



John Poole's **BACK POCKET**

February 7, 2014

A Thought for Today:

"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us."

- Wilma Rudolph

Great News!

If you and I have met, I'm fairly sure you have noticed that my plan for JPMS is pretty straight-forward: we should be the best. We have great kids; we have excellent teachers; we have strong support from our community – there's nothing holding us back, and our students deserve more than just a nice little country school. They deserve the best this outstanding school system in the number one state for education can provide. I bet you agree with me.

This week we received another confirmation that John Poole is the home of excellence. One of our teachers, Mrs. Lindsay, was named a winner of the Marian Greenblatt Teacher Award. That honor also makes her one of three finalists for the MCPS Teacher of the Year.

The Marian Greenblatt Education Fund has been giving annual awards to outstanding teachers since 1989. It was founded to commemorate the life-long commitment to educational excellence exemplified by Dr. Marian Greenblatt, a long-time member of the Montgomery County Board of Education who also served as its President during 1978 - 1979. When Dr. Greenblatt passed away in 1988, the fund was established in her memory. You can read more about this wonderful foundation and the award itself at <http://www.greenblatteducationfund.org/wp/>

Needless to say, I am delighted for us and for Mrs. Lindsay, but that's not the end of the story. I'm also honored to be part of a staff that recognizes and celebrates each other's strengths. We have many extraordinary teachers at John Poole; Mrs. Lindsay is the one who was nominated this year, but she is not alone in deserving the accolade. She never asked for this honor; in fact, she was blown away with surprise when we showed her the finished documents that placed her name in nomination. Yet when the call went out for letters to support her nomination, staff from around the building enthusiastically wrote letters on her behalf. It touched me deeply to read these letters, partly because they so accurately depicted the amazing work Mrs. Lindsay does, but also because they demonstrated the team spirit and support her colleagues were so generous in sharing. People who truly value great teaching and who work hard every day to make it happen are quick to recognize it in others. That's the way we get to be the best.

Next week, members of the Board of Education and other officials from MCPS and the Greenblatt Fund will visit JPMS to interview Mrs. Lindsay and to see educational excellence in action. It will be obvious in her room and all over our school.

- 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!



Meghan Dower

Haley Harkins

Christopher Mantz

Adam Eisenhardt

Jennifer Jang

Trevor McFall

Allison Haddaway

Kenna Krueger

Jose Roque

An Outstanding Reader!

Congratulations to **DJ Bevley** for being the first JPMS student to read 10 Black-eyed Susan nominee books! DJ received a big treat for all his effort and dedication to reading and completing 10 book review forms! Who will be next?

All a student has to do is read a minimum of three books from the list of Black-eyed Susan nominees by Friday, April 4th, and then fill out a brief book survey located in the Media Center. Each completed survey form earns the student a small prize. Every 10 books earns a bigger prize! Plus, all qualified participants earn an exclusive invitation to our very own Pizza Voting Party in April! Come check out your book today.

Honor Roll Celebrations

February 14, 2014

Grade 8 – 8:40

Grade 7 – 10:30

Grade 6 – 12:50

in the Auxiliary Gym

**Parents and Families Are Cordially
Invited to Attend**

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. We celebrate them at a ceremony on the first Friday of each month where they receive a certificate and are served a breakfast treat. Their pictures are proudly posted on a bulletin board in the front hall during the month in which they are being honored. Because of winter break and all the difficult weather this year, we combined our December and January recognition ceremonies and celebrated both groups of students this morning.

Congratulations to the December and January **Leaders of the Pack!**

December Winners

6th Grade

Purpose - Chris Martz
Respect - Connor Sorrell
Integrity - Bradley Christ
Dedication - William Batres
Effort - Holly Cross

7th Grade

Purpose - Patrick Ramazon
Respect - Timmy Wade
Integrity - Nick Spano
Dedication - Jessica Carey
Effort - Alivia Atkins

8th Grade

Purpose - Paris Copeland
Respect - Nicole Duran
Integrity - Ryan Kasten
Dedication - Bridgette Hammett
Effort - Amelia Williams



January Winners

6th Grade

Purpose - Daniel Chen
Respect - Jenna Stroud
Integrity - Matthew Contreras
Dedication - Lucas Trythall
Effort - Tess Insalaco

7th Grade

Purpose - Anna Akdag
Respect - Jose Roque
Integrity - Finn Ryan
Dedication - Darian Berger
Effort - Kalie Terragno

8th Grade

Purpose - Gabby Capobianchi
Respect - Chloe Insalaco
Integrity - Hannah Bush
Dedication - Taylor Byrd
Effort - Ryan Johnston

Second Quarter Grade 8 Honor Roll

Christian Andrade
Diana Arias
Dorothy Ballmann
Peter Barry
Morgan Bliss*
Eleanor Boyle
Charles Brill
Hannah Bush
Taylor Byrd
Gabriella Capobianchi
Rebecca Carin
Killian Carney
Matthew Convers
Paris Copeland
Perry Dominici
Dylan Drain*
James Dutton
Erik Eklof
Elise Evans
William Field
Carter Fry
Erin Green*
Victoria Gruber
Ryan Haddaway

Brooke Hamm
Bridgette Hammett*
Haley Harkins*
Franklina Hovor
Chloe Insalaco
Clara Jackson*
Jennifer Jang*
Ryan Johnston*
Ryan Kasten
Isaac Kasuske
Raymond Kinzie
Yaniv Kovich
Jackson Krasche
Kelliann Lee*
Hannah Leibrand
Ryan Lockett*
Erin Lyons
Sean Lyons
Rachel Macairan
Maddison Magaha
Jacob Marshall
Trevor McFall*
Kelsey McLoughlin
Colin Metz

Catherine Meyer
Michelle Moraa
MacKenzie Mullett
Stephanie Parker
Gavin Prebilic
Renee Quaranta
Robert Queen
Michelle Reyazuddin
Julia Rich
James Royal
Susanna Schmidt
Molly Sherman
Bostyn Smith
Paige Solans
Melanie Staszewski*
Bryce Taylor
Colin Thomas
Kathleen Van Houten
Donald Vogel
Cassandra Volkle*
Dalton Webber*
Avery Whitney-Blum
Amelia Williams
Roger Yerger

*Indicates All As

Second Quarter Grade 7 Honor Roll

Alexis Abrigo
Anna Akdag
Jocelyn Alvarez
Aidan Auel*
Nicholas Beaton
Thomas Behrens
Darian Berger*
Grace Bodmer
Gwendolyn Boe*
Gabriella Brooks
Rachel Bupp*
Madeline Burdette
Jessica Carey
Nicolas Cayzedo

Lauren Chilla*
Vincent Chim*
Kristina Chu*
Grace Clark
Julia Corfman*
Carla Dacanay*
Bryce Davis*
Alec De Luna
Meghan Dower*
Michael Edwards, III
Allison Foppe
John Foster
Travis Fraley
Garrett Fultz

Vivian Galentine
Julianna Garrett
Daniel Geehrens
Isabel Gibbs
Matthew Gimbrere
Allison Haddaway
Hannah Helfert*
Trent Hinkson*
Foster Holmquist
Maureen Hueting*
Joseph Huff
Harrison Johnson
William Jones*
Garrett Karns

James Kavanagh*

Andrew Kindel
 Noel Kirkpatrick
 Eve Knudson
 Mackenzie Kovach
 Elena Lavanderos
 Lukas Lightcap
 Casandra Maier
 Josephine Mallow
 Roshawna Marshall
 Diego Mejia
 Ryan Moats

Sarah Mullikin
 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*

Finn Ryan
Cade Seely*
 Kalie Terragno
 Samantha Thomas
 Clark Trone

Samantha Varona*

Tiara Ventura
 John Wasilik

Begonia Zapata*

*Indicates All As

Second Quarter Grade 6 Honor Roll

Sydney Allentuck

Samuel Allgood

Remy Anderson

Michael Ballew

William Batres

Bradford Blair*

Samuel Bodmer

Shaun Bolten

Cheyenne Bowen

Madeline Brode*

Olivia Burdick

Jacob Carin

Cameron Carney

Fernando Carranza

Daniel Chen

Shirley Chen

Ajda Connell

Matthew Contreras

Jessica Convers*

Holly Cross

Mary Deffinbaugh

Timothy Dominici

Sabrina Edwards*

Adam Eisenhardt

William Ennis

Joseph Esser*

Zachary Fedders

Nicholas Ferguson

Cailin Ferguson-Mitchell

Caroline Field***Maxwell Fisher***

Madison Folk

William Fry

Jakelinne Fuentes

Alyson Gotlewski*

Leo Guillette

Oriol Guitart*

Chase Hanscom

Colin Hemingway*

William Hicks

Chase Hillegas

Julianna Hitchcock*

Brianna Hobbs

Owen Horrigan

Tess Insalaco***Eleanor Jensen***

Jacob Kasten

Ariana King

Josie Kolb

Kenna Krueger

Kylie Kuhlman

Makayla Lemarr

Lindsey Lightcap***Michelle Lu***

Celine Macairan

Christopher Mantz***Saloni Maskey***

Eamon Murphy

Patrick O'Connell

Rachel Onderko***Zachary Onderko*****Emma Parker***

Krishna Ponnappalli

Andrew Poore

Kaeli Potts

Holly Raines

Jordan Rendzio

Madison Repass*

Heather Robinson

Jacob Roe

Maya Rosenbaum*

Cole Roy

Aidan Ryan

James Savage

Emily Singleton

Connor Sorrell

Anya Speck-McMorris

Lillian Staples

Colin Staszewski

Madeline Stempler

Jenna Stroud***Cole Taylor*****Ethan Tievy*****Rachel Tievy*****Lucas Trythall***

Jessica Volkle

*Indicates All As



Pennies for Patients

This month the SGA is sponsoring Pennies for Patients through Social Studies classes. Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle and high school students throughout the country. The funds, collected during a three-week period, benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Students are encouraged to donate money to help children with cancer. The program runs from Monday, February 3rd until Friday, February 21st. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 for this important cause.

Thanks for your support by bringing in money to donate to your Social Studies Pennies for Patients Box.



PLANTING THE SEEDS, ADVANCING TOWARDS COLLEGE SUCCESS

College Preparation and Scholarship Fair

**Saturday, May 10, 2014
1-4 p.m.**

The Universities at Shady Grove
9630 Gudelsky Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Save the date for a special collaborative event for middle and high school students and their parents!

- Learn what you can do to open your path to successful college experiences
- Meet representatives from various careers, colleges, universities, and scholarship organizations
- Learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities

This event is sponsored by the following educational institutions.

**Registration is
available through the
Parent Academy.**

www.mcpsparentacademy.org

Check-in from 12-1 p.m.



Scan for Video!



Montgomery College
endless possibilities



The UNIVERSITIES
at Shady Grove

GET IT AND GO

GIRLS EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY THROUGH INNOVATIVE TOPICS PRESENTS

GIRLS ONLY STEM DAY

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

MARCH 1, 2014 8AM TO 3PM

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Registration Deadline: February 8

Register online: www.usna.edu/STEM

Our day-long event includes hands-on activities in aerospace, biology, chemistry, controls, design, electronics, environmental science, mathematics, materials, mechanical engineering, medicine, robotics, and more.

Girls will attend workshops, and meet women faculty & college students working with exciting technologies in a wide range of science and engineering careers.

No cost to attend. Pizza lunch will be served to the girls.

PARENT PROGRAM provided until noon. We invite parents to attend lectures and participate in discussions led by USNA Faculty on topics such as preparing for college.

USNA ENTRY: ALL attendees must check-in at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium. Buses to event begin boarding at 7:30 AM. Last bus departs at 8:30 AM. Parking is provided at Stadium (\$5/vehicle). Pickup at Stadium at 3:15 PM.

CONSENT FORM: ALL attendees must submit signed Consent Form. Download and print Consent Form from website (www.usna.edu/STEM). Bring signed form to event, or scan signed form and send by email to usnastem@usna.edu.

REGISTER with a FRIEND: To attend with a friend or group, ride the bus together from the Stadium and you will be grouped together during the event.

Contact: usnastem@usna.edu Phone: 410.293.6534

Sponsored by

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Student Transfer Application Season

**February 3 -
April 1, 2014**

ROCKVILLE, Maryland—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 3 through April 1, 2014.

Except for students in the Northeast Consortium (NEC), Downcounty Consortium (DCC), and Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) areas, 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

The transfer process begins in the home school, where parents/guardians may request the Change of School Assignment Information Booklet that contains the COSA form, describes the process, and provides useful information. Beginning the first week of February 2014, the COSA booklet will be available in schools and online at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers. The booklet will be available in both English and Spanish. Exempt programs that do not fall under the transfer guidelines are listed in the information booklet.

There is a different process to access the elementary language immersion programs. Full information and copies of the Elementary Immersion Interest Forms are available at all elementary schools and online at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms. Grade 5 students currently enrolled in immersion programs should submit a COSA if they wish to continue in the immersion program at the middle-school level.

For information about assignments for students residing in the NEC, DCC, or MSMC areas, please contact the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services at 301-592-2040 or visit the website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/schoolchoice.

For more information about the transfer process, parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the principal at their home school. Non-English speaking students and parents/guardians who may require assistance may contact ASK MCPS to get the information they need by telephone at 301-309-MCPS (6277).

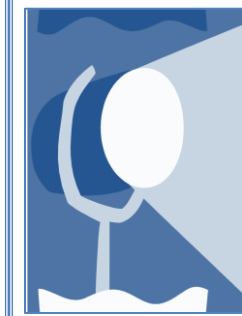
Telephone operators who speak English and Spanish are available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parents who speak languages other than English or Spanish who call the ASK MCPS telephone line and identify their language will have their questions answered through a telephone interpreter.

FYI:
COSA stands for
Change of School
Assignment

John Poole Middle School



- Jennifer Kasten - President
- Neile Whitney - Vice President
- Hisaho Blair - Secretary
- Michelle Hobbs – Treasurer
- Wendy Gotlewski – Membership & Volunteers



Spotlight on... Registration

Watch for forms to come home and parent meetings this month about registering for next year's classes.

Questions? Ideas? Opinions?
Getting in touch with your PTSA is as easy as sending an email message!

JPMSPTSA@gmail.com

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/4.%20PTSA%20Membership%20Form.pdf>

It is not too late to join the JPMS PTSA. Membership provides a great way to get involved and to keep in touch.

Directories will be distributed soon. You haven't missed your chance to claim one.

It is very easy to join. All the information is found on the JPMS homepage under the parents tab. If you have any questions please email Wendy Gotlewski, membership coordinator at gotlewski@msn.com.



Winter Olympics 2014

Watching the Olympics is a great opportunity for the family to spend quality time together and for young people to learn about the various sports and the countries that compete.

Common Sense Media provides an excellent viewing guide for families at this website:

http://www.common sense media.org/blog/what-kids-will-remember-forever-from-watching-the-olympics-with-you?utm_source=020314_Parent+Default&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly

JPMS Counselors will discuss registration for 2014 – 2015 in science classes with

- 6th graders on February 13 and
- 7th graders on February 13.

PHS Counselors will discuss registration for next year in Grade 8 English classes on February 7.

JPMS Counselors will visit Monocacy and Poolesville Elementary Schools to meet with 5th graders about registration for next year on February 10.

See the “Save the Date” page for information on evening meetings.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

MARYLAND

February 6, 2014



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 a piano sales event.

This year's liquidation sales event will take place on February 15, 16, and 17, 2014, at 105 North Stonestreet Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16, 2014, 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 17, 2014. 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 15 or 16, call the Schaeffer's Piano Company appointment desk at 301-424-1147. No appointment is required for Monday, February 17, when the sale will be open to the general public from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Sunday, February 16, 2014

Monday, February 17, 2014

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

Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

February 2014

Students address a recognized need in the community.

- President's Day (February 17, 2014) 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.
- 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 for all students. As with other graduation requirements, SSL comes with its own guidelines, standards, expectations, and timelines. The best way to stay informed on the SSL program specifics is to visit the MCPS SSL website at www.mcpsssl.org, read the MCPS SSL publications and communications and refer questions to the school-based SSL coordinator.
- SSL is reflected on quarterly report cards. Review the *Hours Required*, *Hours Earned*, and *Hours Remaining* on each report card. Report discrepancies to Mrs. Arnold.



Attention Parents!

The yearbook club needs your help! Anyone with pictures of John Poole Middle School students participating in school activities or any out of school activities, please send the pictures in for possible yearbook pictures. This includes any sports pictures and snow day pictures! The yearbook club would love to do a sports page and a snow day page but we need pictures from you to make this happen. Please send all pictures in on a CD to Kelly Aulls or e-mail them to Kelly_m_aulls@mcpsmd.org Thanks!

Math News

If you've been watching the roll-out of Curriculum 2.0, you may have some questions about math programming for your child now that the middle and high school courses are being included in the roll-out. This is why we have featured evening meetings about the changing math curriculum several times both last year and this. Now you can get up-to-date information online at the MCPS website. This link will take you to resources in writing, videos, and powerpoints you can check out at your convenience. <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/>

A Tip from a PHS Parent

At this month's PTSA meeting, a parent of a student in the Science, Math and Computer Science Magnet at PHS (known as Smacks) commented that it was very helpful, especially in that house, to have experience writing computer programs. Middle schools don't typically offer computer programming as an elective, but there are apps and websites that can get kids started at home. If your child is especially interested in science, math and computers, you might want to check out the ideas at this website: http://www.common sense media.org/blog/raising-a-hacker-cool-tools-to-help-kids-learn-to-code?utm_source=011614_Parent&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly

Sign Up for AlertMCPS

Sign up for AlertMCPS to receive text messages or emails from MCPS during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. You can also sign up to receive alerts specific to your child's school. AlertMCPS messages are available in both English and Spanish. Visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/alertmcps.aspx> to subscribe.

Suscríbese a AlertMCPS

Inscríbese en AlertMCPS para recibir mensajes de texto o correos electrónicos de MCPS durante las emergencias relacionadas con el clima y otros eventos importantes que afectan las operaciones del sistema escolar. También puede inscribirse para recibir alertas específicas de la escuela de su hijo. Los mensajes de AlertMCPS están disponibles en Inglés y Español. Visite <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/alertmcps.aspx> para suscribirse.

Snow Days

The Montgomery County Board of Education builds snow days into the school calendar each year. If we go beyond the snow days, the Board has built five "contingency days" onto the end of the year. MCPS has used all our snow days so far this year—December 9 & 10 and January 3 and 22. If we have additional snow days, it is possible that MCPS will have to move the last day of school back in order to meet the state-required minimum 180 days of instruction. Questions? Check out the online school calendar at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/>.

Choose Respect Conference

The Choose Respect Conference will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2014. This FREE annual event is intended for middle and high school students, their parents and youth service providers. It includes free food, live entertainment, raffles, prizes and interactive, educational workshops that get attendees talking about important topics such as domestic violence, dating abuse and how to identify and promote healthy relationships and friendships. The workshops are divided by age, as we all know the issues facing 6th and 7th graders are vastly different from those affecting 11th and 12th graders.

The second piece of the Choose Respect initiative is an annual Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest, where students are asked to create a 60-second video that brings attention to domestic abuse and dating violence. Winners are announced at the conference and receive cash awards, with a top prize of \$1,000. I am also attaching a contest flyer and the official rules/entry form.

Contact the Counseling Office for more details.

Prekindergarten and Head Start Registration to Begin March 3

Registration for MCPS prekindergarten and Head Start classes will begin on March 3, 2014, and continue through the summer. These programs offer a high-quality educational experience

for children in order to prepare them with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in kindergarten and beyond. Children must be four years old on or before September 1, 2014, and families must be income-eligible to apply. For more information about eligibility guidelines, locations, and times of community registrations or required documents to complete an application, call 301-230-0676 or visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychildhood/prek/.

Inscripción Para los Programas de Prekindergarten/Head Start Comienzan el 3 de Marzo

La inscripción para las clases de pre-kindergarten y Head Start de MCPS comenzarán el 3 de marzo de 2014, y continuará hasta el verano. Estos programas ofrecen una experiencia educativa de alta calidad para los niños con el fin de prepararlos con los conocimientos y habilidades necesarias para el éxito en kindergarten y más allá. Los niños deben tener cuatro años de edad para el 1ro. de septiembre de 2014, y las familias deben tener ingresos elegibles para aplicar. Para obtener más información acerca de las pautas de elegibilidad, ubicaciones y horarios de los registros de la comunidad o los documentos necesarios para completar una solicitud, llame al 301-230-0676 o visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychildhood/prek/.

MCPS TV

MCPS News in 90 and *Noticias en 90* (in Spanish) are 90-second updates on what is happening throughout the district. The shows are cablecast on MCPS TV and may be viewed at the following URL:

- *News in 90*: <http://bulletin.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/>
- *Noticias en 90*: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/es/news/>

Book Club Event Set for February 19

You are invited to join Superintendent Joshua Starr at a Book Club discussion on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville. The Book Club will discuss *Making Hope Happen* by Dr. Shane Lopez, a senior scientist with the Gallup organization, who will join Dr. Starr for the discussion. The book introduces readers to the scientific study of hope, its power, how to create it, and how to teach it to others to lead happier, more successful lives. Parents, staff, students and community members who wish to be a part of the studio audience for this free event are asked to RSVP to pio@mcpsmd.org. Those watching online or on MCPS TV (Comcast Channel 34) can participate in the conversation by sending questions via Twitter (using the hashtag #mcpsbookclub) or by sending an email to ask@mcpsbookclub.org. Visit the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org and search "Book Club" for more information.

Evento del Club del Libro Programado Para el 19 de Febrero

Usted está invitado a unirse al Superintendente Joshua Starr en su Club del Libro el miércoles 19 de febrero, a las 7:00 p.m., en el auditorio del Centro de Servicios Educativos Carver, 850 Hungerford Drive en Rockville. El Club del Libro discutirá *Making Hope Happen* del Dr. Shane Lopez, científico principal de la organización Gallup, quien acompañará a Dr. Starr para la discusión. El libro introduce el estudio científico de la esperanza, su poder, como crearlo, y como enseñarle a otros vivir una vida más feliz y exitosa. Los padres, personal, estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad que deseen ser parte de la audiencia en el estudio, durante este evento gratuito, deben confirmar su asistencia a pio@mcpsmd.org. Aquellas personas que vean el programa en línea o por MCPS TV (Canal 34 de Comcast) pueden participar en la conversación enviando sus preguntas por Twitter (usando el identificador de tema (hashtag) #mcpsbookclub) o por correo electrónico enviando un mensaje a ask@mcpsbookclub.org. Visite el sitio de internet de MCPS www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org y busque "book club" para obtener más información.

Opportunities at Calleva

If you have a child in love with horses, you will want to look into the programs Calleva is offering for elementary and middle school students this spring.

Full-day lessons and games will be offered on three weekdays when school is not in session: February 17 (Presidents' Day), March 28 (Professional Day) and April 21 (last day of Spring Break – Easter Monday.) The cost is \$60 per day and transportation by bus is provided to and from Poolesville Elementary School.

Starting March 10 and running through May 16, Saddle Club will meet at Calleva on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays after school. Remember that there are no activity buses from JPMS on Mondays and Fridays, but Calleva will provide buses each day that pick up at Poolesville Elementary at 3:00 PM and deliver students back to PES at 6:00 PM. Each day will include learning about horses, grooming, riding and doing barn chores. The cost is \$280 for eight sessions - \$35 per session.

Finally, Calleva is offering a spring break camp from April 14 – 15. Each day will be filled with both mounted and un-mounted lessons, games, horse care and farm fun. The cost for the week is \$350, and again, transportation will be provided from Poolesville Elementary.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Tess at Calleva for more information. You can call her at 970-317-1848 or email at tess@calleva.org.

After School Activities

RecXtra has returned to John Poole this year with a full schedule of after school activities. Students need to listen to the morning announcements or follow them [online](#) at our website to be ready to participate in the programs that interest them.



If you have any suggestions for programs you would like to lead or to see offered at JPMS please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org.

Activities begin after school at 2:30 p.m.

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

Algebra (Tuesday)

Homework Club (Tuesday)

Drama Club (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)

Basketball Practice (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)

Extended Day Reading Classes (Tuesday)

Leo Club (Wednesday – Dates TBD)

Jazz Band (Wednesday)

Newspaper Club (Wednesday)

Math Extended Day (Wednesday and Thursday)

Running Club (February 12, 19 & 26; March 5)

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Order Your 2014 Yearbook NOW.

Dear Parents & Students,

We look forward to an amazing year at John Poole Middle School! Our yearbook staff will be there to capture all the big events of the school year. Pre-order your child's yearbook **NOW**.

The cost of the yearbook is \$35, but you can purchase through January 31st for \$32.

Please order online at jostensyearbooks.com as John Poole Middle School does not accept any in-school purchases.

Online payment options include credit card, debit, personal check, Bill Me Later, Paypal or monthly installment option. Yearbooks may sell out, so order **NOW** and reserve your copy today!

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a tu
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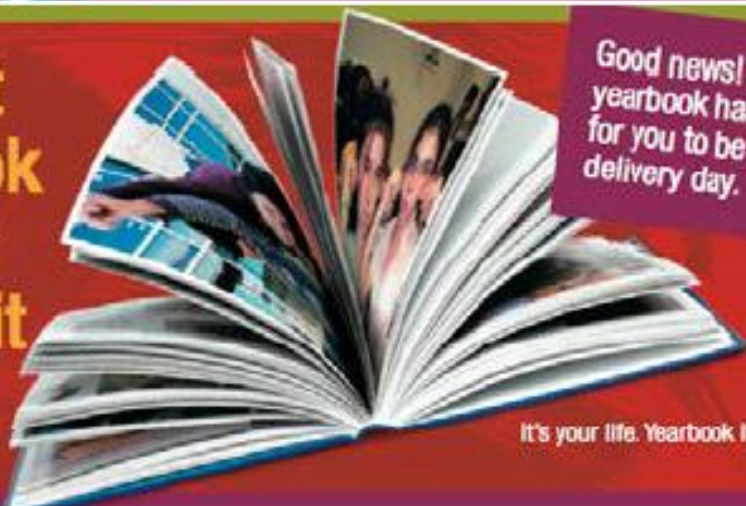


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It's your life. Yearbook it!



Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

February 14	Honor Roll Celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 8 – 8:40 am• Grade 7 – 10:30 am• Grade 6 – 12:50 pm
February 17	Holiday, Presidents' Day (No School)
February 28	Interims Due Early Release Day (Students dismissed at 11:50 a.m.)
March 3-12	MSA Testing
March 13-14	MSA Make-ups
March 7	Interims Mailed
March 24	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)
March 27	3 rd Marking Period Ends Humanities Night (6:30 p.m.) Spring Recital (7:00 p.m.)
March 28	Professional Day (No School for Students)

Meetings to Prepare for Next Year

All Meetings Begin at 7:00 PM

Parents of Incoming 6th Graders meet in the JPMS APR: February 13

Parents of Incoming 7th & 8th Graders meet in the JPMS Media Center: February 12

Parents of Incoming 9th Graders meet in the PHS Auditorium: February 19

Parents and Students accepted to a magnet at PHS meet in the PHS Auditorium: February 11

JPMS Basketball Schedule

February 11	Boys play King at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
February 11	Girls play King at King (3:00 p.m.)
February 18	Boys play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
February 18	Girls play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (3:00 p.m.)

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



HELP SUPPORT THE POST PROM PARTY!

Please patronize Bassett's restaurant in Poolesville on February 11 – dine in or carry out! ([See flyer](#)) A portion of every sale that day will go towards our fundraising for the post prom party. A post prom party is a safe and secure way for our students to continue celebrating after the dance. If you would like to help the PTSA's Post Prom Committee, contact Sonal Sathe (sonalsathe@gmail.com) and Mark Prebilib (solarpreb@verizon.net).

**The Miss Poolesville competition will be held on February 20th
at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at PHS.**

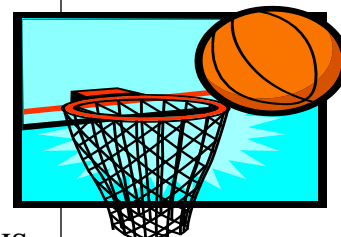
Poolesville High School Athletics (Winter)

Boys Varsity Basketball

2/7/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at Northwest HS
2/11/14	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at PHS
2/14/14	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
2/18/14	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS
2/21/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS
2/25/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Walter Johnson HS at Walter Johnson HS

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Swimming and Diving Championships

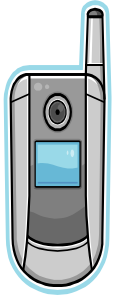
February 7 and 8, 2014

Swimming & Diving--Washington Metro Championships, Swimming--Washington

PHS put the Visitor Management System in place Monday, February 3. This is the same system we have at JPMS where you swipe your driver's license and get a badge to wear in the building. It will be just as easy at the high school as it is here. Thanks for your cooperation.

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
Special Education IRT	- Ms. Turnbull
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Eisenberg

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**

