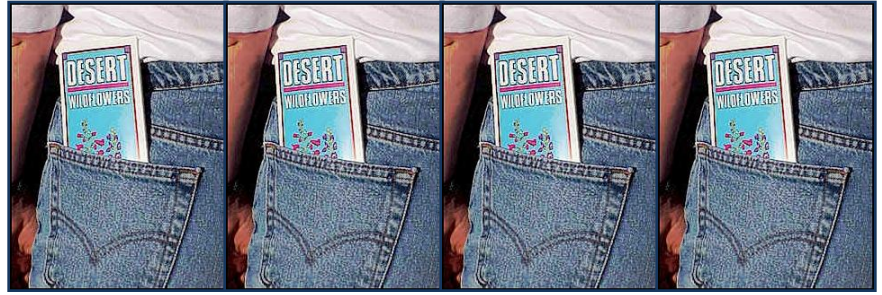


# John Poole's BACK POCKET



January 13, 2012

## A Thought for Today:

**“If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.”**

**- Martin Luther King Jr.**

## JPMS Staff Rules!

I am often reminded that no middle school in the county has better students and staff than we do at JPMS, and this week brought another clear demonstration.

Over the past 12 weeks, MCPS has sponsored an employee fitness contest called MCPS on the Move. Teams of staff members at all 200 schools signed up, kept records of their physical activity, and worked together to support healthier, more active life styles.

We had 4 teams participating at JPMS, led by Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Hanks, Mrs. Vega and Mr. Willett. We’re a small school with a small staff, so just having four teams shows a great deal of commitment, but now that the program has concluded, we can see just how big a deal it was. **The John Poole staff took first place overall in the contest, earning \$7,000 worth of fitness-related prizes for our staff and students!**

Incredibly, that’s not all! **Mrs. Earle’s team won special recognition** as an exceptionally successful team, and **Mrs. Ogden is a finalist for the MCPS on the Move Spirit Award** – an honor earned by 5 MCPS employees who went above and beyond by demonstrating incredible school service, commitment, dependability, creativity, innovation, teamwork, and leadership. Isn’t that fantastic? We are small, but we are mighty!

### First Semester Exam Schedule – Please review with your Kids and Help Them be Prepared Each Day

Date	Exams	Order of classes	Lunch changes
<b>Tuesday 1/17</b>	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.
<b>Wednesday 1/18</b>	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.
<b>Thursday 1/19</b>	Period 1	Periods 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – 4 – 6 – 7	None
<b>Friday 1/20</b>	Make-ups	Regular order, 1 – 7. Make-up exams scheduled through the teacher whose exam was missed.	None
<b>Monday 1/23</b>	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!



**Christian Andrade**

**Bobby Deitz**

**Rebecca Murphy**

**Antonnia Atkins**

**Jake Hough**

**Brianna Roche**

**Carissa Caruso-Dipaolo**

**Sean Lyons**

**Avery Whitney-Blum**

## WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

The English department is proud to announce the winners of the “Celebrating Diversity Through Creative Writing” contest which is sponsored by MCPS in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Libraries. The following seven students will have their work judged against their peers from across the County. We are very proud of their efforts, as well as the efforts of all the participants, to write independently and creatively, just for the fun of it!

**Taylor Behrens**

**Rachel Childress**

**Elise Evans**

**Victoria Gruber**

**Lenox Knudson**

**Abigail Nalesnik**

**Allison Nalesnik**

## PRIDE POSTER & POEM CONTEST

Congratulations to the following students who are winners in the PRIDE poster and poem contest:

### Poem Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place -- Trevor McFall

2<sup>nd</sup> Place -- Carter Fry and Darrell Marshall

3<sup>rd</sup> Place -- Ryan Dalrymple and Courtney Bourque

### Poster Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place -- Killian Carney and Susanna Schmidt

2<sup>nd</sup> Place -- Kenydi Cross, Katherine Benitez, Danielle Torres, and Bailee Smith

3<sup>rd</sup> Place -- Erin Green, Bridgette Hammett, Michelle Moraa, Haley Harkins, Kelliann Lee,  
Victoria Pach

Winning posters are displayed in the front hallway and some are shown below. Thanks to Mrs. McIntyre for taking the photos! Winning poems will be read on the morning announcements.



**Winners, please see Mrs. Petak in Room 209 for your prize.**





# Geography Bee Winners

The Social Studies Department would like to congratulate the students who represented their classes in the school round of the National Geography Bee: **Elise Evans, Sean Lyons, Gavin Prebilib, Avery Whitney-Blum** (Grade 6); **Julia Fisher, Kate Heimbach, Joe Brashear, Michael Wink** (Grade 7); and **Chance Garner, Liesl Green, Louis Potts, Jackson Purdy, Amanda Warfield** (Grade 8).

Finals were held after school on Wednesday, January 11, and the competition was fierce! Questions included world geography, map reading, US state capitals, and other related topics. There was even a question about the earthquake we felt last August! It took several elimination rounds to get down to the final three contestants, and the last two competitors had to go to sudden death before a winner could be determined.

**Avery Whitney Blum** came in third place and **Liesl Green** took second place, winning a \$10 gift certificate to McDonald's. Our school champion was **Amanda Warfield**, who won a \$20 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble and a medal from the National Geographic Society. Amanda took the qualifying test for the State Geography Bee on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We wish her luck and hope to see Amanda competing again in the spring!!

Special thanks go to the PTA for providing all of the contestants with giant size Hershey Bars and the finalists with gift certificates.



Don't miss this year's fabulous

# Science Expo

Note the Date Change!

February 2nd

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Exhibits, demonstrations, hands-on adventures for the whole family!



## *E c o n o m i c s   f o r   S u c c e s s*

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 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies classes at John Poole 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](mailto:Sarah.Shah@ja.org) and check out our web site at [www.myja.org](http://www.myja.org)



MLK Day of Service January 16, 2012

# Where Will You Serve?

Join thousands of volunteers on this national day of service.

*Make it a day **ON**, not a day off!*



## Three Locations to Choose From!

Each site will have projects suitable for all ages and ability levels. All locations welcome families, groups, and students. Student Service Learning (SSL) credits available for all projects.

### 10am - 12noon The Universities at Shady Grove (USG)

9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville (Building II) - To spread service opportunities throughout the County, we've added this new Rockville site. Join us there for service projects with a focus on education. Make bookmarks, crochet squares for [Project Linus](#), sort donated books, and much more. Free and plentiful parking in the garage and in all the campus lots.

*Please bring donations: New or gently used books for Reading Tree as well as non-perishable food for Manna Food Center.*

Click [here](#) to sign up.

### 12:30pm - 3pm Silver Spring Civic Building

One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring - Gapbuster Learning Center will host a variety of service projects for individuals, families, and groups. Take advantage of the free holiday parking.

*Please bring donations: Non-perishable food for Manna Food Center*

Click [here](#) to sign up.

### 1pm - 3pm Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center

5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda - Help complete over 30 service projects: create cards for troops, prepare bag lunches for area shelters, make no-sew fleece blankets for [Montgomery Hospice](#), and many more for all ages and abilities. Visit the Volunteer Fair where representatives from more than 45 nonprofit organizations will share information about opportunities to get involved throughout the year. Free parking.

*Please bring donations: Non-perishable food for Manna Food Center*

Click [here](#) to sign up.

## "Help the Hungry Food Drive" Needs You on January 14 & 15

[Manna Food Center](#) is organizing collections at all 28 Montgomery County Giant Food locations on Saturday and Sunday, January 14 & 15. Groups of three (or more) interested in staffing the collection drives from 11am to 5pm, contact the volunteer coordinator at [volunteer@mannafood.org](mailto:volunteer@mannafood.org).

**MLK Event Staff Needed on January 16** - Are you interested in being Event Staff for Montgomery County's MLK Day of Service? We need your help in all areas -- including set up and tear down, working at the registration table, leading project tables, and answering participants' questions. Training provided.

Event Staff volunteers are still needed at the Marriott from 11:30am - 4pm.

Event Staff volunteers are still needed at The Universities of Shady Grove from 8am - 1pm

To join the Event Staff for either location, click [here](#) to sign up.

# “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 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
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 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](mailto: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 who come in to the store and 2) Space limitations...Giant is being extremely accommodating in setting aside space for the food drives inside the store; however, space is limited.

# 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](mailto: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.**



# VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME & 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

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](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!

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/13111%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf>



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](mailto: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!

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • 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.



# 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](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).

## Don't Miss Out on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class Picture!

Orders and payment must be turned in at the main office by Friday, January 20. Cost is \$13.00 + 6% tax or \$17.00 + tax if you want your picture laminated. Lost your order form? Another is available in the main office.

## MC Adventures

Montgomery College and the MCPS Division of Enriched and innovative Instruction are offering **MC ADVENTURES**, a one-day enrichment program for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.**

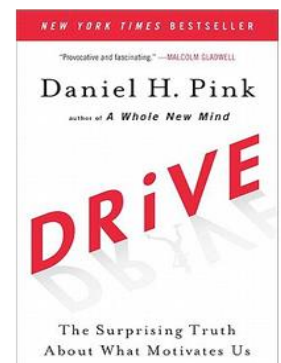
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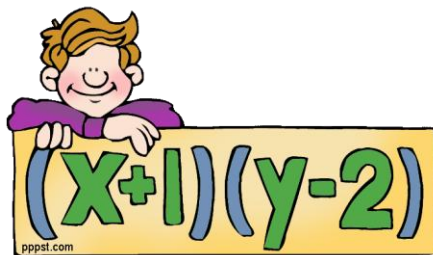
Cell Phones	Laptop Computers	Inkjet Cartridges	Digital Cameras
Digital Video Cameras	Handheld Game Systems	MP3 Players	GPS Devices
Radar Detectors	Electronic Book Readers		

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.





# Algebra 2 Jumpstart

Our Honors Geometry students are among our Best and Brightest students at JPMS; we want them to have every opportunity to be the Best and Brightest at Poolesville High School! All Honors Geometry students are invited to attend a very special *Summer Program* that will give you a *Jumpstart* into Algebra 2!

Over the past two years, Mrs. Aulls has developed this curriculum to help strong students refresh their Algebra skills so they are ready for excellence in high school. It has been a year since Honors Geometry students took Algebra – of course those skills are a little rusty. This class is a great way to review Algebra 1 concepts so JPMS students are ready on Day 1 to excel in Algebra 2. Mark your calendars now for this great opportunity which is available only to John Poole students.

The class will run Monday through Friday for three weeks at John Poole Middle School. The first day of class is Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and the last day is Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The class will be from 9:30am – 11:30am. Students will need to have their own transportation to attend this program. There *may* be afternoon transportation if there are other summer programs at John Poole MS.

There is a small fee of \$10 for this great opportunity to jumpstart your Algebra skills (checks made payable to JPMS). Fill out and detach the reservation slip below and return it with your registration fee to Mrs. Ogden in the main office or Mrs. Aulls in room 309 as soon as possible and no later than Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

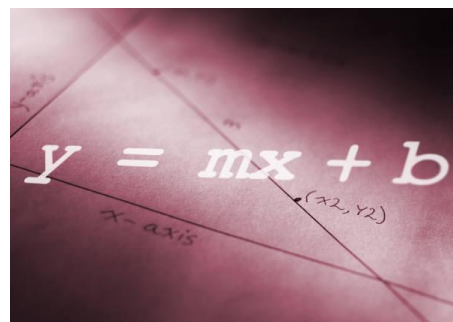
I would like to reserve a spot for the three week Algebra 2 Jumpstart class.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2012-2013 Math Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Please provide a name and number below of someone who can be reached in case of an emergency.**



# Summer 2012

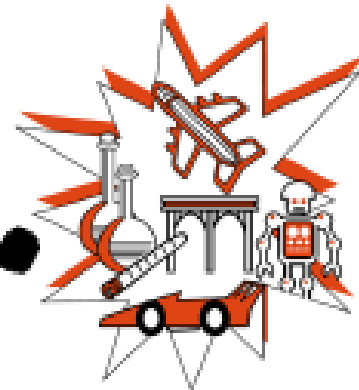
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Apply Online Now! [wie.umd.edu/precollege/stepstone.html](http://wie.umd.edu/precollege/stepstone.html)

Apply by March 26, 2012

#### Contact Information

Elizabeth Remmers

[eremmers@umd.edu](mailto:eremmers@umd.edu)

301-405-0315



#### Program Dates

Session I: July 16-20

Session II: July 23-27



# MedImmune

## Kids in Bio

As part of MedImmune's commitment to health and science education, we are pleased to open our doors to local middle school students for our annual Kids in Bio Program this spring. During this educational program, students will have the opportunity to interact with MedImmune employees with different roles, expertise and academic backgrounds who use science in their daily work. In addition, students will tour a laboratory and hear from several of our scientists.

We will offer pizza and refreshments for students after the session.

**WHO:** Local middle school students, 11-14 years of age

**WHAT:** Interactive "game show" panel discussion, lab tour and Q&A session

**DATE:** March 8, 2011

**TIME:** 4 – 7 p.m.

**LOCATION:** MedImmune  
One MedImmune Way  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

**TO REGISTER:** Please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KidsinBio2012>

There are 100 spots available for the program, and registration will close once all spots have been filled. At that time, we will start a waiting list and will notify parents if and when spots become available.

Due to space restrictions, parents cannot participate in the program. For additional information, please contact Natalie Shuster at [community@medimmune.com](mailto:community@medimmune.com).

### About MedImmune

MedImmune, the worldwide biologics business for AstraZeneca PLC (LSE: AZN.L, NYSE: AZN), has approximately 3,300 employees worldwide and is headquartered in Gaithersburg, Maryland. With an advancing pipeline of promising candidates, we aim to be the next revolutionary force in biotechnology by delivering life-changing products, industry-leading performance, and a tireless commitment to improving patient health. For more information, visit MedImmune's website at [www.medimmune.com](http://www.medimmune.com).



“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](http://www.saturdayschool.org) for additional information.

# **Save the Date!**



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

<b>January 16</b>	<b>Holiday, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday</b>
<b>January 17</b>	Semester Exams in Period 5 and 2 classes
<b>January 18</b>	Semester Exams in Period 4 and 6 classes
<b>January 19</b>	Semester Exams in 1 <sup>st</sup> Period classes
<b>January 20</b>	Make-up exams 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Ends
<b>January 23</b>	Professional Day (No School for Students and Teachers)
<b>January 24</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Begins
<b>January 26</b>	<b>Science Expo Rescheduled to February 2 (5:00-7:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>January 31</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Newseum
<b>February 2</b>	<b>Science Expo (5:00-7:00 p.m.)</b>

## **JPMS Basketball Schedule**

<b>January 26</b>	<b>Girls play King at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)</b> Boys play King at King (3:00 p.m.)
<b>February 8</b>	<b>Boys play Kingsview at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)</b> Girls play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:00 p.m.)
<b>February 16</b>	<b>Girls play Clemente at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)</b> Boys play Clemente at Clemente (3:00 p.m.)



# PHS NEWS

*Go Falcons!*



**Congratulations to Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalists  
Peinan Chen, Pavleen Thukral, and Jack Louis Zhu.**  
Maryland has 18 semifinalists in this prestigious competition; 3 attend PHS!

## Girls Varsity Basketball

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 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 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 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



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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## *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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**D**edication  
**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**

