essay based on the theme, "The World is Shifting Forward! Focus Forward and Compete." Regional transportation will be provided.

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**JPMS PTSA News**Parent vs. Staff Kickball is BACK.  Mark your calendars for May 8th @ 6:00pm.  Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.  However, if you would like to help plan the event, please reach out to Michelle Bender at [bender\_michelle@hotmail.com](mailto:bender_michelle@hotmail.com).

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RecXtra News

**Attention Timberwolves, it's never too late to sign up for RecXtra Clubs.  All RecXtra Clubs are free to join!**

These activities are open to all students. In addition, activity buses are provided at 4:15 p.m. to take members home.  To find more information about RecXtra Clubs, as well as, all after school offerings at John Poole, please visit our after school activities page on the school website. [Click Here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fschools%2Fpoolems%2Fclubs%2Factivities%2F&data=05%7C02%7CAlison_M_D%27Aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C401dff0d16a446aaffde08dc2e220775%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638435970896639459%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UNqp08jqfB%2FlbRWcr2gYGgEEPwWf971uCUsqQQAKazM%3D&reserved=0)

**RecXtra Tennis Club**

Tennis Club is back!  Whether you are a tennis veteran or someone new to the sport, the RecXtra Tennis Club is for you.  The tennis club will meet on Tuesdays after school from 2:45-4:15. Tennis racquets and balls are provided, and an end of the club party is included.  Sign up forms can be found in the main office or see Mr. Mattingly in room 310.  Tennis Club starts April 9th.

**RecXtra Gaming Club**

Students have the opportunity to explore and play games with their friends.  Make this your club with various creative opportunities including strategy games, retro games, and more.

**RecXtra Leos Club**

Join Mrs. Crutchfield for LEOS Club to plan and implement service projects to support the Poolesville community.

**RecXtra Chill Zone**

Join the Chill Zone to relieve stress and find your center.  Play games, hang out with friends and learn strategies to take stress out of your life.

**NEW** **RecXtra Chess Club**

Join Ms. Rice for our new RecXtra Chess Club.  The Chess club will meet every Wednesday.  Learn different strategies, compete against your friends, and take part in tournaments.

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**Intramurals:**

Intramural activities are open to ALL Timberwolves and are held right after school until 4:15 pm. Permission slips are located in the girls and boys locker rooms.

**Intramural Archery with Ms. Gerrie**

If you turned in your permission slip don't forget that we have our first practice on Tuesday, April 2 from 2:50-4:15.

**Table Tennis with Ms. Gibbs**

Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7

All skill levels are welcome.

All equipment is provided by JPMS

**Basketball with Mr. Hartley**

Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, Apr. 24, May 1 & 15

All skills levels are welcome

Questions: Reach out to our Intramural Coordinator @ [Kimberly\_S\_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly_S_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org)

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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%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C27b256c6c3f64636591908dc57524c6e%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638481258190530684%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NnFW5ojx%2B%2BzrseQLfbkxorcUUbEOhKGak%2Bh2EulTaUI%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%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C27b256c6c3f64636591908dc57524c6e%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638481258190535290%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Nwfd%2Bw76BUDwCi%2F%2BqMkwIdU3p1J3Ifma6C%2FhvAGeSto%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:

Wednesday, April 10 - NO SCHOOL for students.  Professional Day for staff

Thursday, April 11 - Soccer vs. Ridgeview MS.  Boys are home, girls are away

Monday, April 15 - MCAP ELA Testing begins

Wednesday, April 17 - Soccer vs. Kingsview MS.  Boys are away, girls are home

Thursday, April 18 - Report Cards distribution

Monday, April 22 - Asynchronous Learning Day for students, Teacher Professional day.

Thursday, April 25 - Soccer vs. Roberto Clemente MS.  Boys are home, girls are away

Tuesday, April 30 - 8th Grade Class Panoramic Portrait

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green