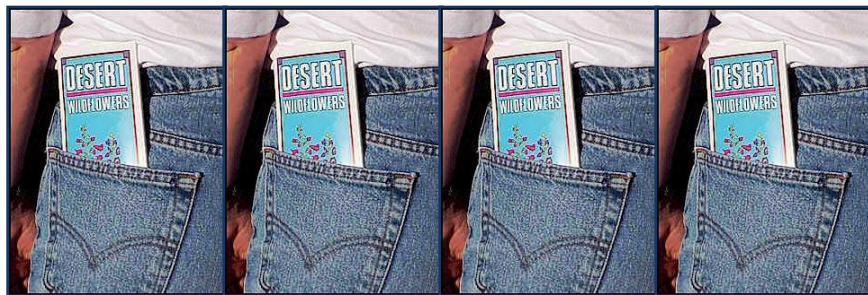


John Poole's BACK POCKET



January 6, 2012

A Thought for Today:

For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.

- T. S. Eliot

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and the new year brings us all satisfactions and successes. For schools, January brings a double New Year: staff and students start fresh with resolutions to do our best, and we begin planning for *next* school year – 2012 - 2013.

Please make note of the schedule for semester exams in the box below. These exams are especially important for students enrolled in classes that can appear on high school transcripts, but they are also opportunities for all students to practice the test-taking skills that will become increasingly important each year. The grades on the second quarter report card influence placement for next year because they are the most current data we have as we begin to create the 2012 – 2013 schedule.

Please note the exam dates on your calendar, talk to your children about the importance of effective studying, and be sure each day of Exam Week starts with a good breakfast and getting to school in plenty of time so stress is low and confidence is high. And remember, this weekend is the time to login at Edline and make sure anything that is due or can be reassessed gets taken care of. The term is almost over. Thanks!

Date	Exams	Order of classes	Lunch changes
Friday 1/13	Periods 3 & 7	Periods 3 – 2 – 5 – 7	none
Tuesday 1/17	Periods 5 & 2	Periods 5 – 4 – 6 – 2	If your Period 6 teacher is Aulls, Earle, McManus, Nachlas, Peace, Sprague or Willett, you eat A Lunch. If your period 6 teacher is Bliss, Cohen, McGrew, McKay, Rosendorf, Yesnick, or Young, you eat B Lunch.
Wednesday 1/18	Periods 4 & 6	Periods 4 – 1 – 2 – 6	If your Period 2 teacher is Aulls, Grifone, Hanks, Nachlas, Petak, Rice or Sprague, you eat A Lunch If your Period 2 teacher is Bliss, Gerrie, Kirby, Matthews, McKay, Rosendorf, Willett, or Young, you eat B Lunch.
Thursday 1/19	Period 1	Periods 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – 4 – 6 – 7	None
Friday 1/20	Make-ups	Regular order, 1 – 7. Make-up exams scheduled through the teacher whose exam was missed.	None
Monday 1/23	Professional Day – no school for students.		

If school is closed, the exams scheduled for that day will be taken on the day school resumes. For example: If school is closed on 1/13, Period 3 & 7 exams will be taken on 1/17 (no school on Monday). The rest of the week will slide down a day.

If there is a delayed opening, one exam will still be given on that day. The schedule will be adjusted and posted by arrival time.

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!



Peter Barry

Erin Green

Bridgette Hammett

Kristen Hepburn

Tim McIntyre

Kevin Manakkunnel

Taylor Behrens

Katie Kavanagh

Anelia Slavoff



JPMS Geography Bee Winners!

The social studies department would like to congratulate the 13 students who won their class round of the National Geography Bee. They will represent their classes in the school championship round on January 11, 2012, in room 210 after school from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Students and adults are welcomed to join us. Please remember to stop in the Main Office with your driver's license to get a visitor's badge on your way to the competition. Thanks!

6th Grade Winners:

Elise Evans

Sean Lyons

Gavin Prebilib

Avery Whitney-Blum

7th Grade Winners:

Julia Fisher

Kate Heimbach

Joe Brashear

Michael Wink

8th Grade Winners:

Chance Garner

Liesl Green

Louis Potts

Jackson Purdy

Amanda Warfield

JANUARY 9 IS OUR NEXT BLUE MONDAY

Be sure to remind your kids to wear their Timberwolf PRIDE Bracelets and wear BLUE to show support for a safe and friendly school environment.

Each student and staff member can be a HERO – Helping Everyone Respect Others!

Putting Our Weight Room to Good Use

PE classes have been working out in the JPMS weight room, and now their efforts are enhanced by music played over a sound system recently purchased with PTSA support. Thanks to our parents for the help, and thanks to Mrs. McIntyre for taking these pictures!



Student Service Learning (SSL) Notes

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

January
2012

- Ring in the New Year by reflecting on 2011 service and resolving to continue to make a positive impact on the community.
- Consider steps needed to be recognized by an MCPS Awards Program as one who has contributed exceptional service. (Middle School requires at least 75 hours by the first Friday in April of a middle school year; High School requires at least 260 hours by the first Friday in April of the senior year.)
- Join with other Montgomery County residents as they share skills, talents, and interests at the Dr. Martin King Jr. Day of Service on January 16, 2012.
- The SSL graduation requirement is not intended to take the place of what individuals do to support their family, community, and faith-based organization members.
- Get involved in meaningful service with the Montgomery County Volunteer Center on the Martin L. King, Jr. Day of Service January 17.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS SEEKS STUDENT ELECTION AIDES TO WORK FOR 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking school-age students, grades 6-12, to serve as Election Day student aides during the 2012 Presidential Primary Election, Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

Students and their guardians must attend mandatory training to serve on Election Day and, if applicable, to receive Student Service Learning (SSL) credits. Students are placed in neighboring precincts according to their home addresses. This initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action.

This program is available to all students within a public, private, independent, religious or home-school setting located in Montgomery County. U.S. citizenship is not a pre-requisite to participate. Students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply.

Interested parents/guardians can register their student(s) before January 27, 2012, online by visiting the Montgomery County Board of Elections' website at

<https://www4.montgomerycountymd.gov/BoardOfElections/registerGuardianFv.seam>.

How to Register

- 1) Pre-register at "[Register Now](#)" to receive a Future Vote temporary password.
- 2) Retrieve temporary password from e-mail provided.
- 3) Click "[Sign-In](#)" to complete application process by typing in temporary password and e-mail provided at pre-registration.
- 4) Follow system prompt to change temporary password.
- 5) Complete Future Vote application by selecting training date during the online registration.
- 6) Once training has been successfully completed by parent/guardian and student, you will be notified via e-mail to select a precinct location and shift.

For additional information, email future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov.

ATTENTION: Board of Elections is seeking registered voters with Spanish speaking fluency to serve as election judges. Please contact them if you are interested in serving.

Budget News

Superintendent of Schools Joshua P. Starr is recommending a \$2.128 billion Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013, a 2 percent increase (\$41.4 million) over the current budget. This is the smallest requested increase in the past 12 years. A majority of the \$41.4 million increase comes in four main areas:

- Growth in enrollment of 1.7 percent: \$14.1 million
- Increased employee benefit and insurance costs: \$15.1 million
- Inflation, materials, and other expenses: \$9.9 million
- Employee salaries and compensation: \$8.6 million. (This money is being set aside as the district continues to negotiate with its three employee associations.)

Only about \$23 million of the requested increase would come from local funding. This is an increase of 1.7 percent, which matches the expected growth in enrollment. The remainder of the increased funds will come from additional state education aid MCPS is projected to receive.

Dr. Starr is also planning \$8.1 million in budget efficiencies and reductions, including:

- \$5.2 million reduction in Central Services, including the elimination of nearly 18 positions from central administration.
- \$2.9 million reduction in School-Based Support and Services, including the elimination of 5.6 positions in transportation.
- Dr. Starr is not proposing any reduction to school-based staff.

The economic difficulties of our region and our country have had a profound impact on MCPS, its staff and students. Since FY 2009, MCPS has reduced its budget by more than \$430 million, requiring some very difficult decisions:

- Class sizes have increased about one student per classroom, on average.
- Employees have agreed to forego cost-of-living increases for three consecutive years and step increases for the past two years, saving \$144 million.
- More than 1,300 positions have been eliminated, mostly teachers and school support staff. This is

more than two-thirds of the 1,800 positions added for new programs since FY 2001.

- Mid-year savings of about \$73 million have been realized through hiring freezes and expenditure restrictions.
- The central services budget has been reduced by more than 20 percent.

At the same time, MCPS has been experiencing tremendous enrollment growth.

- MCPS has added 9,000 students since 2007 and expects to add another 9,000 by 2017.
- Much of this enrollment growth is taking place in our elementary schools, meaning these students will be a part of MCPS for the long term.
- Many of these students are coming to MCPS with increased needs, such as Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services.
- The percent of ESOL students in MCPS systemwide is 13.1 percent, but increases to 22.5 percent in elementary grades.
- There are now 47,365 students who qualify for Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS), the highest number in MCPS history. This is more than the entire student population of D.C. Public Schools.

Dr. Starr's recommended budget meets the state's maintenance of effort—or MOE—provision, which requires the county to fund education at the same per pupil rate from one year to the next.

The county has not met MOE for three consecutive years and the County Council's actions in FY 2012 reset MOE at a level that is \$1,490 per student lower than it was in FY 2009. Dr. Starr understands the economic conditions the county was facing, but these types of reductions cannot continue.

Because the county did not seek a waiver from MOE for this fiscal year, the state is expected to withhold \$26 million in funds as a penalty. Dr. Starr did not include this amount in his recommendation and expects that the County Council will restore this money to the MCPS budget. The Board of Education will hold public hearings on the FY 2013 Operating budget on January 11 and 18. For more information, go to

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/>.

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

8th Grade Parent Dinner/Dance Planning Meeting

Please join us for the first 8th grade end-of-the-year dinner/dance planning meeting on Monday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. This initial meeting is for 8th grade parents and will be held at the home of Karen Carrillo (18317 McKernon Way, Poolesville).

If you would like to be involved with the planning for this special event, please plan to attend. Contact Karen if you have any questions at 301-349-4565 or karencarrillo35@hotmail.com

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

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

Please contact Lori Kocur at 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/1311%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf>

Mark Your Calendars so You Don't Miss our January PTSA Meeting!

Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00

Learn about the advantages and the pitfalls of the new technology your child received this holiday season.

PTSA meeting at 6:30 PM

Cyber Awareness presentation at 7:00 PM



Keeping JPMS Green

JPMS earned the title “Maryland Green School” four years ago by demonstrating our commitment to learning about environmental issues and implementing best practices for energy conservation and environmental management. Now it's time to recertify.

Over the next few months, our students and staff will be documenting the work we do in the classroom and community to support these goals. We're looking for parents and neighbors to work with us on the recertification team. We know you care about our environment – won't you help us earn another four years as an official Green School?

Please call the school at 301-972-7979 or email Mrs. Yesnick (shari_k_yesnick@mcpsmd.org) or Mrs. Callaghan (margaret_l_callaghan@mcpsmd.org) to get on board. Thanks!



Economics for Success

This year, Junior Achievement has begun an exciting new phase of our partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools. In response to the Maryland state mandate that all students receive financial literacy education, we are providing the JA "Economics for Success" program to every 6th grade student in MCPS.

The Junior Achievement financial literacy curriculum will be taught in the 6th grade social studies classes at John Poole Middle School this winter. **We are looking for 2 more members of the community to present the lessons to the students.**

What is the Junior Achievement curriculum?

The program is called "Economics for Success" and includes 5 lessons designed to teach budgeting, credit, investment, risk and self-knowledge. The lessons involve pre-planned games and activities that are fun, engaging, and challenging for students!

What is the time commitment and why should I volunteer?

The time commitment involves a 90 minute training session and then five 45 minute lessons, taught to a class of students at John Poole Middle School. This is a prime opportunity to master and contribute your own financial skills and give back to the community at the same time!

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Sarah Shah, Program Manager, at Sarah.Shah@ja.org and check out our web site at www.myja.org



New Clubs are beginning next week! See below for classes and times! These classes are great opportunities for the students at JPMS. Please join us! It is the purpose of RecXtra to serve all students, please do not hesitate to submit club suggestions for your child. Please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org

Upcoming RecXtra Clubs:

Scrapbooking: Tuesdays 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7

Sewing for Hours: Wednesdays 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1

Jewelry Making: Thursdays 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9

Boxing Fitness: Thursdays 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, and 3/15

Registration forms are available in the main office.

RecXtra needs your donations for upcoming classes. Don't throw it away!!! Recycle with us! You may drop items in the RecXtra Box in the Main Office. Thanks!

- Magnets
- Scrapbook supplies
- Old and unwanted jewelry
- Yarn
- Spray paint--any color
- Fabric cuts or scraps
- Beads and Jewelry making supplies

Montgomery County Department of Recreation is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please call a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist @240-777-4925V /240-777-6974 TTY to request accommodations no later than two weeks prior to the activity.

“Help the Hungry” Food Drives – January 2012

Manna Food Center is teaming with Giant Food Stores once again to fight hunger & feed hope in Montgomery County. *In 2011, our volunteers collected over 100,000 pounds of food for Manna’s clients!* Hunger continues to be on the rise in Montgomery County, so let’s all pull together to help our neighbors in need.

***28 area Giant stores are participating in the 2-day food drive event
Saturday, January 14th and Sunday, January 15th
11am – 5pm each day***

How you can get involved...

- Manna would like to find **GROUPS** (of 3 or more!) to “adopt a store” for the day to help Manna collect food from the shoppers. This is the perfect opportunity to get your faith based organization, business, civic organization, sports team, Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop, school club, or neighborhood group together to ***make a real difference.***
- **SSL Hours** are offered for students.
- To register, you must have a **GROUP** of 3+ people, including at least 1 adult supervisor (21 or older) – so if you do not have a formal organization – gather your family or rally a few friends and sign up together as a **GROUP!**
- Giant will allow the volunteers to be inside the store, to greet shoppers as they enter the store to allow us to promote awareness of the food drive and to receive food donations from shoppers as they exit the store.
- All supplies and materials will be at the designated Giant location and Manna will be picking up the food donations and supplies at the conclusion of the food drive.

How to register your group for a store...

- Contact volunteer@mannafood.org and indicate in the Subject Line: **MLK FOOD DRIVE**
- Provide your:
 1. Store preference/location (and an alternate choice should your preferred location and/or preferred date or time not be available)
 2. Date preference (**SAT 1/14** or **SUN 1/15**)
 3. Time Options
 - a. **Whole Day** 11am – 5pm
 - b. **AM Shift** 11am – 2pm
 - c. **PM Shift** 2pm – 5pm
 4. **GROUP** name
 5. # Group members
 6. Contact phone number (in case we need to reach you on the DAY of the event)

Manna Food Center will send you an email confirmation after verifying availability for your preferred store, date and time. **Please do not contact any individual Giant stores.** The registration process is all handled directly by Manna Food Center.

IMPORTANT *We kindly request that you limit the number of volunteers “per shift” (however that works best for your group) to a maximum of 5 individuals, including your adult supervisor. This is important for 2 reasons: 1) We do not want to “overwhelm” the shoppers when they come in to the store and 2) Space limitations...Giant is being extremely accommodating in setting aside space for the food drives inside each store; however, space is limited.



Announcing –

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 today to pre-order your yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Aulls at Kelly_M_Aulls@mcpsmd.org.

MC Adventures

Montgomery College and the MCPS Division of Enriched and innovative Instruction are offering **MC ADVENTURES**, a one-day enrichment program for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders on Saturday, January 21, 2012. Students may choose from workshops in abstract art, programming in Scratch, theatrical improvisation, physics lab phenomena, and a Lego Construction S.T.E.M. class. A limited number of scholarships may be available. This program fills quickly! The deadline for receiving registration is Tuesday, January 17. More information is available in the Main Office.

8th Grade Newseum Field Trip Reminder

Eighth graders need to turn in their permission forms and **\$18.00** for the Newseum Field Trip ASAP (extra forms are available on Edline). If any student has any financial concerns or problems the parents should contact Mrs. Arnold or their History teacher. If you have any questions, email Mr. Young – Terry_W_Young@mcpsmd.org or call 301-972-7979.

Did You Upgrade Your Family's Electronics This Holiday?

Please remember that PBIS will recycle your old, obsolete or broken technology. This fundraiser helps us raise money for our Positive Behavior Program and protects the environment through the donations of your used consumer electronics. The items you bring in are recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. **One hundred percent of the proceeds help fund PBIS.**

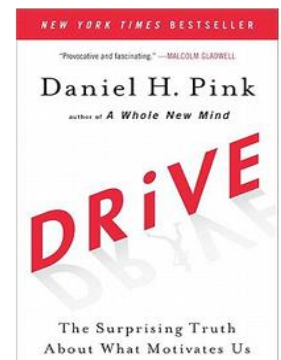
We are collecting the following items:

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

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. Thanks!

Next Book Club Event Set for January 31

Join Superintendent of Schools Joshua Starr for his second book club event on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 7 p.m. Dr. Starr has selected "Drive" by Daniel Pink for this book club. Parents, staff, students and the community are invited to join the discussion as members of the studio audience. Those watching online or on TV can join in, as well, via Twitter and email.





"Homework Hotline Live" has returned from Winter Break, just in time to help you get ready for exams.

Homework help is available all next week. Call "Homework Hotline Live" with your questions from 4 to 6 pm, or text your question until 9 o'clock PM! Call 301-279-3234 or go to AskHHL.org.

George B. Thomas Saturday Learning Academies

JPMS has our own Saturday School program, but there is another opportunity for students to get additional academic support on Saturdays, and that is the George B. Thomas Saturday Learning Academies.

Across MCPS, 2,220 students were enrolled in the George B. Thomas program during the first half of this school year; Saturday School centers are now gearing up for the second half of the school year.

Parents and students can enroll at any of the 12 George B. Thomas sites every Saturday that they are in session until the closing ceremony on April 21. The site closest to Poolesville is Northwest High School, but Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, Gaithersburg, John F. Kennedy, Col. Zadok Magruder, Paint Branch, Rockville, Sherwood, Springbrook, Watkins Mill, and Wheaton high schools all host Saturday Academies as well.

The registration fee is only \$50 (\$40 for students who receive Free and Reduced-Price Meals). A payment plan and financial assistance is available for families in need.

Please visit www.saturdayschool.org for additional information.

Get ready for the Presentation at This Month's PTSA Meeting

On Tuesday, January 10 the PTSA meeting will include a presentation focused on knowing about the technology our kids own and use every day. Parents can't afford to be surprised by what their phones and tablets and iPods can allow our kids to get into.

To get you thinking about this important topic, here's an article reprinted from www.CommonSenseMedia.org that includes a link to a very useful guide for helping your kids use their personal electronics appropriately:

How to Manage This Year's Top Tech Toys

If your kids unwrapped high-ticket electronics this year, they were in good company. E-readers, tablet computers, fancy phones, handheld game consoles, and even tricked-out learning tools for preschoolers were huge this holiday season.

This year's crop of devices offers great advantages -- like the ability to pack all of your kids' books into one tiny digital device or practice math drills en route to Grandma's house. But if you don't read all of the fine print (and, let's face it, who does?), these new products' high-tech bells and whistles may catch you off guard.

Often, it's not until your kids start taking advantage of the fancy features that you realize what the devices can do. That new tablet computer your daughter uses for book reports also lets her video chat with friends at midnight. The smartphone your son uses to text you for a ride also "helped" him rack up \$60 in charges playing a certain app with in-game purchases. And many high-tech devices require consistent care and feeding by way of expensive software upgrades that really add up over time.

The manual that comes with the device may cover the basics, but when it comes to managing how your kids use them, that's up to you. To help you figure it out, we've highlighted the top parental concerns for each of this holiday's most popular electronics for kids.

[Download version with resources and checklist](#)

Bring Your Bag and Fight Litter

montgomerycountymd.gov/bag

Montgomery County's Carryout Bag Law: The Basics for Residents

Starting January 1, 2012, all retail establishments in Montgomery County that sell goods and provide their customers a carryout bag (either paper or plastic) are required to charge 5 cents per bag.

Retail establishments include all stores, permanent booths, service stations, grocery stores, department stores, specialty goods sellers, convenience stores, restaurants and others.

- Montgomery County's new Carryout Bag Law is designed to improve our environment by cutting down plastic bags—a significant source of litter—which pollute our streets, streams, and playgrounds, and harm property values.
- A similar program has been in effect in Washington DC for the past 18 months and has already reduced plastic bag litter that clogs the rivers and streams in Washington DC by an estimated 65 percent.
- Proceeds from the Carryout Bag Law go exclusively to programs that fight litter and provide stormwater pollution control in Montgomery County.
- Residents can avoid the charge for carryout bags by bringing their own bags to carry purchases out of the store.
- The 5-cent charge also applies to purchases made over the phone/Internet/fax, or at a self-checkout counter, if you are using store-provided carryout bags.
- Some bags are exempt from the Carryout Bag Law. Examples include bags used to package bulk or perishable items, prescription drugs, as well as paper bags from restaurants and delis for customers to carry out prepared or left-over food.

For More Information:
visit montgomerycountymd.gov/bag
or call 311

¡Use una Bolsa Reutilizable y Evite la Contaminación Ambiental!

montgomerycountymd.gov/bag

Ordenanza del Condado de Montgomery sobre las Bolsas Plásticas en Tiendas y Supermercados: Datos Básicos para los Residentes.

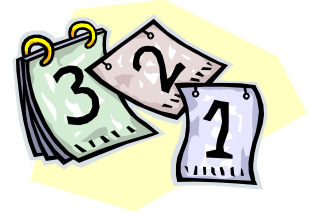
Comenzando el 1ro de Enero del 2012, todos los establecimientos de venta al por menor en el Condado de Montgomery que proveen bolsas plásticas o de papel para cargar la mercancía, van a comenzar a cobrar \$.05 centavos por bolsa.

Los establecimientos de venta al por menor incluyen: todas las tiendas por departamentos, los supermercados, los puestos en las estaciones de combustible, los quioscos permanentes en los centros comerciales, los comercios especializados, los restaurantes, y otros locales pertinentes.

- La nueva Ordenanza del Condado de Montgomery sobre las Bolsas Plásticas en Tiendas y Supermercados fué diseñada con el propósito de mejorar nuestro medio ambiente al recortar el uso de las bolsas plásticas, las cuales se convierten en una fuente de desperdicio que contaminan nuestras calles, las corrientes de agua, los parques y desvaloriza nuestras propiedades.
- Hace 18 meses que la ciudad de Washington DC estableció un programa similar y se estima que han podido reducir en un 65% el desecho de las bolsas plásticas que se encuentran desperdiciadas en los ríos y corrientes de agua.
- Los ingresos generados por la nueva ordenanza se utilizarán exclusivamente en los programas dedicados a recoger desperdicios y al control de la contaminación de aguas pluviales en el Condado de Montgomery.
- Los residentes del Condado pueden evitar el costo por las bolsas usando sus propias bolsas reutilizables.
- El cargo de \$.05 centavos aplica a todas las compras hechas donde usted reciba una bolsa, ya sean compras por el internet, teléfono, fax, o en el mostrador de autoservicio de cualquier tienda.
- Algunas bolsas están exentas de la ordenanza. Por ejemplo: las bolsas utilizadas en el empaque de artículos perecederos o de grueso empaquetamiento, las bolsas para cargar medicamentos, y las bolsas de papel para llevar comida de restaurantes.

Para más Información:
Visite: montgomerycountymd.gov/bag
O llame al 311

Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

January 3-10	MAP-R Testing
January 10	8 th Grade Class Picture PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Presentation on Cyberbullying at 7:00 p.m.
January 11	Geography Bee Finals (2:30 p.m.)
January 12	Review Day for Semester Exams
January 13	Semester Exams in Period 3 and 7 classes
January 16	Holiday, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
January 17	Semester Exams in Period 5 and 2 classes
January 18	Semester Exams in Period 4 and 6 classes
January 19	Semester Exams in 1 st Period classes
January 20	Make-up exams 2 nd Semester Ends
January 23	Professional Day (No School for Students and Teachers)
January 24	3 rd Marking Period Begins
January 26	Science Expo (6:30 p.m.)
January 31	8 th Grade Field Trip to the Newseum

JPMS Basketball Schedule

January 10	Boys play Baker at JPMS (2:40 p.m.) Girls play Baker at Baker (3:00 p.m.)
January 26	Girls play King at JPMS (2:40 p.m.) Boys play King at King (3:00 p.m.)
February 8	Boys play Kingsview at JPMS (2:40 p.m.) Girls play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:00 p.m.)
February 16	Girls play Clemente at JPMS (2:40 p.m.) Boys play Clemente at Clemente (3:00 p.m.)

Go Team!

The girls' basketball team won their second game of the season on Tuesday against Neelsville. The girls completely dominated the game from the start and came out with a 53-20 victory. **Karyn Comfort** and **Kenydi Cross** each scored 10 points. **Kristen Darragh** also chipped in 9 points. Rounding out the offensive stats was **Breanne Hall** with a team high 6 assists. Most of the scoring was created by the outstanding defense that had 19 steals. **Hailey Khalil** led the team with 6. **Delaney Cecco** led the team in rebounding by bringing in 8 boards. The next game for the lady Timberwolves is January 10 against Baker MS.



PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Girls Varsity Basketball

January 6	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
January 10	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS
January 13	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at PHS
January 20	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
January 24	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
January 27	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
January 30	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS

Boys Varsity Basketball

January 6	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
January 10	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
January 13	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at Einstein HS
January 20	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
January 24	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
January 27	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
January 28	TBA	PHS vs. Gettysburg HS at Gettysburg HS
January 30	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS



CoEd Varsity Swim and Dive

January 7	11:30 a.m.	Poolesville and Northwest at Montgomery Aquatic Center
January 14	11:30 a.m.	Quince Orchard and Poolesville at Gaithersburg Aquatic Center
January 21	12:00 p.m.	Richard Montgomery and Poolesville at Montgomery College (Takoma)
January 28	9:15 a.m.	Walter Johnson and Poolesville at Martin Luther King Swim Center



Boys Varsity Wrestling

January 11	6:00 p.m.	PHS vs. B-CC HS at PHS
January 21	1:00 p.m.	Richard Montgomery and Walter Johnson at PHS
January 25	6:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood at Northwood
January 28	2:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Gaithersburg at Gaithersburg
January 31	6:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Magruder at Magruder
February 4	1:00 p.m.	Wheaton and Kennedy vs. PHS at PHS

PHS Semester Exam Schedule



Thursday	January 12	Review Day
Friday	January 13	Exams - Pds. 1 & 2
Monday	January 16	Holiday
Tuesday	January 17	Exams - Pds. 3 & 4
Wednesday	January 18	Exams - Pds. 5 & 6
Thursday	January 19	Exams - Pds. 7 & Extended Day/ Makeup Exams*
Friday	January 20	Makeup Exams*
*Makeup Exams for administratively approved excused absences are arranged by appointment with individual teachers.		

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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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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**

