Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for February 19 - February 23, 2024.

I hope everyone is enjoying the long weekend.  Thank you to all of the friends and family members who came out to drama production these past two Friday nights.  The show was outstanding and the students did a wonderful job.  Congratulations to everyone who was involved with the production.

As a reminder, there is NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 19.  Schools and offices are closed.

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**MCPS Parent & Caregiver Climate Survey**

MCPS is inviting all parents and caregivers to share their experiences concerning and thoughts on academics, communication, and more.  The information and feedback you provide by completing [**this survey**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fparentsurvey.mcpsmd.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C6d795deab15b4bdac70e08dc2fe95e98%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638437926574695893%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uhSmf2jBBaOtQYvevehj9uHxiAjGdvyyDxMX38UjRh0%3D&reserved=0) will help MCPS improve the ways your child(ren) is/are taught, the culture and climate of schools, and the relationship MCPS has with families.  MCPS thanks you in advance for taking some time to complete the survey linked above by Friday, March 8.

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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 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** starts this week, 2/21

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.

**Table Tennis is 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 is 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

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All students will soon be taking the Maryland State (MSDE) Survey and Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics.  Students in the 8th grade will also be taking the Science and Social Studies MCAP.  The MSDE survey is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2024, during TAP classes.  Please click on this link [http://marylandpublicschools.org/marylandschoolsurvey](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmarylandpublicschools.org%2Fmarylandschoolsurvey&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C38a1833aa94043985d4f08dc30d99f32%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638438958442460497%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FmuPjWCzj%2B4xdqWRqv%2BEB4pSu%2BgGtollvASprw8rvFA%3D&reserved=0) for details.

MCAP assessments of Maryland College and Career Ready Standards (MCCRS) will build a pathway to college and career readiness by the end of high school, mark students’ progress toward this goal from grade 3 through high school, and provide teachers with timely information to inform instruction and provide student support (<https://support.mdassessments.com/>).

All students will take the ELA/Literacy MCAP the week of April 15, 2024, and the Mathematics MCAP on May 1 and 8, 2024.  Students in the 8th grade will take the Science MCAP in their Science classes the week of March 12, 2024, and the Social Studies MCAP in their Social Studies classes the week of May 13, 2024.   Please email Jacqueline\_L\_Orrence@mcpsms.org with any questions.

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Poolesville High School Drama Production

The Poolesville High School Midnight Players announces **FEEDER SCHOOL AUDITIONS** for The Sound of Music (open to students in grades K-8) on Tuesday, February 20 at 6pm at Poolesville High School Media Center (17501 W Willard Rd). Students will be asked to sing one verse of "Do Re Mi," a backing track and guide vocal is provided for practice on the signup link. The performances will be held 4/25-4/27 at John Poole Middle School. Rehearsals will be held on select Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 4pm-6pm starting 2/27 at the high school. A parent or guardian must remain present with the student at all times during auditions and rehearsals.

We will be auditioning feeder school students in the following roles:

Friedrich Von Trapp

Louisa Von Trapp

Brighita Von Trapp

Kurt Von Trapp

Marta Von Trapp

Gretyl Von Trapp

Sign up to audition at this link:

[https://forms.gle/qygy1LxjrB52sgrX8](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2Fqygy1LxjrB52sgrX8&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C047cf4590c9e4fa321ad08dc29818a3f%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638430883550992285%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DsSPD8KFth%2FAXUK9%2Ba8WtkzpoFjiSwj6GxiDotaSKiA%3D&reserved=0)

Contact director Mr. Andrew Baughman with any questions (Andrew\_L\_Baughman@mcpsmd.org).

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Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:

Monday, February 19 - NO SCHOOL.  Schools and Offices are closed

Thursday, February 22 - Basketball vs. Neelsville MS.  Girls are home, Boys are at Neelsville MS

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!  Mr. Green