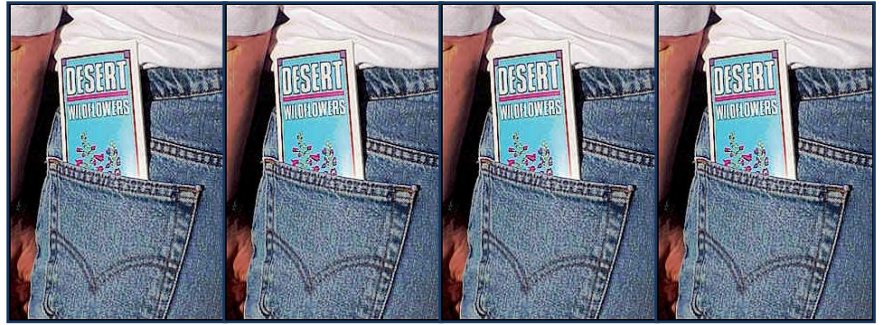


# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



**February 1, 2013**

## **A Thought for Today:**

**Winning is not a sometimes thing, it is an all time thing. You don't win once in a while, you don't do things right once in a while. You do them right all of the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately so is losing.**

**- Vince Lombardi**

## **Building Winning Habits**

I was reminded of this quotation from Vince Lombardi when I listened to a report by Mike Pesca on NPR this morning about the status of the Ravens as Super Bowl underdogs. He cited calculations on PredictionMachine.com that gave the Ravens a 1 in 950 chance of winning all three post season games – but here they are in New Orleans this weekend. Arguably, every team that makes it to the Super Bowl is a winner, regardless of that game's outcome, but it seems to me the Ravens are very likely to take it all this Sunday, because they have cultivated the habit of winning.



Here's what Jacoby Jones said in the same NPR story: "We all know you gotta play until the clock says all zeros." He said that every huddle ends with the players telling each other, "Let's be great!" That's the way we encourage our kids, too, when each morning's announcements ends with, "Remember to show your PRIDE today." Cultivating the habit of living with the Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Effort that define Timberwolf PRIDE is a certain recipe for winning – as human beings as well as scholars.

This morning's icy roads also got me thinking about how unpredictable the response from MCPS has been to the weird weather we have been having. There may have been just a dusting of snow on the ground, but the accidents and slippery conditions we encountered getting to John Poole caused us to put a number of coping strategies into place to be sure every classroom had a teacher ready to go on time. Do you have a family plan for snow days, late openings and early dismissals? The last couple of mild winters have not provided a lot of practice for addressing these situations, but there may be more winter weather ahead and who knows when our routines will be disrupted next. If you have no plan for safe supervision of the kids, now is the time to think it through and line up the help you may need. If you have a plan, please make sure your children know what it is and how to carry it out. They will be much less anxious as well as safer when they are secure that they know what you want them to do.

Finally, February 1 is the first day of Black History Month and also the birthday of Langston Hughes, one of the most celebrated African American poets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Let me close with a few lines from his poem *Life Is Fine* that also express a winning sentiment: "Though you may hear me holler,/ And you may see me cry- / I'll be dogged, sweet baby,/ If you gonna see me die." I'm betting on the Ravens! – 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!



**David Couvillion**

**Taneka Jackson**

**Kelliann Lee**

**Carly Dacanay**

**Harrison Johnson**

**Jeff Ricketts**

**Melissa Hall**

**Jackson Krasche**

**Avery Whitney-Blum**

## Student Leaders of the Pack

At JPMS, we focus every day on helping our students to be as successful as possible, both academically and personally. Part of that focus is instilling the core values of **Timberwolf PRIDE: Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication** and **Effort**, because we believe these qualities will support all students being the successful learners they want to be today and becoming the positive, contributing members of our community they can be all their lives.

Each month, the staff recognizes five students in each grade who are leaders and role models because they routinely demonstrate the components of Timberwolf PRIDE. Typically, we celebrate them at a ceremony on the first Friday of each month where they receive a certificate and are served a breakfast treat. Because of the winter holidays we recognized the December and January honorees together this morning. Their pictures are proudly posted on a bulletin board in the front hall all this month.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Purpose* - **Noah Garner**  
*Respect* - **Jessica Carey**  
*Integrity* - **Timmy Wade**  
*Dedication* - **Harrison Johnson**  
*Effort* - **Stephanie Leitner**

**Congratulations to  
December & January's  
Leaders of the Pack!**

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Purpose* - **Jeremy Ouart**  
*Respect* - **Nicole Duran**  
*Integrity* - **Kellie Dahlin**  
*Dedication* - **Amelia Williams**  
*Effort* - **Colin Metz**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Purpose* - **Nicholas Beaton**  
*Respect* - **Brandon Sier**  
*Integrity* - **Aidan McKew**  
*Dedication* - **Allison Haddaway**  
*Effort* - **Lauren Chilla**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Purpose* - **Michael Wink**  
*Respect* - **Ashley Szymaniak**  
*Integrity* - **Catherine Savage**  
*Dedication* - **Kevin Manakkunnel**  
*Effort* - **Alona Carr**

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Purpose* - **Diana Arias**  
*Respect* - **Hannah Bush**  
*Integrity* - **Taylor Byrd**  
*Dedication* - **Molly Sherman**  
*Effort* - **Pete Barry**

*Purpose* - **Amelia King**  
*Respect* - **Daniel Ballew**  
*Integrity* - **Delaney Cecco**  
*Dedication* - **Tucker Ross**  
*Effort* - **Antonnia Atkins**



# Second Quarter Grade 8 Honor Roll

Daniel Ballew  
Jordan Belski  
Courtney Bourque  
Joseph Brashear  
Coleman Carmack  
Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo  
**Delaney Cecco\***  
Michael Chilla  
Danielle Creedon  
Kathryn Creedon  
Kenydi Cross  
**James Donovan\***  
**David Esser\***  
Isabelle Falls  
**Gabriel Fernandez\***  
Nicolas Fernandez  
Colin Fisher  
**Julia Fisher\***  
**Kaley Fisher\***  
Isabella Garner

Dakota Grimsby  
Mackenzie Gross  
Melissa Hall  
Katherine Heimbach  
**Keegan Hemingway\***  
Kristen Hepburn  
**Sara Himmelfarb\***  
Jake Hough  
Alison Huber  
Claire Jensen  
Hailey Khalil  
Amelia King  
Calvin Kinzie  
James Klimkiewicz  
Brandon Kocur  
Micael Kovich  
Bella Lawbaugh  
Sam Lee  
Kimora Maier

Lev Malinin  
**Kevin Manakkunnel\***  
Michael McDonald  
**Timothy McIntyre\***  
**Cole McKenney\***  
Sophia Mense  
Alessandra Molina  
Julia Montone  
**Michael Morgan\***  
Samantha Mullikin  
Cooper Myers Mallinger  
**Theresa Nardone\***  
Alexander O'Donnell  
Victoria Pach  
Michael Pappas  
Sam Pavlick  
Michael Payne  
Madison Peyton  
Tyler Portocarrero

Thomas Riegert  
Sam Ritter  
Elizabeth Roberts  
**Olivia Romano\***  
Tucker Ross  
Catherine Savage  
**Daria Sharifi\***  
**Luke Terrell\***  
**Jacob Tievy\***  
Danielle Torres  
Rebeckah Trainor  
Rebecca Wallace  
Carmela Wasilik  
Emma Whitehouse  
Marc Whitehouse  
Megan Windall  
**Michael Wink\***  
Camden Wolin  
**Emily Yin\***

*\*Indicates Straight As*

# Second Quarter Grade 7 Honor Roll

Jordan Allentuck  
Christian Andrade  
**Diana Arias\***  
**Dottie Ballmann\***  
**Peter Barry\***  
Ellen Beal  
**Morgan Bliss\***  
Quinlan Brenholtz  
Aidan Briancon  
Hannah Bush  
**Taylor Byrd\***  
Gabriella Capobianchi  
**Rebecca Carin\***  
Killian Carney  
Matthew Convers  
Paris Copeland  
Kellie Dahlin  
**Perry Dominici\***  
James Dutton  
Erik Eklof  
Elise Evans

William Field  
Carter Fry  
Sam Garrett  
**Erin Green\***  
Justin Green  
Victoria Gruber  
Ryan Haddaway  
Brooke Hamm  
**Bridgette Hammett\***  
**Haley Harkins\***  
Ethan Hinds  
**Chloe Insalaco\***  
**Clara Jackson\***  
Tania Jackson  
**Jennifer Jang\***  
**Ryan Johnston\***  
Ryan Kasten  
Raymond Kinzie  
Yaniv Kovich  
Jackson Krasche  
Estephan Lavanderos

**Kelliann Lee\***  
Hannah Leibrand  
**Erin Lyons\***  
**Sean Lyons\***  
Rachel Macairan  
Maddison Magaha  
Charlotte Mallow  
Darrell Marshall  
Ava McEachern  
**Trevor McFall\***  
**Kelsey McLoughlin\***  
Colin Metz  
Maureen Miller  
Michelle Moraa  
Tyler Morningstar  
MacKenzie Mullett  
Elizabeth Parise  
**Gavin Prebilic\***  
Renee Quaranta  
Robert Queen  
**James Royal\***

John Sartschev  
Susanna Schmidt  
Molly Sherman  
Robert Siegrist  
Nicole Slebodnik  
Bostyn Smith  
**Melanie Staszewski\***  
Lucas Stroud  
Paul Szafranski  
Alivia Tetlow  
Colin Thomas  
John Thompson  
Madeleine Thompson  
Kathleen Van Houten  
**Donald Vogel\***  
**Cassandra Volkle\***  
Triana Wallace  
Kira Wathen  
Avery Whitney-Blum  
Amelia Williams  
Roger Yerger

*\*Indicates Straight As*

# Second Quarter Grade 6 Honor Roll

Alexis Abrigo  
Jocelyn Alvarez  
Alivia Atkins  
**Aidan Auel\***  
Nicholas Beaton  
Thomas Behrens  
Dwight Bevley  
Grace Bodmer  
**Gwen Boe\***  
Gabriella Brooks  
Matthew Bruckner  
Rachel Bupp  
**Madeline Burdette\***  
Jessica Carey  
**Nicolas Cayzedo\***  
**Lauren Chilla\***  
**Vincent Chim\***  
**Julia Corfman\***  
David Couvillion  
Meghan Cox  
**Carla Dacanay\***  
**Bryce Davis\***

Michael Edwards  
Allison Foppe  
John Foster  
Travis Fraley  
**Garrett Fultz\***  
Vivian Galentine  
Noah Garner  
Julianna Garrett  
**Daniel Geehreng\***  
**Isabel Gibbs\***  
Matthew Gimbrere  
Allison Haddaway  
**Trent Hinkson\***  
**Foster Holmquist\***  
Maureen Hueting  
Demetrius Jackson  
Harrison Johnson  
**Bubby Jones\***  
Garrett Karns  
**James Kavanagh\***  
Andrew Kindel  
Noel Kirkpatrick

Eve Knudson  
Mackenzie Kovach  
Elena Lavanderos  
Stephanie Leitner  
Emily Lewis  
Lukas Lightcap  
Casandra Maier  
**Josephine Mallow\***  
Roshawna Marshall  
Aidan McKew  
Diego Mejia  
Benjamin Miller  
Ryan Moats  
Sarah Mullikin  
Andrew Mullins  
Julia Pavlick  
**Madison Peek\***  
Nathaly Portillo-Rivas  
**Wilhelmina Prasada-Rao\***  
**Marie Quaranta\***  
Taylor Ramirez

**Alison Ransom\***  
Ethan Richardson  
Brennah Ringling  
**Megan Roldan\***  
Jose Roque  
**Katrina Rowe\***  
Giavanna Santorocco  
Colin Savage  
**Cade Seely\***  
Brandon Sier  
Nikolas Sofelkanik  
Nicholas Spano  
Kalie Terragno  
Samantha Thomas  
Clark Trone  
**Samantha Varona\***  
**Tiara Ventura\***  
Timothy Wade  
John Wasilik  
Briona Winstead  
Begonia Zapata

*\*Indicates Straight As*

## Honor Roll Celebrations

February 15, 2013

Grade 6 – 12:50

Grade 7 – 10:30

Grade 8 – 8:40

in the Auxiliary Gym

Parents and Families  
Are Cordially Invited to Attend



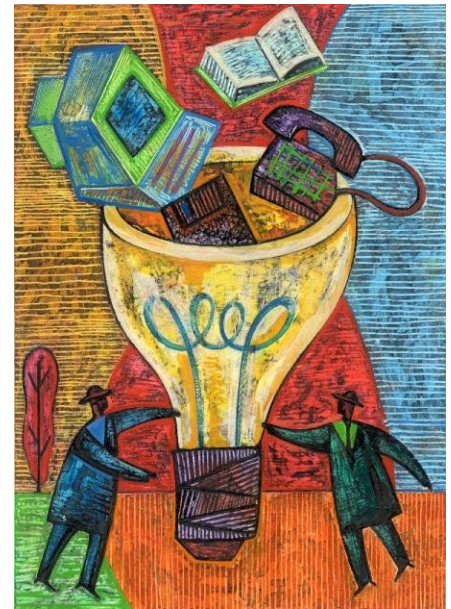
# PBIS Recycling Fundraiser

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!

## Student Service Learning Tips



### Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

### February 2013

*Students address a recognized need in the community.*

- President's Day (February 18, 2013) Weekend is a good time to get involved in activities that involve both *service* and *learning*. Plan ahead for service in the community by checking out the database of approved organizations and opportunities at [www.mcpsssl.org](http://www.mcpsssl.org).
- Select the Advanced Search option at <http://www.montgomeryserves.org/volunteers/student-service-learning-ssl> to explore SSL opportunities that focus on Children, People with Disabilities, Homelessness, Poverty, Senior Citizens, Health, Arts/Culture, Environment, and more!
- In the state of Maryland, SSL is a graduation requirement just like any other. With the SSL graduation requirement come guidelines, standards, expectations, and timelines. Know SSL graduation specifics by referring to the website [www.mcpsssl.org](http://www.mcpsssl.org), reading MCPS publications and communications and referring questions to Mrs. Arnold, the JPMS school-based SSL coordinator.
- Students may volunteer to help family members, neighbors, and faith-based organization members, but if SSL hours are desired, the supervising organization and opportunity must be approved in advance.
- SSL is reflected on quarterly report cards. Review the Hours Required, Hours Earned, and Hours Remaining on each report card. Report discrepancies to the SSL coordinator.

# Poolesville Community Event



Rachel Joy Scott was the first victim of the Columbine school shootings in 1999. Before her death, and unknown to her friends and family, Rachel had committed herself to making her world a better place through small acts of kindness each day. She recorded her goals in her diary. **Rachel's Challenge** is a national program created by Rachel's father to celebrate her inspiring and powerful story and continue Rachel's commitment to create lasting and positive change. This program will help us create our own chain reaction of kindness and compassion now and into the future in the PHS school cluster and in our community.

The Poolesville High School Tolerance Team and Hero Club  
invite you to attend this inspiring presentation.

*(Recommended audience: middle school students accompanied by parents,  
high school students, parents, and community members)*

February 12, 2013

7:00-8:00 PM

John Poole Middle School All Purpose Room

***Supported by the Poolesville High School PTSA  
Donations Welcome***

# Your PTSA –

*“Every child, one voice”*

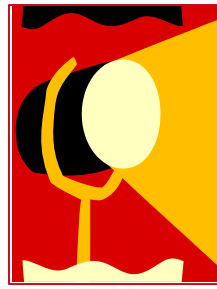
- Jennifer Kasten - President
- Dawn Albert - Vice President
- Dreama Hemingway - Secretary
- Wendy Roldan – Treasurer
- Lori Kocur – Membership & Volunteers
- Anne Donovan & Jackie Gaddis – Staff Appreciation

## 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>



### Spotlight on...

Thanks to Our PTSA Staff Appreciation Committee!

JPMS staff were treated to a delicious luncheon this week,

organized by Jackie Gaddis with support from these wonderful ladies:

Leni Barry - Tonya Beaton - Pam Boe

Stephanie Burdette - Mary Lou Couvillion

Roberta Johnson - Annette Maier

Thanks! It was a real treat!

**Meeting Reminder:** There will be no PTSA general meeting in February. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. We will also have our regularly scheduled meeting on **April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendar so you won't miss these dates!

## It's time to start planning for the 8th grade year-end dance!

Please join us for an initial planning meeting on Thursday, February 7th at my house, 5 Tom Fox Court, in Poolesville at 7:00 PM.

We'll be organizing the committees - Food (Tracy Windall, Chair); Decorations (Charlotte Roberts, Chair); Invitations/Tickets (Lori Kocur, Chair); Games, Activities (t-shirts? photo booth?) - so come with ideas and enthusiasm!

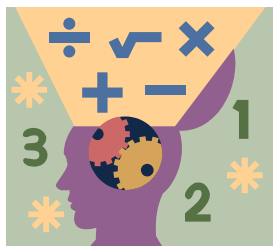
All 8th grade parents are welcome, and if you can't make it, let me know what you'd like to work on and I'll put you in touch with that chairperson.

This is an exciting time for our students and we want to make their last big event with their classmates on June 7th a special time.

See you soon,  
Dawn Albert



# Registration for Next Year and the New Math Curriculum –



A lot to think about as we go into the third quarter of the school year

Our PTSA is planning opportunities in coming weeks to keep informed about the Math Curriculum 2.0 rollout, and we'll be talking about all these details and how they will affect your family as we go through the registration process for next year.

Mark your calendars now for the parent planning meetings:

February 11 – Parents of Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders - 7:00 PM in the media center

February 13 – Parents of Current 5<sup>th</sup> Graders – 7:00 PM in the APR

Of course, you can always call the counselor or math teacher as well.

JPMS has been preparing to have our students ready for continued success. We'll make sure they transition smoothly to the new curriculum!

## Do You Ever Worry that Those Super Bowl Commercials We all Love Might Be Inappropriate for Kids?

So do the folks at Common Sense Media. They have some thoughtful advice for parents who want to share the big game with their families but who are uneasy about the lengths advertisers will go to in creating those eye-catching, exciting Super Bowl ads. You might want to check out their ideas at this link:

<http://www.common sense media.org/blog/super-bowl-2013-ads-sexy-violent-and-shocking>

## Poolesville Public Library – A Great Community Resource!

Bring the kids to the library on Tuesday, February 5 at 4:00 PM to meet some animals on the “Night Shift” at the Maryland Zoo. When the sun sets, “night shift” animals come on duty! Learn about special senses that allow these animals to navigate in the dark. Test your own nocturnal sensory skills and meet Zoo creatures of the night when they make a day trip to our library. This program is designed for children, ages 6-12, with parents or caregivers and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library Montgomery County, Inc.

On Saturday, February 23 at 2:00 PM, the library will be presenting a special African American History Month event through a partnership with the Montgomery County Historical Society. Local attorney and educator Elaine R. Fors-MacKellar will give a presentation describing a small rural segregated school which represents an important segment of the timeline of the history of segregated education in Montgomery County. Recollections of former students and teachers will help tell the true story of this one-room school with no central heat, water, or electricity, which served the African American children of Boyds and surrounding communities from 1896-1936.

February is also Library Lovers' Month and all are invited to come by our public library and fill out a postcard for the County Council let them and all of us know what you love most about your library. And as always, there will be two storytimes this month – Time for Twos is February 14 at 10:30 AM and Preschool Storytime is February 28 at 10:30 AM. Come out and enjoy our public library!



# More Winter Weather May Be On the Way



It was a little surprising this week when cold and snow brought us the first delayed opening in a couple of years. Time to refresh our memories about how MCPS responds when the weather gets tough!

Winter weather emergencies, such as snow and ice, may cause disruptions in school operations, including the closure of school, a delayed opening, or an early dismissal. Here is some information about the procedures used when such disruptions occur and about the weather contingency plan that would add student instructional days to the end of the scheduled school year if schools are closed for more than four days due to weather emergencies.

## **Closure of School**

When schools are closed systemwide, all instructional programs and extracurricular activities in schools are canceled. Private day-care providers in school buildings may elect to stay open if the schools are closed but the administrative offices are open. In extreme conditions, administrative offices may also be closed. If this occurs, private day-care programs located in school buildings are closed as well.

## **Delayed Opening**

A delayed opening means that schools open two hours later than scheduled. All buses operate on the same delayed schedule and, therefore, the pick-up times are two hours later than normal. When elementary schools open on a delayed schedule, morning sessions of Head Start, prekindergarten, and other specialized programs or field trips scheduled before 10:30 a.m. are canceled. Activities that begin after 10:30 a.m. will be held as scheduled. Afternoon sessions of prekindergarten begin at the regular time. Parents should continue to check for radio, television, or Web announcements in the event a decision to delay the opening of schools is reconsidered and a decision to close schools for the day is made (by 7:00 a.m.).

## **Early Dismissal**

An early dismissal means that schools will close 2.5 hours earlier than scheduled. All buses operate on that same early schedule and, therefore, drop-off times are 2.5 hours earlier than normal. When elementary schools close early, afternoon prekindergarten and other early childhood programs are canceled, as well as any special programs or field trips scheduled after 10:30 a.m. Morning prekindergarten and morning half-day Head Start students will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m.

## **Public Announcements**

Information about school operations is announced publicly as soon as possible on area radio and television stations, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Cable TV (Comcast Channel 34, Verizon FIOS Channel 36, RCN Channel 89), Outlook, on the Internet at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org), and on a recorded telephone message at 301-279-3673. Emergency announcements are available by signing up for MCPS *QuickNotes* and *Alert MCPS* text and e-mail notifications on the school system's home page. If schools are closed or delayed, the announcement is made no later than 6:00 a.m. (or the night before if possible). If schools are closing early, the announcement is made by 11:00 a.m.

## **Emergency Weather Contingency Plan**

An emergency weather contingency plan will add student instructional days to the end of the scheduled school year if schools are closed more than four days because of weather emergencies. The planned school

year for students ends on Tuesday, June 14, 2013. However, if schools are closed for more than four days due to weather emergencies, the following schedule would extend the school year in order to add the necessary make-up days:

1. If schools are closed for five days, the school year will be extended by one day to June 17, 2013.
2. If schools are closed for six days, the school year will be extended by two days to June 17 and June 18, 2013.
3. If schools are closed seven days, the school year will be extended by three days to June 17, June 18, and June 19, 2013.
4. If schools are closed for eight days, the school year will be extended by four days to June 17, June 18, June 19, and June 20, 2013.
5. If schools are closed nine days, the school year will be extended by five days to June 17, June 18, June 19, June 20, and June 21, 2013.



### **Weather Conditions and Decisions**

The school system uses a variety of sources of information to determine whether to close schools, delay the opening of schools, or dismiss schools early. These sources include actual physical inspection of road and school conditions by Department of Transportation officials and other staff at areas throughout the county, and an analysis of independent reports from the National Weather Service, Accu-Weather, and the news media. The most severe weather conditions within the county are used as the basis for decision making. Consistent procedures are maintained in order to respond quickly to emergency weather conditions and protect the safety and well-being of students.

All public schools within Montgomery County adhere to the same schedule relating to emergency weather conditions. The decision to change school operations is made by the superintendent of schools or his designee and affects all schools within the school system.

## **Student Transfer Application Season Begins February 1**

Montgomery County parents/guardians who wish to request a Change of School Assignment (COSA) for their children from their home school may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season—February 1 through April 2, 2013.

Students in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are assigned to a school on the basis of their place of residence or their Individualized Education Program (IEP) and are expected to attend their home school. Assignment changes for students from one school to another are permitted under the following limited circumstances:

- An older sibling attends the requested school in the regular program, absent a boundary change
- A continuation in a feeder pattern from middle to high school, except when affected by boundary change, application program acceptance, or consortium choice guidelines
- A documented, unique hardship situation
- A student selected for an exempt program

Beginning the first week of February, the COSA booklet will be available in schools and online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers). The booklet will be available in English and Spanish. Exempt programs that do not fall under the transfer guidelines are listed in the information booklet.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

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

**Rec Extra needs your donations for upcoming classes. Don't throw it away!!! Recycle with us!**

**You may drop any of these items in the Rec Extra Box in the Main Office.**

- Sewing supplies, thread, trim, buttons, fiber fill
- Scrapbook supplies (paper, scissors, stickers, etc.)
- Beads and Jewelry making supplies; old jewelry
- Magnets—too many on your refrigerator? We will take them!
- Fabric and fabric scraps
- Spray paint
- Yarn and knitting needles or crochet hooks

**Thanks in advance for your donations!**

**Cugini's**



**Authentic Italian Cuisine**

**JPMS Leo Club  
Restaurant Night  
at Cugini's**

**Tuesday February 5  
5:00 – 9:00 PM**

This is a great way to support the LEO Club's efforts and spend some time with your family and classmates.

You can dine in with your friends or carry out.

All money raised will go to the LEO Club's work helping our community.

**Come join us at Cuginis!**

**See You There!!!!**

**Please drop your receipt in the  
Leo Club container after you  
place your order!**



# Noteworthy

## Open Gym

It is not too late to come to Open Gym. Last week we worked out in the weight room, played table tennis, basketball, tennis, field hockey and lacrosse. Come join the fun! If the weather is appropriate we could even go outside for activities. Permission slips can be picked up from the locker rooms and must be completed before participating. The ECA fee should be paid and students should be academically eligible. The remaining dates for Open Gym are 2/13, 2/20 and 2/27. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Gerrie.

## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer Players

Spring is just around the corner and if you are interested in trying out for the JPMS boys or girls soccer team, now is the time to get your paperwork filled out. In order to try out you must have a current physical on file (physicals are good for 2 calendar years) and a completed parent permission slip. Tryouts can start as early as March 7, but the official day of tryouts will be announced shortly. All paperwork may be picked up in the girls or boys locker room. Please contact the co-athletic directors (Mr. Willett and Mrs. Gerrie) if you have any questions.

## 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).

## Soccer Tryouts

There will be meeting after school on February 13 for all 7th and 8th graders interested in tryouts for the JPMS Soccer teams. 6<sup>th</sup> graders are not eligible to play on school teams.

The meeting will be over by 3:00 and the activity bus does not leave until 4:00, so please have a ride waiting.

If you are unable to attend please see Mr. Willett (Girl's Soccer Coach) or Mr. Owens (Boy's Soccer Coach).

## New Policy on Returned Checks

Sometimes we make a mistake in calculating the checkbook balance and a check will bounce. Our own bank charges a hefty fee for having to process a check we wrote on an account with insufficient funds. Now, JPMS is being charged a \$25 fee when we submit a check that bounces.

I'm sorry, but we will have to pass that fee on to the person who gave us the bad check. I know that's a whopping penalty to pay! If you paid \$8.50 for a field trip and the check bounced, you would end up paying whatever your bank charges, plus \$25 to us, plus, of course, that field trip expense. I hope this never happens to you (or to me!)

The same \$25 is being charged at all MCPS schools when a bank returns a check to them.

## 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.

## Builders of the Future

Register NOW for a one-day enrichment program offered for students in grades 4 - 6, scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Germantown campus of Montgomery College.

Students will have an opportunity to select two 3-hour workshops from the 8 exciting workshops offered. Workshops include topics on:

- designing and creating custom-made parachutes and stuff sacks,
- making soft sculptures and wearables that incorporate light and sound,
- building whimsical electromechanical gizmos,
- building LEGO take-home projects and flying machines, and woodworking

For brochures or additional registration information, contact Workforce Development & Continuing Education at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917 or access our website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthmcadventures.html>

Workshops fill fast, so don't delay!

Parents, when you register your child for the *Builders of the Future* workshops, consider signing yourself up for the special optional two-hour parent workshop called "Materials, Tools, and Projects That Rock."

It's a special opportunity to learn how to use basic hand tools and where to find tested maker projects and inspiration. For registration information, contact Workforce Development & Continuing Education at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917 or at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthmcadventures.html>

## Winter 2013 Parent Academy

The MCPS Parent Academy is back with an exciting lineup of free workshops for parents! The 2013 winter session of the Parent Academy began on Monday, January 14, 2013. The Parent Academy helps equip parents with the tips and tools they need to help their children succeed. All of the workshops are free and are held at schools and locations throughout Montgomery County. Childcare and interpretation services are provided at all classes. The schedule of workshops is available at [montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/](http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/).

## Sesión de Invierno de la Academia Para Padres

La Academia para Padres de MCPS regresa con un interesante grupo de talleres gratuitos para los padres! La sesión de invierno del 2013 de la Academia para Padres comenzará el Lunes, 14 de enero. La Academia para Padres ayuda a equipar a los padres con los consejos y herramientas que necesitan para ayudar a sus hijos a triunfar. Todos los talleres son gratuitos y se realizan en escuelas y otros lugares de la comunidad en todo el condado. Los servicios de guardería y interpretación de lenguajes se proporcionan en todas las clases. El horario de los talleres está disponible en [montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/](http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/)

***Coming in the next Back Pocket –***

***Photos from our exciting Science Expo!***





# Anne Arundel Peace Action

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e-mail: [mjkeller@att.net](mailto:mjkeller@att.net)

## FRED B. BENJAMIN PEACE WRITING CONTEST For Maryland Middle School Students

**Description:** This is an annual, statewide writing contest for middle school students in Maryland focusing on the themes of peace and social justice. The contest, now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, is sponsored by Anne Arundel Peace Action, Maryland Peace Action Education Fund, Benjamin Peace Foundation, and the Peace and Justice Center of Annapolis Friends Meeting.

**Eligibility:** All 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in public or private schools in Maryland or home-schooled students at the same grade levels are eligible to enter.

**Requirements:** Students must write no more than 1,200 words on the following topic:

By the year 2045, global population is projected to reach nine billion. Plus, the world's climate is warming. Some have forecasted a gloomy future for the planet, marked by wars over control for shrinking natural resources as well as food and water and by increased and more violent storms and rising sea levels. Others are optimistic, believing that advances in technology and knowledge and the pursuit of enlightened policies will produce solutions. Imagine that a time machine has been invented that propels you to 2045. Write an account of what you find and what has transpired on earth in the intervening years.

The entry should be double-spaced and accompanied by a separate cover sheet which includes all of these:

- Student's name, address and phone number (or e-mail address)
- School's name, address and phone number
- The name of the teacher sponsor, if applicable

Personal identifying information must not appear anywhere on the entry. Cover sheets should be attached to the entries by paperclip. No staples anywhere, please.

**Deadline:** Send entries and cover sheets to the address above. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2013.

**Awards:** Winners will be selected by a panel of three distinguished judges. Winners will receive prizes of:

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| First place:  | \$350 |
| Second place: | \$250 |
| Third place:  | \$150 |
| Fourth place: | \$100 |

Winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony. Attendance is not required to receive an award.





# MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

MARYLAND

February 6, 2013



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an opportunity to purchase a piano or keyboard for your family. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has an agreement with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., to provide MCPS with new grand and upright pianos to be used in schools. Schaeffer's Piano Co., Inc., located in Rockville, Maryland, is the area's oldest piano store. This agreement also provides MCPS families and staff an opportunity to purchase these and other pianos for considerably reduced prices at an annual piano sales event.

This year's liquidation sales event will take place on February 16, 17, and 18, 2013, at 105 North Stonestreet Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. Saturday and Sunday, February 16 and 17, 2013, are by appointment only to provide an opportunity for you to purchase these pianos before they are offered for sale to the public on Monday, February 18, 2013. All pianos will carry a 15-year transferable warranty. Each piano will come with a bench and one free in-house tuning.

For additional information, you may visit the Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., website at [www.schaefferspiano.com](http://www.schaefferspiano.com). To make an appointment for February 16 or 17, call the Schaeffer's Piano Company appointment desk at 301-424-1147. No appointment is required for Monday, February 18 when the sale will be open to the general public from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 16, 2013

Sunday, February 17, 2013

Monday, February 18, 2013

Call 301-424-1147 to schedule an appointment

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Open to the General Public, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

We are grateful to be working with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., to support our school music programs and help MCPS keep new and well-maintained instruments in our schools each year. If you have any questions, please contact Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., at 301-424-1144.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Bowers  
Chief Operating Officer

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

850 Hungerford Drive, Room 149 ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20850 ♦ 301-279-3626

This is not the JPMS Saturday School. It is another wonderful program sponsored through MCPS.



The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.

# Saturday School

[www.saturdayschool.org](http://www.saturdayschool.org)

## What is the Saturday School?

- Sixth day of academic instruction with certified teachers in a nurturing and supportive environment
- Curriculum is aligned with that of Montgomery County Public Schools
  - Grades 1 through 8 focus on reading, language arts and math
  - Grades 9 through 12 focus on core subjects (English and Math); support for High School Assessments; HSA Bridge support available at select sites
  - College and career readiness is emphasized

## Who Should Attend? Montgomery County students in Grades 1 through 12

### When?

**SATURDAY MORNINGS THROUGH MAY 4, 2013**

**8:30 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.**

**BREAKFAST PROVIDED AT 8:00 A.M. AT ALL CENTERS**

**EXCEPT SHERWOOD**

**SEE CALENDAR ONLINE AT [WWW.SATURDAYSCHOOL.ORG](http://WWW.SATURDAYSCHOOL.ORG)**

### Where?

#### **12 LOCATIONS**

**BLAIR HS**

**EINSTEIN HS**

**GAITHERSBURG MS**

**KENNEDY HS**

**MAGRUDER HS**

**NORTHWEST HS**

**PAINT BRANCH HS**

**ROCKVILLE HS**

**SHERWOOD HS**

**SPRINGBROOK HS**

**WATKINS MILL HS**

**WHEATON HS**

Transportation provided  
at Blair, Kennedy and  
Wheaton High Schools.

### Cost?

A registration fee of \$30 for FARMS / \$50 for non-FARMS.

A payment plan is available and can be completed at registration.

## How to Register?

Parents may register online at [www.saturdayschool.org](http://www.saturdayschool.org) or in person at the Center their student will attend.

*For online registration*, please bring the report card to your student's first tutoring session. PayPal, Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

*For registering at the centers*, please bring the report card to registration. Cash, checks or money orders (made payable to GBTLA or The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.) are accepted.

**You may register your student any Saturday  
that Saturday School is in session.**

### Questions?

**Call The Learning Academy Office at 301-320-6545**

*The GBTLA Saturday School is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions gladly accepted.*



# Save the Date!

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



|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| February 4 – 8 | National School Counseling Week  |
| February 5     | JPMS Leo Club Restaurant Night at Cugini's from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.                                 |
| February 8     | Holocaust Field Trip (7 <sup>th</sup> Grade)   |
| February 9     | Saturday School  |
| February 11    | Incoming 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation Meeting at 7:00 p.m.       |
| February 12    | Magnet Meeting for Students/Parents at PHS at 7:00 p.m.  |
| February 13    | Incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation Meeting at 7:00 p.m.                           |
| February 15    | Honor Roll Celebrations<br>8th Grade – 8:40 a.m.; 7th Grade – 10:30 a.m.; 6th Grade – 12:50 p.m. |
| February 18    | Holiday, Presidents' Day (No School)   |
| February 22    | Early Release Day, Grading and Planning (students dismissed at 11:50)                            |

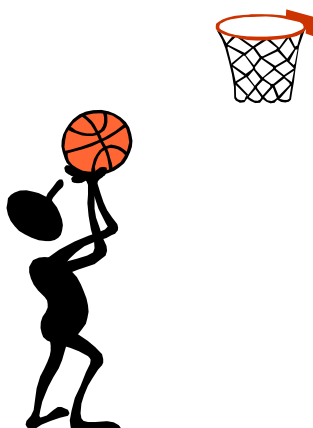
Activity buses are provided Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, except on early dismissal days or the day before a holiday. Buses leave JPMS at 4:00 p.m.

## National Counseling Week

**“School Counseling: Liberty and Learning for All” is the theme of national School Counseling Week, February 4-8, 2013, sponsored by the American School Counseling Association. The week will focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within United States school systems.**

**National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career as they meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

**We have wonderful, dedicated counselors in Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Hardy. Next week would be a great time to let them know how much we appreciate the outstanding work they do for our kids.**



## Basketball Schedule

(practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays)

- \*February 5 Girls play Baker at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)—rescheduled 1/10
- \*February 5 Boys play Baker at Baker (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

|             |           |     |                                    |
|-------------|-----------|-----|------------------------------------|
| February 1  | 7:00 p.m. | (H) | PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS        |
| February 5  | 7:00 p.m. | (A) | PHS vs. Einstein HS at Einstein HS |
| February 8  | 7:00 p.m. | (A) | PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS |
| February 12 | 7:00 p.m. | (H) | PHS vs. Tuscarora HS at PHS        |
| February 19 | 5:15 p.m. | (A) | PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at QOHS  |

## Girls Varsity Basketball

|             |           |     |   |
|-------------|-----------|-----|---|
| February 1  | 7:00 p.m. | (A) | PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS      |
| February 5  | 7:00 p.m. | (H) | PHS vs. Einstein HS at PHS                |
| February 8  | 5:15 p.m. | (A) | PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS        |
| February 12 | 5:15 p.m. | (A) | PHS vs. Urbana HS at Urbana HS            |
| February 15 | 7:00 p.m. | (A) | PHS vs. Linganore HS at Linganore HS      |
| February 19 | 7:00 p.m. | (A) | PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Linganore HS |

## Boys Varsity Wrestling

|            |           |     |                                   |
|------------|-----------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| February 2 | 1:00 p.m. | (A) | PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at QOHS |
| February 2 | 1:00 p.m. | (A) | PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at QOHS  |



# Talent Show FUNDRAISER

Throughout the month of February, the Poolesville High School National Honor Society is participating in a national fundraiser to raise awareness for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). To involve not only the school, but the entire Poolesville community, the National Honor Society is hosting a talent show (Poolesville Idol) in which any member of the community can audition and perform.

We are opening auditions to Monocacy ES/PES/JPMS. This talent show can include any act, and the link to the sign-up sheet will clarify much of the information necessary. The audition date for elementary and middle school students is Tuesday, February 5th from 5:00-9:00 PM.

Here is the link for the online sign up sheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHJraFF0N2pMMG9ncUFjTWpKYVc5Y0E6MQ#gid=0>

All proceeds from the event will go to LLS.



# 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        |

**JPMS**  
**Timberwolves**  
**live with**  
**P**urpose  
**R**espect  
**I**ntegrity  
**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**

