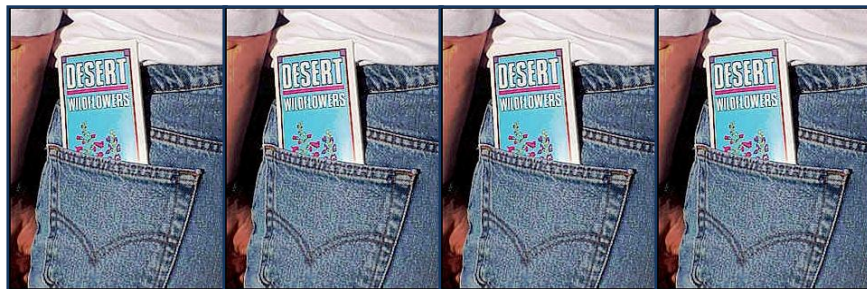


# John Poole's BACK POCKET



January 4, 2013

## A Thought for Today:

**“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”**

- Carl Bard

## Happy New Year!

I hope you and your family enjoyed a happy, healthy winter break. Somehow it seems no vacation is ever long enough, but this little three day week has seemed like an easy way to slip back into harness, and our kids have been their usual smiling, cheerful selves. All in all, it's good to get back to school.

There's another three day week coming up in January. Exams fill the week of January 14 – 18. Then there's a Monday holiday on the 21<sup>st</sup> and a professional day for report card preparation on the 22<sup>nd</sup>; that week, students only come to school Wednesday through Friday again.

We talked about exams with kids during TAP this week, so they should all come home knowing what to expect. Remember, high school students take two exams in the morning and then are released for the afternoon, but middle

school students stay for the full day. Because class time is extended for exams, some classes do not meet each day. The table above summarizes which exams are held on which days and which other classes will meet. There will be more information in next week's *Back Pocket*.

<b>Semester 1 Exams</b>	<b>Mon. 1/14</b>	<b>Tues. 1/15</b>	<b>Wed. 1/16</b>	<b>Thurs. 1/17</b>	<b>Fri. 1/18</b>
<b>AM Exam</b>	<b>Per. 2</b>	<b>Per. 1</b>	<b>Per. 4</b>	<b>Per. 3</b>	<b>Make-ups</b>
<b>PM Exam</b>	<b>Per. 7</b>	<b>Per. 5</b>	<b>Per. 6</b>	<b>Make-ups</b>	<b>Regular</b>
<b>Other classes</b>	<b>1, 5</b>	<b>4, 6</b>	<b>3, 5</b>	<b>1,2,5,4,6,7</b>	<b>Schedule</b>

Here in this season of resolutions, I'd like to encourage everyone to help our kids read more. If your child is already a reader, you know he or she benefits in many ways. Young people who love to read tend to do better in school, have bigger vocabularies, write more clearly, have a greater awareness of the world around them, and think through complex situations from multiple perspectives. More importantly for me, they have a life-long habit that costs little or nothing to maintain and will enrich their worlds forever.

If you have a child who claims to hate reading, generally that means one of two things. Either your child feels like he or she is a bad reader, or there isn't enough of the right reading material around to stimulate his or her interest. By this age, giving your kid a book you loved at 13 and telling him or her to read probably won't help. The best way to make reading attractive to a middle school student is to make it a social event. Read together, and start with all the glamor you can find: pictures, sports or music stars, hot vehicles – whatever your kid likes on TV or in the movies is also available in print. If you spend a few minutes thumbing through a motocross or teen fashion magazine together, you and your child will be sharing more than just time. Your interest and approval are the keys to encouraging a love of reading. Try it; it works! – Charlotte Boucher

# 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!



**Christian Andrade**

**James Kavanagh**

**Olivia Romano**

**Nicole Duran**

**Timothy McIntyre**

**Catherine Savage**

**Michael Fetchko**

**Marie Quaranta**

**Timothy Wade**

## STAYING SAFE: *A Key to Your Student's Success*

*You want to protect your child from everything. But you can't always be there to ensure safety. What you can do is prepare your child to cope in an emergency by teaching the basics of safety.*



Children are safer in school than in any other place except their homes. Today, schools are taking extra measures to make sure children are safe. And children who feel secure and safe are ready to focus on school and learning.

You can do your part by teaching your child some common-sense safety rules. Being ready to handle an emergency will give your child self-confidence.

Review family emergency procedures with your child. Make sure she knows how and when to use 911.

Discuss the safety procedures published by your school. Emphasize the importance of following directions in the event of a school emergency.

If you have questions, be sure to talk to a teacher or the school principal.

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## Here's How You Can Help Keep Your Child Safe



- Make sure your child knows important personal information, such as his name, address and phone number.
- Help your child learn the phone number or numbers where you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Make sure your child knows and feels comfortable with a neighbor who is an emergency contact.
- Expect your child to walk and play with a friend—never alone.
- Know your child's friends and keep a list of their phone numbers.
- Tell your child never to talk to or accept help from strangers.
- Go over the safest routes to and from school, stores, and friends' houses with your child.
- Tell your child to tell a teacher if something is frightening at school.

*The best child safety efforts involve parents and schools working together.*

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Detailed information about MCPS safety and security procedures is available online at  
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/preparedness/>

# Mountain Magic

Here is a sampling of what our wonderful sixth graders wrote in Ms. Rice's English class to describe the picture below. Please take a moment to savor those amazing adjectives and descriptive phrases.

## Josephine Mallow

The water is shiny and blue like a blue gem. The mountain is white like the snow that falls in the frozen winter. The sky complements everyone with its baby blue color.

## Julia Pavlick

The mountain peaks over the hills. The calm lake shimmers in the sunlight.

## Ali Ransom

The mountain is capped with chilled snowy piles. It is a very cold winter.

## Aidan McKew

The mountain is rising up off the ground. The mountain's colors pop against the forest trees.

## Jimmy Kavanagh

The mountain peak is a colossus. It stands miles above the land, proud, mature, the great power of the forest.

## Bubby Jones

The mountain rises above the frigid waters. The waters lie still and undisturbed.

## Abby Carr

The snow looks like it's about to fall into the water. The trees are just waiting to be covered with the snow.

## Foster Holmquist

The mountain is blanketed in snow. The water slowly simmers, uncertain of where it will go.

## Jessica Carey

The mountain is white as snow, looking over the shiny, silk-like water as the waves roll against the shore.

## Nick Cayzedo

The snow-covered mountain towers over the thick, green valley while the big, blue sky watches everything under it. The still water is at the bottom of the valley, but it is still very watchful.

## Danny Geehreng

The mountain, tall and majestic, watches the world. Cold snow blankets the mountain.

## John Foster

The tall, scary, and strict mountain was standing, watching over all it was greater than. The lake sat sadly in the shadows of the great, god-like mountain.

## Maureen Hueting

The mountain sleeps silently under its cold blanket of snow. The sun glistens on top of the calm lake.

## Grace Bodmer

The snow settles gently on top of the mountain. The mountain's reflection glistens across the water.

## Mackenzie Kovach

The snow lies on the mountain top. The water shimmers in the sunlight



Thanks, Ms. Rice, for sharing your students' creativity!



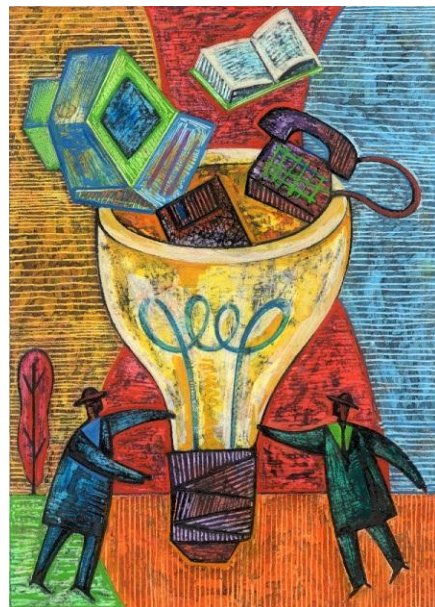
# PBIS Recycling Fundraiser

PBIS is conducting our recycling fundraiser again this year. Thank you for making last year's drive a great success!

This fundraiser helps us raise money for our Positive Behavior Program and protects the environment through the donations of your used consumer electronics. Your used items are recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. One hundred percent of the proceeds help fund PBIS.

We are collecting the following items:

Cell Phones	Laptop Computers	GPS Devices
Inkjet Cartridges	E-Book Readers	MP3 Players
Radar Detectors	Handheld Game Systems	
Digital Cameras	Digital Video Cameras	



Please drop off any of the above items you would like to recycle.

There is a bin for cell phones, inkjet cartridges, and other small electronics in the school's foyer. Larger items can be dropped off in the office. We greatly appreciate your support!

## Martin Luther King Day Is a Day of Service

Here are two ways to earn SSL hours on January 21 when schools are closed for the MLK holiday.

1. Come to the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda from 9:00 – 11:00 AM to help with a variety of service projects: create cards for troops, prepare bag lunches with Whole Foods for area shelters, make no-sew fleece blankets for Montgomery Hospice, assemble Snow Day boxes for Meals on Wheels, and many more. Also visit the Volunteer Fair where representatives from nonprofit organizations will share information about year round volunteer opportunities. [Click here to sign up.](#) Adult volunteers are needed from 7:30 to 11:30 AM to help at registration, project tables, answering participants' questions, and with set up and tear down. Volunteer orientation is provided the week before the event. Minimum age: 16. [Click here to sign up.](#)
2. Youth Activities of Seventh-Day Adventist will host a variety of service activities at the Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. There will be projects for individuals, families, and groups. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Donations of non-perishable food for Manna Food Center may be brought to both locations.

With the Presidential Inauguration celebration on MLK Day this year, there is a focus on projects on Saturday and Sunday as well. **Check out other ways to get involved in this Weekend of Service!**

- [Manna Food Drive](#) - Help collect food for the "Help the Hungry Food Drive" on **January 19 & 20** at area Giant Food stores.
- [Potomac Conservancy Clean Up](#) - Beautify points along the C&O Canal - **Saturday, January 19th.**
- [Heyman Interages Center](#) - Attend a Volunteer Open House - **Monday, January 21st.**
- [Unite America in Service Event](#) - Pack care kits for service members & first responders at the DC Armory - **Saturday, January 19th.**
- [Click here](#) to see other projects happening around the DC metro area on the Points of Light website.

For more information visit this website: [www.montgomeryserves.org/mlk-day-service-2013](http://www.montgomeryserves.org/mlk-day-service-2013)

# Your PTSA –

*“Every child, one voice”*

- Jennifer Kasten - President
- Dawn Albert - Vice President
- Dreama Hemingway - Secretary
- Wendy Roldan – Treasurer
- Lori Kocur – Membership & Volunteers
- Anne Donovan & Jackie Gaddis – Staff Appreciation



## Spotlight on... Math Curriculum Changes

MCCPTA is hosting a math forum  
January 30 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM  
850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville

## Volunteer Your Time and Join the PTSA!

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!

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/4.%20PTSA%20Membership%20Form.pdf>



### THE RISKS

#### ▪ CYBERBULLYING

With the constant connectivity of smartphones, your child may be more susceptible to cyberbullying or have more opportunities to cyberbully others.

#### ▪ GEOLOCATION

A GPS-enabled smartphone can reveal your child's location through online posts and uploaded photos.

#### ▪ INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With smartphones, your child has mobile access to content you may consider inappropriate, such as pornography or violent videos.

#### ▪ SEXTING

Your child may use the Internet and social apps to send, receive, or forward revealing photos.

#### ▪ VIRUSES & MALWARE

Just like a computer, a smartphone is vulnerable to security attacks if your child accesses unsecured websites and apps.

### 5WAYS TO BE SMARTER THAN THE SMARTPHONE!

#### 1. Be a parent and a resource.

Establish clear guidelines, including time limits and consequences for inappropriate behavior, but be open so your child will come to you with any problems.

#### 2. Set up password protection.

This will keep everyone but you and your child from accessing personal information stored on the phone.

#### 3. Update the operating system.

New versions often contain important security fixes.

#### 4. Approve apps before they are downloaded.

Make sure you understand their capabilities and approve their content.

#### 5. Understand location services.

GPS features are useful when using maps, but you'll want to disable location-tagging when your child posts anything online.

For more resources visit [NetSmartz.org/TipSheets](http://NetSmartz.org/TipSheets)

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**NetSmartz Workshop**  
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Welcome back JPMS students and parents!

It is our goal to provide activities to meet the desires of all students. If you have any suggestions for programs or interests, please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at [Winessa R Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org).

Some of the programs offered this year are Books and Boxing, Babysitting Club, Jewelry Making, Zumba Class, Scrapbooking, Game Room, Book Club and much more. Keep checking the *Back Pocket* for upcoming classes.

**Math Club** – Wednesdays after school in room 300

**Homework Club** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school in the Media Center

**Zumba Club** – Tuesdays afterschool in Room 108



## 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).

## Edline Help Guide

An online Edline help manual is now available at the JPMS website. Click on the "Parents" tab to find the Edline Student/Parent Quick-Start Guide, or locate it in the Quick Links column on our home page.

## What's the BIG Idea?

"What's the BIG Idea?" is a new, 30-minute monthly podcast hosted by Superintendent Joshua Starr and Chris Lloyd, an MCPS teacher and vice president of the Montgomery County Education Association. The podcast features in-depth conversations about the complexity, challenges, and opportunities facing public education today. On the second episode of "What's the BIG Idea?" the hosts are joined by Dr. Andrés Alonso, CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools. Visit "What's the BIG Idea?" Podcast at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/superintendent/podcast/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/superintendent/podcast/) to listen to the episode or subscribe to the podcast via iTunes. You also can follow @wtbipodcast on Twitter to get updates about upcoming episodes.

## Public Hearings on Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

Superintendent Starr submitted his recommended operating budget for FY 2014 to the Board of Education on Dec. 11. [Visit the MCPS Budget Website](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/) at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/> to watch a short video in which Dr. Starr gives an overview of his budget proposal. And don't miss the chance to share your ideas and views on the proposed budget at two upcoming public hearings: The first is Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.; the second is Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. Both hearings will be held in the auditorium of the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. [Sign up](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/participation.aspx) in advance at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/participation.aspx> to speak at one of the hearings.



## Audiencias Públicas acerca del Presupuesto Operativo Propuesto para el Año Fiscal 2014

El Superintendente Joshua Starr presentó su recomendación para el presupuesto operativo para el año fiscal 2014 ante el Board of Education el 11 de diciembre. Para mirar un corto video en el cual el Dr. Starr da una visión general de su propuesta, visite el sitio de internet de MCPS para el presupuesto en <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/>. No te pierdas la oportunidad de compartir tus idea y opiniones en relación a esta propuesta asistiendo a las próximas dos audiencias públicas: La primera. El jueves 10 de enero a las 7 p.m.; y la segunda, el jueves 17 de enero a las 7 p.m. Ambas audiencias serán celebradas en el auditorio de Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. Para ser escuchado en alguna de las audiencias, regístrate por adelantado en <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/community/participation.aspx>.

## Superintendent's Book Club Event Set for January 8

You are invited to participate in Superintendent Joshua Starr's first Book Club event of the school year on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7 p.m., in the auditorium at Carver Educational Services Center. Dr. Starr has selected Paul Tough's *How Children Succeed* as the book for discussion. You can join in on the conversation as members of the studio audience or via Twitter and email. If you would like to join Dr. Starr as a member of the studio audience, please RSVP to [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org). Visit the Superintendent's Book Club web page at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/bookclub.aspx> for more information.



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### SATURDAY FEB. 9, 2013

**S.T.E.A.M.** SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, AND MATH

Futuremakers programs consist of experiential learning activities where you take on the roles, personalities, expectations, and experiences of engineers, designers, and fabricators. Discover the challenges of invention! Turn problems and mistakes into creative challenges, and learn the skills to work through them with practice, collaboration, *and serious play*.

Instructors are from the Montgomery College faculty and staff, Montgomery County Public Schools, and the Montgomery County community. Builders of the Future accepts students on a first-come, first-served basis.

The cost for this one-day program is \$80. Although students are escorted between classes, staff members are available to assist students in locating their assigned classrooms. Parents are cordially invited to accompany their children to Futuremakers at no additional charge. While students are sharing this exciting educational experience, a special optional workshop for parents will be held from 9:15–11:15 a.m. (see page 3). Separate registration is required for parent workshop.

Montgomery College and the Montgomery County Public Schools are cooperatively presenting this enrichment opportunity for interested and able students to explore topics outside the school curriculum.

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## SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 9, 2013  
8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
Montgomery College  
Germantown Campus  
20200 Observation Drive  
Germantown, MD 20876

Report to: Globe Hall in the High Technology and Science Center to check in.

8:30–8:45 a.m.	Check In
8:45–8:55 a.m.	Welcome/Opening Remarks
9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Morning Session
9:15–11:15 a.m.	Parent Session (Optional)
12–12:30 p.m.	Lunch (Brown Bag)
12:30–3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Session

# Save the Date!

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



January 9	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picture
January 9	Geography Bee Finals (afterschool)
January 10 & 11	Semester Exam Review Day
January 14-18	Semester Exams
January 18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends
January 21	Holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)
January 22	Professional Day for Teachers (No School for Students)
January 25	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Newseum Field Trip
January 28	Blue Ribbon Day (Wear Blue)
January 31	Report Card Distribution
January 31	Science Expo (5:30 p.m.)

Activity buses are provided Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, except on early dismissal days or the day before a holiday. Buses leave JPMS at 4:00 p.m.

## Basketball Schedule

(practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays)



*January 10	Girls play Baker at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
*January 10	Boys play Baker at Baker (3:00 p.m.)
January 24	Boys play King at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
January 24	Girls play King at King (3:00 p.m.)
January 31	Girls play Kingsview at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
January 31	Boys play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:00 p.m.)
February 7	Boys play Clemente at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
February 7	Girls play Clemente at Clemente (3:00 p.m.)



# PHS NEWS

*Go Falcons!*



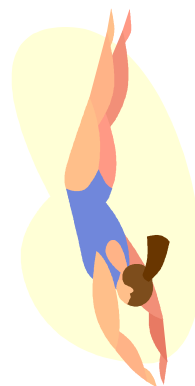
## Boys Varsity Basketball

January 4	7:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
January 8	7:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS
January 11	7:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Albert Einstein HS at PHS
January 22	7:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at PHS
January 25	7:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
January 26	6:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS at Gettysburg HS



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January 4	7:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
January 8	7:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
January 11	7:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Albert Einstein HS at Albert Einstein HS
January 22	5:15 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at PHS
January 25	5:15 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS



## CoEd Varsity Swim and Dive

January 5	9:15 a.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Germantown SC
January 12	5:15 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Northwest HS at Rockville SC
January 19	5:15 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at Rockville SC
January 26	9:15 a.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Churchill HS at Germantown SC

## Boys Varsity Wrestling

January 9	6:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Magruder HS at Magruder HS
January 12	1:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
January 12	1:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Kennedy HS at Northwood HS
January 23	6:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Springbrook HS at PHS
January 26	2:30 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. B-CC HS at PHS



The class of 2013 has been selling reusable grocery bags. Some are still available at \$3.00 per bag. Get yourself a nice bag for stowing all your store bought goodies in and let everyone know you have Falcon Pride! See [Order Form](#) for details!

Would you like to place an ad in the 2013 Poolesville High School Yearbook? There's still time. See this [FLYER](#) for details, or visit [JostensAdService.com](http://JostensAdService.com) All orders are due by Tuesday, January 22, 2013. You may order online or contact Jostens for an order form at (800) 358-0800.

# 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 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

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**E**ffort

## **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**

