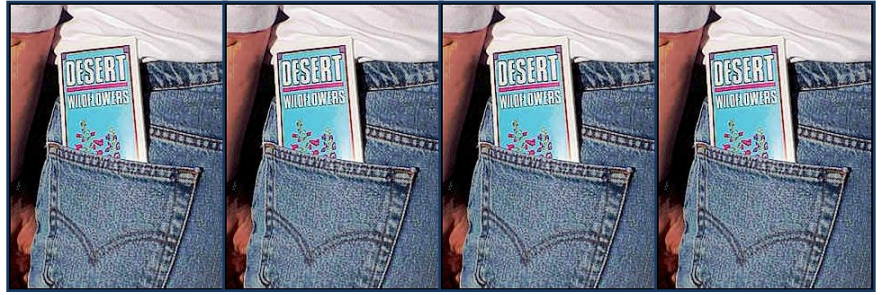


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



January 27, 2012

A Thought for Today:

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause and say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"

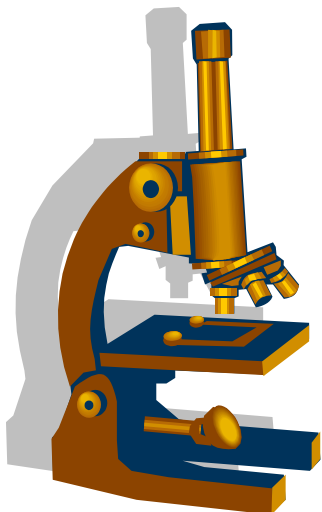
- Martin Luther King Jr.

Join Us for the Science Expo

This Thursday, February 2, is our annual Science Expo. Student projects have been rolling in and exciting science activities for the whole family are being prepared. You'll really enjoy this event!

From 5:00 – 7:00 PM, the Media Center will be open with displays of student projects submitted to the Expo. Participation in the Science Expo is a great way to get started on the personal research that is such a major factor in the special programs at Poolesville High School. Come to see what has been entered in the Expo this year, and show younger students the kinds of projects they might be interested in submitting in next year's competition.

The cafeteria is open from 5:00 – 6:00 PM for Early Bird Pizza. We know you're tired at the end of a work day, so take advantage of this opportunity to avoid having to cook. The \$3 Meal Deal provides pizza, a drink and dessert.



Between 6:00 and 7:00 PM, visit classrooms and the auxiliary gym for hands-on activities. These sessions put science into real-life contexts and give the whole family opportunities to have fun with microscopes, liquid Nitrogen, and problem-solving challenges.

Adults will be entered into the Door Prize drawing when they enter. The Grand Prize is a golf outing at the Four Streams Club in Beallsville! (If you win but don't enjoy golfing, Mr. McKay says he'll be happy to take the voucher off your hands! ☺)

We've planned the evening to end by 7:15 to be family-friendly on a school night, so don't be late! Come in, pick up tickets to the sessions you most want to visit, have some dinner, tour the Expo, and support the wonderful science program at JPMS.

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!



Luc Branton

Darby Johnson

Siann Riggs

Kenydi Cross

Isabella Lawbaugh

Kevin Simmons

Matthew Hill

Lillianna Pedersen

Megan Wilson

Second Quarter Honor Roll Celebrations

February 10

Grade 8 – 8:40 am

Grade 7 – 10:25 am

Grade 6 – 11:50 am

In the auxiliary gym.

Families are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Yesnick Earns High Marks!

The National Board of Professional Teaching Standards named our very own Mrs. Yesnick a National Board Certified Teacher this year. A certificate of achievement was awarded to her this week at a ceremony honoring the 60 teachers in MCPS who earned this prestigious honor in 2011. Across the US, fewer than 100,00 teachers have attained this rank.

National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential. It is achieved upon successful completion of a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers who meet high standards based on what teachers should know and be able to do.

As part of the certification process, candidates complete 10 assessments that are reviewed by trained teachers in their certificate areas, including evaluation of both content knowledge and teaching expertise.

Congratulations to Mrs. Yesnick! She joins JPMS staff members Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. McIntyre who have also earned National Board Certification .



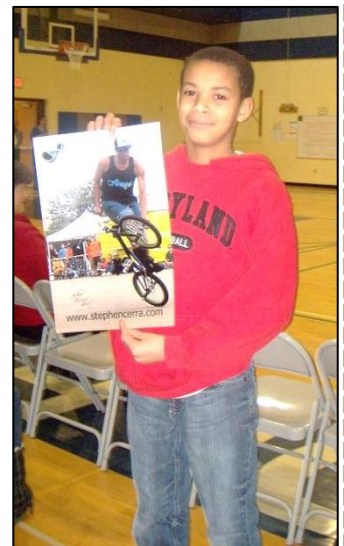
Tricks and Tips

On Wednesday, our students were treated to an exciting assembly featuring **Flowstyle** – a team of two BMX Flatland Riders including X-Games athlete Stephen Cerra. As part of the show, students were brought down from the audience to jump rope and moonwalk. Thanks to Mrs. McIntyre for taking the pictures.

Not only were the tricks amazing, but the advice offered to our students by the riders was terrific. They spoke about how wrong bullying is and how important it is to encourage each other to do our best. They taught the audience the 3 Rs of fighting bullying: **Recognize, Reject, and Report**. Students need to recognize bullying when they see it and not make excuses about joking or kidding around. Then, they should reject the bullying behavior by walking away and not participating actively or as a bystander. Finally, they need to report the incident so that the adults can deal with it so it doesn't happen again.

Mr. Cerra shared some of the techniques he has used to accomplish his goals. He emphasized that it takes hours of practice and lots of mistakes to master the tricks he does, but he keeps going by

reminding himself every day of what he plans to accomplish and by developing good habits of healthy living and regular effort. Clearly, he has made living with **Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Effort** his path to success!



JPMS INVITES YOU TO **PARENT REGISTRATION** **NIGHT**

DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Snow Date: Wed., February 15, 2012

TIME: 7:00-8:30 PM for Incoming 7th and
8th Grade Parents

PLACE: John Poole Middle School
All Purpose Room

PURPOSE: Registration for Next Year
Explanation of Electives, Academics
and Recommendations



Attention Grade 7!

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program asks seventh-graders, "Where do you want to go and how can we help you get there?"

Young Scholars receive financial support for educational and extracurricular activities, as well as one-on-one help selecting and applying to colleges summer programs, and more.

Applicants must be seventh-graders who can demonstrate extraordinary academic achievement, accomplishments outside of the classroom, and significant financial need.

For more information, go to <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/> or call 410-735-6270.



Volunteers Needed!!!

24th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup

April 14, 2012

From 9:00 am -12:00 noon

This is a service learning opportunity to help improve our environment. Once a year, there is a big effort to clean up the Potomac River and its huge watershed area which encompasses some of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Some of the many cleanup sites in our region are in our backyard.

The C&O Canal Association is sponsoring a number of sites along the Potomac River within the C&O Canal NHP that include Angler's Inn, Great Falls Tavern, Swains Lock, Pennyfield Lock, Violettes Lock and Rileys Lock. (Volunteers under the age of 18 require adult supervision).

If interested, please contact Jim Heins, coordinator of these sites at vip@candocanal.org or more information: Find a Site Near you at potomaccleanup@fergusonfoundation.org or call the Alice Ferguson Foundation at 301-292-5665.



Ask teachers for help Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4-9 PM, on MCPS TV's Homework Hotline Live (HHL). Watch teachers on TV as they work with you to solve homework problems.

To ask your question: From 4 to 6 PM, call **301-279-3234** (STILL THE BEST--talk directly with a teacher). From 4 to 9 PM, send a text message from the Homework Hotline website (AskHHL.org); send a text message from your cell phone to **724-427-5445**; post a message on the [HHL Facebook wall](#), or send an e-mail to question@AskHHL.org.

John Poole Middle School Science Expo

February 2, 2012



Expo Schedule

5:00	Early Bird Pizza: \$3.00 Meal Deal
5:00-7:00	Project Expo in Media Center
6:00-6:30	*Session I
6:30-7:00	*Session II
	Session Rotations:
	Rm. 301 Egg Drop Challenge
	Rm. 301 Microscope Viewing
	Aux Gym Pop Fly Challenge
	Room 203 Liquid Nitrogen Demo

All adults will be eligible for a Door Prize!
Grand Prize: Foursome Golf Outing at the
Four Streams Club in Beallsville
(Donations Accepted)

*Bring the family & be sure to get tickets
in the lobby for your favorite rotations!

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

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/13\[1\]%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/13[1]%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf)

HELP WANTED!

PTSA President & Treasurer

Exciting positions for parents who care about our school community, want the best for our kids, and like to take an active role in school life!

Ideally, this is a two-year term. The current President and Treasurer have served for two years and are now transitioning with their kids to the high school.

The vice president and secretary are staying on in their jobs, so new officers will have experienced, hard-working support.

Doesn't this sound like a job you'd enjoy?
Contact a current officer for more information.

Thanks!



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

Junior Achievement, a non-profit organization that trains volunteers to teach financial literacy to children, **needs TWO volunteers** to help the 6th grade. You do not have to have any prior knowledge, as Junior Achievement will train you! You will teach a series of 5 lessons on topics like budgeting, credit cards, and insurance to a class of 6th grade students at John Poole.

It's a great way to be involved and give back to the community at the same time!

We need 2 more parents for this program, which starts on February 3rd.

If you are interested, please contact Sarah Shah as soon as possible at 301-838-0471 or e-mail her at Sarah.Shah@ja.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 -- 1/31, 2/7

Sewing for Hours: Wednesdays -- 2/1

Jewelry Making: Thursdays -- 2/2, 2/9

Boxing Fitness: Thursdays -- 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
- Yarn
- Fabric cuts or scraps
- Scrapbook supplies
- Spray paint--any color
- Beads and Jewelry making supplies
- Old and unwanted jewelry

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.



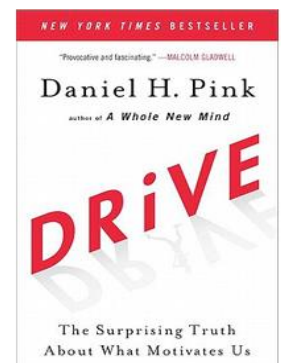
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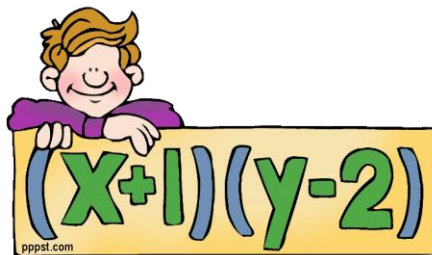
Yearbooks

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.

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 9th and the last day is Friday, July 27th. 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 30th.

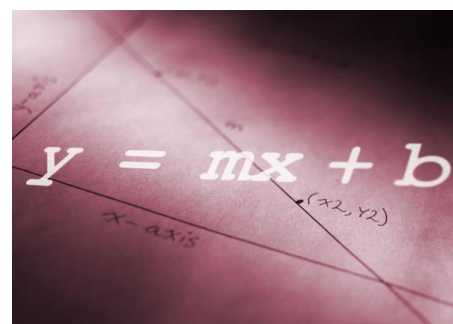
I would like to reserve a spot for the three week Algebra 2 Jumpstart class.

Student Name: _____

2012-2013 Math Course: _____

Parent Name: _____

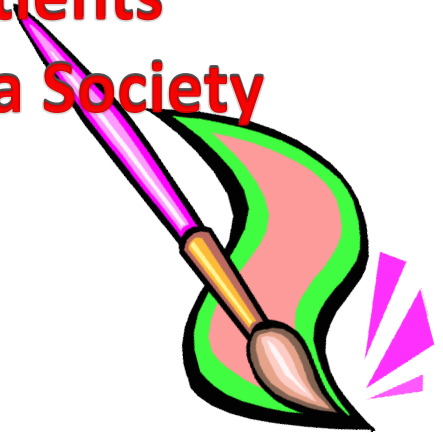
Parent Signature: _____



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

MOVIE & CRAFT NIGHT

**NHS Pennies for Patients
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Fundraiser**



**Watch
Despicable Me**



**Make
crafts for kids**

**Popcorn and
drinks for sale!**

**Wednesday, February 1, 5-9 PM
at Poolesville High School Auditorium**

Summer 2012

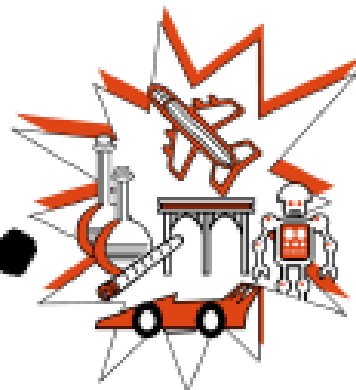
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Apply by March 26, 2012

Contact Information

Elizabeth Remmers
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: 4:00 – 7:00 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.

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.

HELP PBIS!

Remember to recycle your old, broken and/or unwanted electronics (cell phones, MP3 players, hand-held games, etc.) here at JPMS.

Place items in the bin in the front lobby or drop them off in the main office. We'll be sure they are appropriately recycled and PBIS will earn a little money to provide incentives and recognition for our kids. Thanks!

Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

January 31	8th Grade Field Trip to the Newseum
February 1	Report Card Distribution
February 2	Science Expo (5:00-7:00 p.m.)
February 3	7th Grade Holocaust Field Trip
February 7	Grades 7 and 8 Incoming Parent Orientation Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
February 9	Grade 6 Field Trip to the Frederick Douglas House and MLK Memorial
February 9	6th Grade Incoming Parent Orientation Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
February 10	Honor Roll Celebrations
February 16	Meeting for 8th Grade Students invited to PHS Magnet Programs (7:00 p.m.) at Poolesville High School
February 20	Holiday, President's Day
February 22	Registration Meeting for Incoming 9th Grade Students (7:00 p.m.) in the Poolesville High School Media Center

JPMS Basketball Schedule

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.)

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Check out this article in the *Gazette* about Eric Harrison, Kevin Harrison, Brendan Rowan, and Jack Zhu - four PHS seniors who won the high school division of the 2011 Department of Defense Cyber Forensics Challenge 2011, competing against students from all over the world.

[Poolesville students on top of the world of cyber security](#)

Don't Miss Movie and Craft Night
February 1, 2012 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM in the PHS Auditorium
Great Family Fun!

Girls Varsity Basketball

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
February 1	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
February 3	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
February 7	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at Einstein HS
February 13	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Urbana HS at PHS
February 17	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Linganore HS at PHS
February 21	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS

Boys Varsity Basketball

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
February 1	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
February 3	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS
February 7	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at PHS
February 13	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Tuscarora HS at Tuscarora HS
February 21	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS



CoEd Varsity Swim and Dive

January 28 9:15 a.m. Walter Johnson and Poolesville at Martin Luther King Swim Center



Boys Varsity Wrestling

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

Call John Poole!

Main Office 301-972-7979
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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Dedication
Effort

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**

