Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for March 11 - March 15, 2024.

We are officially halfway through the 3rd marking period.  With spring break 2 weeks away, it is a great time to check your grades and make sure you are taking every opportunity for re-assessment.  Interims are available in ParentVUE/StudentVUE on Monday, March 12.

All 8th grade students will be taking the Science 8 MISA exam this week (Tuesday through Friday) in class.  The [bell schedule](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1VzyvI77ZCqSy0kUrjx8kDQEuXcWEzho1EYZAflY63OE%2Fedit&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C382ff9eb3c4f45e02c3308dc4152232f%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638457068262724346%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3c%2FvzT7%2FESYweX0QUWf65tJKriP4y0o6PzUYUFZM3%2FE%3D&reserved=0) will be slightly adjusted to allow time for this important state test.

Wednesday, March 20 is spring picture day.  More information will be shared as we get closer to the day.

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**JPMS PTSA General Member Meeting #4**Join us Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the JPMS Media Center or via [zoom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FJPMSPTSAMemberMtgZoom2324&data=05%7C02%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7C499652b0f9d14e5acb5208dc395be7ff%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C1%7C638448314100660949%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zKcb8O8n4GVBl6LsNZZqjLriYk5uCwKu3wnIBvQu%2BzA%3D&reserved=0) for our 4th General Member Meeting of the year. Agendas will be sent via email to members ahead of the meeting. All Timberwolves and parents are invited to join. Students who participate may earn one SSL hour.

Interested in serving on the PTSA’s Nominating Committee or in another way? E-mail us: jpmsptsa.678@gmail.com.

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**March MATHness**

Attention Timberwolves! JPMS is participating in March MATHness against other MCPS middle schools. The goal is for students to reach proficiency in 1-2 IXL skills each week with a SmartScore of 80. Please join us in encouraging your student(s) to get on IXL and help their class win the competition! The contest will continue through spring break and end on Friday, March 29.

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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**

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:

Are you interested in learning more about archery?  Archery will be held on Tuesdays, starting April 2. Space is limited so pick up your permission slip from your health teacher or from the locker room.  Permission slips must be turned in by Thursday, March 14. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Gerrie.

**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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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%7C382ff9eb3c4f45e02c3308dc4152232f%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638457068262737215%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6d5tnUOiO1opLEit064vVEb2wO6H2FZZs48ZqD0X1rY%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%7C382ff9eb3c4f45e02c3308dc4152232f%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638457068262746805%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FJIeglkd7iKYTggYUPjgEZ7OTnCDjirmwwkhFyZy5GI%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, March 11 - Interims will be available in StudentVUE/ParentVUE

Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15 - 8th Grade Science MISA Testing

Wednesday, March 20 - Spring Student Picture Day

Thursday, March 21 - Book Wars

Monday, March 25 - Monday, April 1 - SPRING BREAK.  Schools and offices are closed.

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green