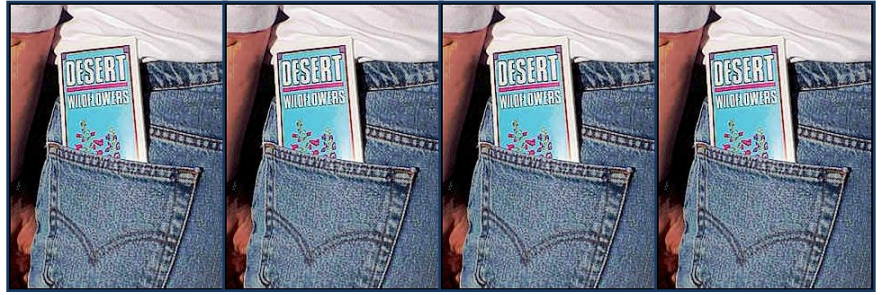


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



February 3, 2012

A Thought for Today:

"Love is that condition in the human spirit so profound that it allows one to survive, and better than that, to thrive with passion, compassion, and style. "

- Maya Angelou

Thanking Our Counselors

February 6 – 10 is National Counselor Appreciation Week. At John Poole, we are very fortunate to have two wonderful counselors who are both exceptionally skilled and completely devoted to our students and their personal and academic growth.

We're a small school; we are only allocated 1.5 counselors to serve all our students. Mrs. Arnold is our full-time counselor, and Mrs. Hardy fills our part-time position. Her hours are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM daily, but Mrs. Hardy is often in her office early and late to address the needs of her students.

Mrs. Arnold is assigned Grades 6 and 8 this year; Mrs. Hardy has Grade 7, but the two counselors work as a team. With such a small staff, when one counselor is in a meeting or out of the building, the other supports any student who needs help. The goal is to make sure students get attention as quickly as possible, regardless of the specific counselor to whom he or she is assigned. This teamwork has been especially important recently, as Mrs. Hardy has been at home for several weeks recovering from a serious automobile accident. We hope to welcome her back soon.

Mrs. Arnold has earned National Board Certification in Counseling – an impressive credential. She is a regular presenter at conferences and trainings that range from informing our PTSA about issues facing young teenagers, to assisting in leading Poolesville PRIDE (our cluster-wide organization promoting civility in our community), to training other counselors at county and state meetings. Later this month, she will offer parents information about the changing roles and challenges resulting from personal technology in the hands of our children. If you can join us at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, February 23 in the Media Center, you will learn the latest insights on how to support and protect our kids in a cyber environment that didn't exist five years ago, much less when we were growing up.

Our counselors also play a significant role in supporting a positive school climate at JPMS. They are able to address student concerns with confidentiality and often nip potential problems in the bud. The counselors are not disciplinarians, so students can ask for their help without worrying about getting themselves or their friends into trouble. That's a big relief to young people who are learning how to navigate new relationships and deal with peer pressure.

Next week the JPMS staff will show the counselors how much we appreciate the great work they do. Won't you join us?

Reminder:

Report Cards went home on Wednesday this week. Please check the back pack if you haven't seen your child's report card yet, and call the Counseling Office if you need a duplicate copy. The number is 301-972-7980. Thanks!

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!



Ronan Connell

Joe Soltis

Cole Williams

Cassidy Dice

Will Stanoyevitch

Shirley Wolz

William Field

Renee Terragno

Sarah Yates

Student Leaders of the Pack

Each month, our staff selects five students from each team who have exemplified the Timberwolf PRIDE core values of **Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication** and **Effort**. Sometimes, these students have earned recognition through scholarly excellence, but these values are personal as well as academic, so sometimes the honorees will be chosen for displaying the good citizenship that makes our school a better place to work and learn.

Student Leaders of the Pack for December and January received their certificates at a ceremony this morning. Parents were invited to attend, a light breakfast was served, and photographs were taken of each award winner for display in the school lobby.

Congratulations to these great kids! We are very proud of the December/January Leaders of the Pack!



DECEMBER

6TH GRADE

Purpose – **Peter Barry**

Respect – **Taylor Byrd**

Integrity – **Robert Siegrist**

Dedication – **Gabriella Capobianchi**

Effort – **Nicole Duran**

7TH GRADE

Purpose – **Julia Montone**

Respect – **Michael Payne**

Integrity – **Natali Portillo**

Dedication – **Isabelle Falls**

Effort – **Cole Carmack**

8TH GRADE

Purpose – **Erika Blair**

Respect – **Grace Beal**

Integrity – **Benton Anthony**

Dedication – **Anelia Slavoff**

Effort – **Colin Jansson**

JANUARY

6TH GRADE

Purpose – **Lucas Stroud**

Respect – **Colin Metz**

Integrity – **Melanie Staszewski**

Dedication – **Madeleine Thompson**

Effort – **Killian Carney**

7TH GRADE

Purpose – **DJ Bricker**

Respect – **Victoria Pach**

Integrity – **Mackenzie Gross**

Dedication – **Alessandra Molina**

Effort – **Delaney Cecco**

8TH GRADE

Purpose – **Jolee Raines**

Respect – **Gavin Hockenbery**

Integrity – **Carley Kenly**

Dedication – **Aidan Shea**

Effort – **Anne Mustafa**

Second Quarter Grade 8 Honor Roll

Benton Anthony
 Sirisha Ashley
 Andrew Bacas
Grace Beal*
 Taylor Behrens
Erika Blair*
 Adam Branscome
 Cormac Brown
 Madison Carrillo
 Carissa Caruso-Dipaolo
 Karyn Comfort
 Jami D'Amelio
 Alex Dahlen
 Kristen Darragh
 Chance Garner
 Lia Ghozati
 Kyran Gill
Alexandra Goldman*
 Liesl Green

Roger Guitart*
 Breanne Hall
Casey Harkins*
 Christina Hilton
 Blake Hinkson
Grace Howard*
 Christopher Johnson
 Jake Johnson
Kathryn Kavanagh*
 Carley Kenly
 Ivy Kerubo
Andrew Kocur*
 Zachary Kovach
 Michael Kuhn
 Nicholas Kuhn
Jason Kuldell*
 Dylan Landis
 Cody LeMarr
 Lauren Lightcap

Julia Link
 Trevor Magaha
 Oscar Martinez
 Julia McAleer
 Georgia Micheals
 Morgan Mullett
 Caroline Mullins
Rebecca Murphy*
 Anne Mustafa
Abigail Nalesnik*
Allison Nalesnik*
 Allison Nevius
Lillianna Pedersen*
 Rachel Peterson
 Tatum Posey
Morgan Poss*
 Michael Quaranta
 Jolee Raines
 Brianna Roche

Alesya Sarakhman
 Jean-Luc Schinosi
 Aidan Shea
Anelia Slavoff*
 Bailee Smith
 Joseph Soltis
Justin Souder*
 Erin Sparrow
 Renee Terragno
Kelly Van Meter*
 Amanda Warfield
 Kyle Wilkins
 Courtney Williams
 Kirk Williams
 Megan Wilson
Shirley Wolz*
Michael Yin*

***Indicates All As**

Second Quarter Grade 7 Honor Roll

Daniel Ballew*
 Stephanie Bateky
 Courtney Bourque
 Joseph Brashear
 Amber Bratcher
Coleman Carmack*
Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo*
Delaney Cecco*
 Michael Chilla
 Danielle Creedon
 Kathryn Creedon
 Kenydi Cross
 Robert Deitz
James Donovan*
 Jacob Drissel
David Esser*
 Isabelle Falls
 Gabriel Fernandez
 Nicolas Fernandez
Julia Fisher*

Kaley Fisher*
 Isabella Garner
 Mackenzie Gross
 Michael Gross
 Melissa Hall
 Katherine Heimbach
Keegan Hemingway*
Kristen Hepburn*
 Sara Himmelfarb
Alison Huber*
 Claire Jensen
 Hailey Khalil
 Amelia King
 Calvin Kinzie
 Brandon Kocur
 Micael Kovich
Isabella Lawbaugh*
 Lev Malinin
Kevin Manakkunnel*
 Jacob Mason

Michael McDonald*
Timothy McIntyre*
Cole McKenney*
Sophia Mense*
 Kaelyn Milby
 Alessandra Molina
Julia Montone*
Michael Morgan*
 Samantha Mullikin
 Cooper Myers-Mallinger
Theresa Nardone*
 Nelson Nichols
 Alexander O'Donnell
Victoria Pach*
Michael Pappas*
 Michael Payne
Madison Peyton*
 Natali Portillo
 Tyler Portocarrero
 Thomas Riegert

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

***Indicates All As**

Second Quarter Grade 6 Honor Roll

Jordan Allentuck
Christian Andrade
Diana Arias
Dorothy Ballmann
Peter Barry*
Michael Basehore
Ellen Beal
Stefanie Beltran
Morgan Bliss*
Quinlan Brenholtz
Aidan Briancon
Hannah Bush*
Taylor Byrd*
Lydia Caballero
Cassandra Campbell
Gabriella Capobianchi
Rachel Childress
Jay Colmes, Jr.
Matthew Convers
Paris Copeland*
Kellie Dahlin
Perry Dominici*
Nicole Duran
James Dutton
Erik Eklof

Elise Evans*
Richard Falls
Michael Fetchko
William Field*
Carter Fry
Elias Garcia
Samuel Garrett
Lia Gonzalez
Paul Graham
Erin Green*
Victoria Gruber
Ryan Haddaway
Brooke Hamm*
Bridgette Hammett*
Haley Harkins*
Mathew Hill
Ethan Hinds
Franklina Hovor
Chloe Insalaco
Clara Jackson*
Tania Jackson
Brian Jacobs
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*
Alice Maley
Charlotte Mallow
Darrell Marshall
Trevor McFall*
Colin Metz
Maureen Miller
Michelle Moraa
Tyler Morningstar
Lillian Mowell
MacKenzie Mullett
Thomas Oram
Stephanie Parker
Brady Pearre
Gavin Prebilic*
Renee Quaranta

Robert Queen
Tyler Roy
James Royal
John Sartschev
Susanna Schmidt
Molly Sherman*
Robert Siegrist
Nicole Slebodnik
Bostyn Smith
Melanie Staszewski*
Lucas Stroud
Bryce Taylor
Alivia Tetlow
Colin Thomas
John Thompson
Madeleine Thompson
Kathleen Van Houten*
Donald Vogel*
Triana Wallace
Kira Wathen
Avery Whitney-Blum*
Jack Wilson
Roger Yerger

**Indicates All As*

Second Quarter Honor Roll Celebrations

February 10

Grade 8 – 8:40 am

Grade 7 – 10:25 am

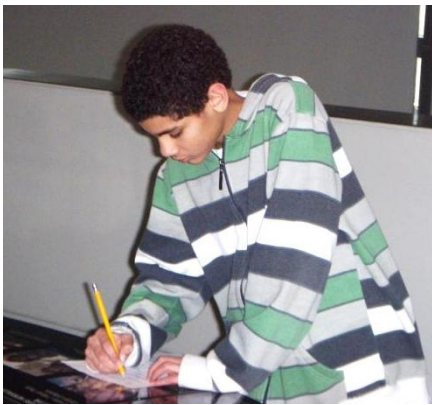
Grade 6 – 11:50 am

In the auxiliary gym

Families are cordially invited to attend.

Newseum Field Trip

8th Graders had a great time on Tuesday visiting the Newseum. As usual, they represented our school with excellent behavior and commitment to learning. Thanks to Mrs. Callaghan for taking the pictures and to our wonderful parent volunteers who came along as chaperones!



PBIS News

At John Poole, PBIS – Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports – is a program that responds to student behavior with consistency and frequent reminders of our expectations for living with Timberwolf PRIDE.

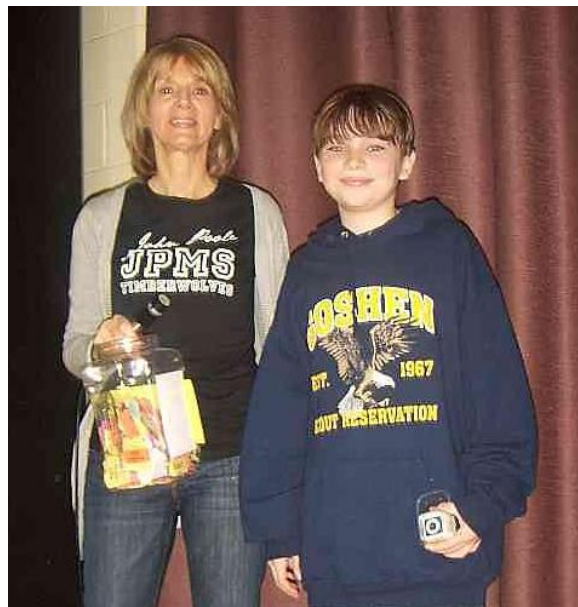
The next time you're in the building, I hope you will get a look at the posters on display in our hallways. They are the results of a recent contest for which students created creative ways to interpret our core values of Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Effort. Courtney Bourque's poem, which she read on the morning announcements this week, is at right.

We celebrated all classes surpassing 70 Peace Days by showing cartoons at lunch this week, which the students really enjoy, and the PRIDE store is currently featuring Valentine items, because February 14 is just around the corner, but the most exciting event occurred last Friday when we were able to give away two iPods.



Mrs. Petak located a national website that links up worthwhile projects with individuals who want to support good works, and almost as soon as her request was posted, two donors funded the iPods. With these good Samaritans paying for the prizes, our kids got a bonus. They could enter the raffle by writing their names on the back of PRIDE Props they had earned this year and placing as many as they chose to submit into the drawing. One name was drawn during each lunch.

We're going to continue activities like these to keep our core values front and center at JPMS and to show our students how much we appreciate the character they display every day.




Thanks to Ms. Lemon and Mrs. McIntyre for taking the pictures of the PRIDE store and iPod winners!

A Prize-winning Poem About PBIS...

Tick Tock goes the clock
3 minutes 'til class starts.
Fast walking, slow jogging -
Anything so I won't be late.
Then I feel great,
Because I showed Purpose today!

- Courtney Bourque

Student Service Learning Notes

- Consider getting involved in service on President's Day on February 20 and the early release day on March 2.
- Local, State, and National elections provide opportunities for students to be involved in the political process. Political organizations and opportunities identified with a graduation cap icon  on the website www.mcpsssl.org are approved for SSL. Any service provided to an individual running for public office requires MCPS Form 560-50, *Request for SSL Preapproval* granted in advance.
- Remember: SSL is a graduation requirement. SSL along with all other requirements must be met for a high school diploma to be awarded.



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.

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.

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



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

**Thanks to the PTSA
for the financial
support that made
our BMX assembly
possible!**

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

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

Please contact Lori Kocur at kocurs@verizon.net for membership information or to register as a JPMS Parent Volunteer. Once you are a registered volunteer, you will receive emails when opportunities to help out at school arise. It's as easy as that!

Show your kids how much you care and how important their school experience is to you – register to volunteer today!

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/1311%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf>

Donations Welcome for 8th Grade Dance

Now that we are in the second semester of the school year, the 8th graders at John Poole Middle School are looking ahead to moving to high school. In fact, planning is already underway for their annual 8th grade celebration dance, which will be held June 8, featuring a fun beach theme.

The dance committee is looking for donations for raffle and game prizes for the dance, such as gift baskets, gift cards, movie tickets, beach-themed merchandise, electronics, sports equipment, restaurant gift certificates, and popular store gift certificates. (Only new or unused items, please.) Financial donations are also appreciated so we can purchase prizes. Please take your donations to Mrs. Ogden in the middle school office before June 1 and clearly label them for the 8th Grade Dance. If you have any questions, contact Karen Micheals at kmicheals@cornetser.com or at 240-425-4446. Thank you for helping to make the dance a fun and memorable occasion for our children!



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. Thanks!



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 -- 2/7

Jewelry Making: Thursdays -- 2/9

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

Registration forms are available in the main office.

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

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

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



Announcing –

Yearbooks

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered through Jostens only. If you do not pre-order a yearbook, you are not guaranteed a yearbook. You can go to www.jostens.com today to pre-order your yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Aulls at Kelly_M_Aulls@mcpsmd.org.

Poolesville Helping Poolesville Families

Poolesville Helping Poolesville Families is a newly formed non-profit group seeking contributions to help a family currently in need. As you may have heard, the Selby's store has closed, leaving the Selby family in urgent need of our help. We are hoping the community will rally and support a family that has been serving us for 65 years. Can we count on you to make a tax deductible donation for this cause? If you live within Poolesville town limits, a committee representative will be stopping by your home. If you live outside of the town limits or wish to make your donation immediately, please make your checks payable to PHPF and mail to PHPF, Box 233, Poolesville Md 20837. Questions can be emailed to PHPF2012@aol.com. Thanks.

Donations Needed for Drama

The drama program is in need of donations for *Annie Jr.* as well as for the drama program. We need plastic boxes with covers and handles (bigger than shoe box size). Any old flannel nightgowns, pajamas, dress socks and clothing that could pass for the 1930's would be great. If you do make any donations, please make sure Mrs. Turner has your name. Thank you!

Student Town Hall Meetings

Have a question you'd really like to ask MCPS Superintendent Joshua Starr? Now's your chance! Dr. Starr wants to hear from students about what's working well in MCPS and what the school system can do to improve. He'll be holding two town hall meetings with students this semester – one at Thomas S. Wootton High School on February 7 and another at Wheaton High School on April 11. JPMS students may participate by going to www.mcpsStudentTownHall.org to submit questions or comments via email or twitter, and Dr. Starr will choose some to answer at the town hall meetings.

Homework Hotline Live



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.

Here's how 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.

Coming in next week's *Back Pocket*: Science Expo entries, winners and photos!

Boys Soccer Coach Needed

JPMS is looking for a qualified boys soccer coach who has experience coaching and working with middle school students.

The season runs March 14, 2012 to May 17, 2012. Practice is only 3 days a week, Tuesday – Thursday, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. There are 5 games during the season.

If you're interested in applying for the vacancy, please email Mr. Young to set up an interview at Terry_W_Young@mcpsmd.org.

Thanks!





February 2012

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 Company, 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 President's Day weekend, February 18, 19, and 20, 2012, at Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., located at 105 North Stonestreet Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19, 2012, 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 20, 2012. 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. To make an appointment for February 18 or 19, call the Schaeffer's Piano Company appointment desk at 301-424-1147. No appointment is required for Monday, February 20 when the sale will be open to the general public from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 18, 2012
Sunday, February 19, 2012
Monday, February 20, 2012

Call 301-424-1147 to schedule an appointment
Call 301-424-1147 to schedule an appointment
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



Montgomery County Committee on Hate/Violence
and
Montgomery County Office of Human Rights
Present



Bullying in Schools:

A Community Symposium on Prevention and Intervention Strategies

*A Free Community Forum and Discussion
for Parents, Students, Educators, Members and Leaders
of the Business and Faith Communities*

Reception to follow

Saturday, February 4, 2012
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza
One Veterans Plaza
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

MARTIN CASTRO, Chair
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
Keynote Speaker

VALERIE ERVIN, Councilmember
Montgomery County Council
Moderator

Panelists from:

- Johnnie Williams, Youth Advocate
- Montgomery County Public Schools
- National Association of School Psychologists
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- Gay-Straight Alliance of Walt Whitman High School

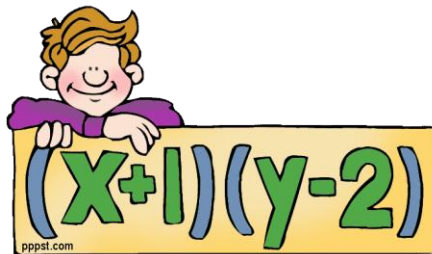
Please request sign language interpreters and
accommodation by January 31, 2012

For information:

CommitteeonHateViolence@montgomerycountymd.gov
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asp?url=/content/humanrights/OnHate.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hmrtnpl.asp?url=/content/humanrights/OnHate.asp)



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.

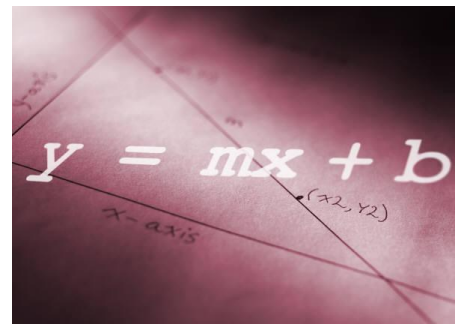
I would like to reserve a spot for the three week Algebra 2 Jumpstart class.

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.

Summer 2012

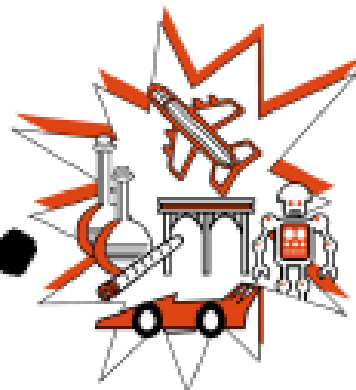
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Apply by March 26, 2012

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>

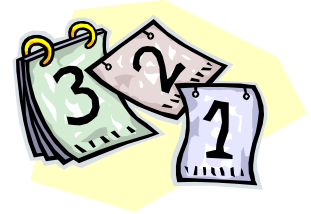
There are 100 spots available for the program, and registration will close once all spots have been filled. At that time, we will start a waiting list and will notify parents if and when spots become available.

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.

Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

February 6 – 10	National Counselor Appreciation Week
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
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February 10	Honor Roll Celebrations
February 16	Meeting for 8 th 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 9 th 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.)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Last Thursday, the Girls' Basketball team recorded its fourth victory of the season. Once again the Lady Timberwolves completely overmatched their opponent, Martin Luther King Middle School, with a score of 38-2. The defense held MLK scoreless from the field. Their only points came from the foul line late in the second quarter. **Mollie Bodmer** was the force behind the defense with 7 rebounds and 4 blocks. **Danielle Torres** also collected 5 boards. **Allie Nevius** led all scorers with 8 points. Next week they travel to Kingsview, looking to increase their record to a perfect 5-0!

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!

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



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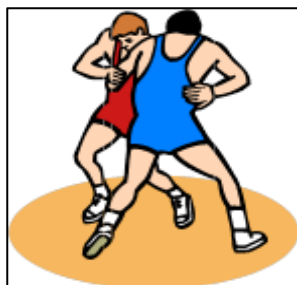
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Girls Varsity Basketball

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

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



Boys Varsity Wrestling

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

JPMS
Timberwolves
live with
Purpose
Respect
Integrity
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**

