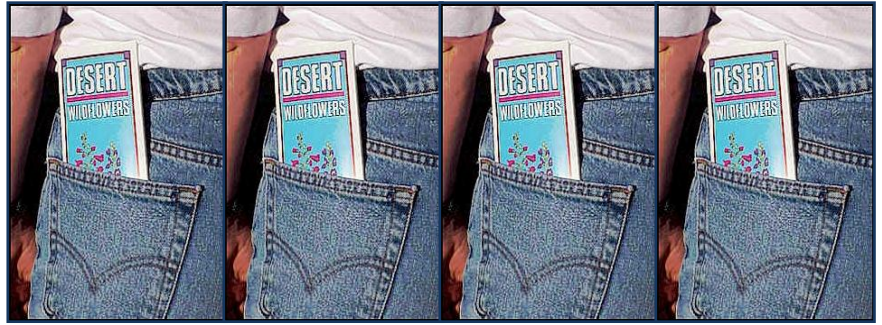


# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



**February 8, 2013**

## **A Thought for Today:**

**The opposite of love is not hate; it's indifference. The opposite of beauty is not ugliness; it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy; it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, but indifference between life and death.**

**- Elie Wiesel**

## **Fighting Indifference**

With Valentine's Day coming up, our kids are starting to get excited. Some are young enough that they care most about the candy hearts and chocolate associated with the holiday; some are hoping to find out that their current crushes are not unrequited. At school, we try to keep the silliness to a minimum (you can help by not sending in trays of cupcakes or bags of candy – somebody always ends up feeling left out or energetically distracted by too much sugar - ) but there are many lessons related to caring about others we want to emphasize these days when love is in the air.

Today the 7<sup>th</sup> grade is visiting the Holocaust Museum. Earlier plans had to be cancelled due to scheduling issues and the pressure of paying for an expensive field trip right at the holidays. This is an experience we wanted every 7<sup>th</sup> grader to be able to have, however, and one of our dads stepped up to help us make that possible.

**Mr. Carin** worked with both **Temple Beth Ami** and the Holocaust Museum to fund the fieldtrip and to schedule a conversation with a survivor while the students are downtown. How can we ever say enough thank yous for this generosity and support! If your child is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I hope you will have a chance to talk over the trip this afternoon. Teaching about tragedy is not about scaring our children; it's about developing empathy and compassion. It's about choosing the challenging job of caring over the easier path of indifference. It's about the **Respect** for others and ourselves that's part of **Timberwolf PRIDE**.

Next week, we are collaborating with Poolesville High School to send a powerful message about building goodness out of evil. Rachel Scott was 17 years old in 1999 when she was killed at Columbine High School. Her parents, Darrell and Sandy Scott, discovered after her death that Rachel had left a legacy of personal writings discussing her desire to make the world a better place by focusing on kindness and compassion. She expressed her idea this way: "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go."

To honor their daughter's life and her vision for the future, the Scotts created **Rachel's Challenge**, a series of student empowering activities and strategies that equip participants to combat bullying, isolation and despair. This Tuesday, February 12, speakers will share this inspiring program with PHS students during the school day and with the community at large in the evening. JPMS is hosting the community meeting in our APR at 7:00 PM. We are hoping that parents of children of any age will attend, because no child is too young and no adult is too old to care for others, but the details of the Columbine tragedy are probably only appropriate for middle school kids and older, so we are suggesting only children in Grade 6 and up come with you to the meeting.

You can learn more about Rachel's Challenge at this site: <http://www.rachelschallenge.org/big-picture/about-rachels-challenge/#> . Stay tuned for more notes in the *Back Pocket* as well as we work with our students to share their love in chain reactions of kindness and compassion. Happy Valentine's Day! - 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!

**Grace Bodmer**

**Kellie Dahlin**

**Richard Falls**

**Rachel Bupp**

**Shane Enriquez**

**Guy Norton**



**Ava Corral**

**Elise Evans**

**Emma Whitehouse**

## Science Expo 2013

### Having Fun While We Learn

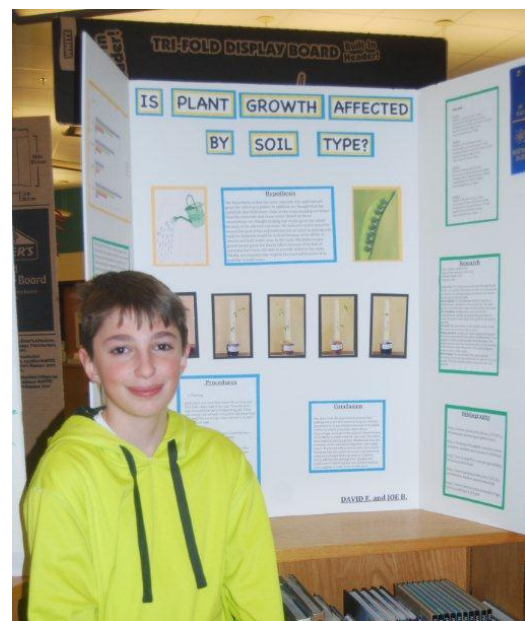
The projects that our students complete as part of our annual Science Expo represent personal inquiry. There is no Science Expo Unit in the middle school curriculum, so students need to do their research, analyze their data and create their displays all on their own time.

Completing an inquiry project is optional and we are very proud of the students who elected to participate. As a culminating activity each participant was invited to participate in the PTA sponsored Ice Cream Social.

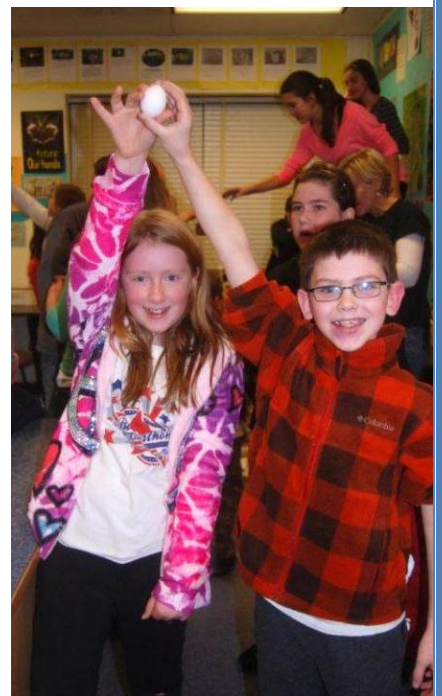
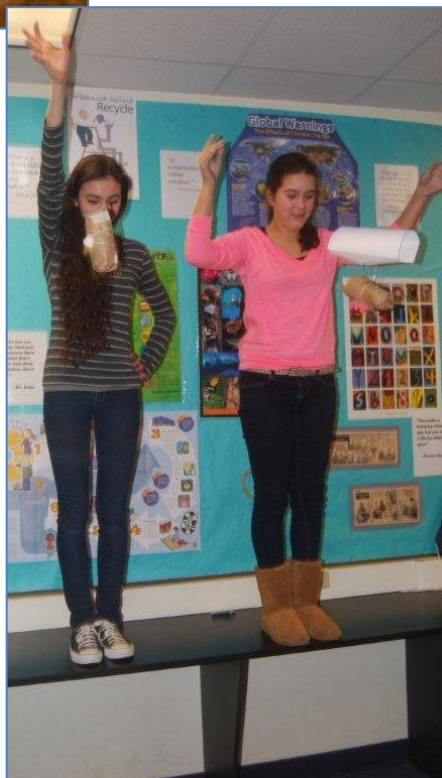
This year's winning projects:

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | The Effect of Soil Type on Plant Growth<br><b>Joe Brashear and David Esser</b>                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Static Electricity and Relative Humidity<br><b>Daniel Ballew, Mickey Kovich, and Lev Malinin</b> |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Hit the Mark With the Arc<br><b>Jake Drissel and Tucker Ross</b>                                 |
| Honorable Mention     | Efficiency of Different Light Bulbs<br><b>Brandon Kocur</b>                                      |

**Congratulations to all our participating students!**







Thanks to Mrs. Aulls for taking these great pictures!

# Pennies for Patients

Your child has the power to make a positive impact on the lives of blood cancer patients! Our school will join 450 others across the DC Metro Area in a program that will be instrumental in raising funds for lifesaving cancer research.

JPMS is taking part in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Pennies for Patients Program. During a three week period, students collect spare change to support LLS's mission, to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

You can make a personal donation in cash or if you like, by check payable to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. You can also donate online at [www.schoolandyouth.org/nca](http://www.schoolandyouth.org/nca)



## Congratulations to some great student writers!

Exemplary pieces written by these students were selected as John Poole's entrants in the *Celebrating Diversity Through Creative Writing* contest:



**Grace Bodmer      Gwen Boe**

**Elise Evans      Ali Ransom      Katrina Rowe**

This county-wide writing contest is sponsored by





# Your PTSA –

*“Every child, one voice”*

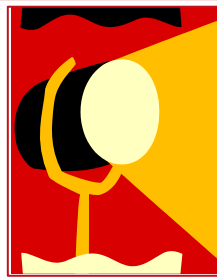
- Jennifer Kasten - President
- Dawn Albert - Vice President
- Dreama Hemingway - Secretary
- Wendy Roldan – Treasurer
- Lori Kocur – Membership & Volunteers
- Anne Donovan & Jackie Gaddis – Staff Appreciation

**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...**

**Registration for  
2013 – 14**

Here are the meeting dates  
about registration for next year:

**Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders: February 13**

**Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders: February 11**

**Both start at 7:00 PM**

**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!

## *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*

# 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***



# Poetry Corner

## The Hunt

By Katrina Rowe

You gallop through untouched fields, the earth  
trembling underneath the horses' hooves.  
Like an army in pursuit, you follow the scent the  
hounds so well know;  
Through brush, creeks and over logs to search and  
see that fiery tail disappear into a den.  
You gallop home, a triumphant smile on your face.

## Poolesville Public Library – A Great Community Resource!

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!



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.

**Zumba Club** – Tuesdays afterschool in Room 108

**Math Club** – Wednesdays after school in room 300

**Homework Club** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school in the Media Center

**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. Thanks in advance for your donations!**

- 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

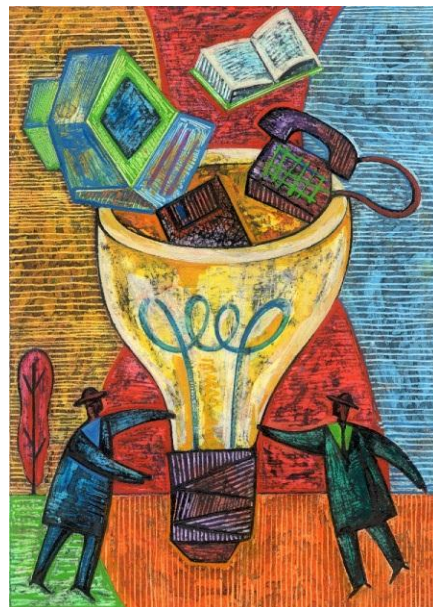
# PBIS Recycling Fundraiser

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.





# 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. All paperwork may be picked up in the girls or boys locker room.

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) 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).

## 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.

## **Summer Opportunities Fair Set for Feb. 28**

The MCPS Parent Academy is hosting a summer opportunities fair on Thursday, February 28, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive in Rockville. At the fair, parents can explore a variety of summer opportunities for children in grades K-12, including summer camps, programs, and activities. During the fair, you can talk with local and regional providers, pick up applications, and get information on financial assistance. Contact the Division of Family and Community Partnerships at 301-279-3100 for more information or visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/).

## **La Feria de Oportunidades Para el Verano está Programada para el 28 de Febrero**

La Academia para Padres de MCPS está organizando una feria de oportunidades para el verano el día Jueves, 28 de febrero, de 7:00 a 8:30 pm en la escuela superior Richard Montgomery, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive en Rockville. En la feria, los padres pueden explorar una variedad de oportunidades de verano para niños en los grados K-12, incluyendo campamentos de verano, programas y actividades. Durante la feria, se puede hablar con los proveedores locales y regionales, recoger las solicitudes y obtener información sobre la asistencia financiera. Para más información, comuníquese con la División de Asociaciones de familia y de la Comunidad al 301-279-3100 o visite [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/)

## **How to Receive Emergency Information from MCPS**

MCPS offers numerous ways for parents to learn about school closures, delayed openings and early dismissals due to hazardous weather including *MCPS QuickNotes*, Alert MCPS, Twitter, the MCPS website, MCPS TV, and a recorded telephone information line. If you haven't already done so, establish and discuss your emergency plan with your child should school be dismissed early. Please make sure the emergency contact information on file at your child's school is up to date. For more information on how to stay in touch with MCPS and to be informed in times of emergencies, visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency).

## **Cómo Recibir Información de Emergencia de MCPS**

MCPS ofrece numerosas formas para que los padres aprendan sobre el cierre de escuelas, retrasos en las aperturas y salidas tempranas debido al tiempo inclemente y riesgoso, incluyendo MCPS QuickNotes Alert, MCPS, Twitter, el sitio de internet de MCPS, TV MCPS, y una línea de información telefónica grabada. Si aún no lo ha hecho, establezca y discuta su plan de emergencia con su hijo en caso de que la escuela cierre temprano debido al tiempo inclemente u otras emergencias. Por favor, asegúrese de que la información de contacto de emergencia en los archivos de la escuela de su hijo está al día. Para obtener más información sobre la forma de mantenerse en contacto con MCPS y de ser informado en situaciones de emergencia, visite [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency).

## **Student Town Hall on February 27**

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 a town hall meeting with students at Walter Johnson High School on Wednesday, February 27. Students in our school and other middle and high schools can send a question or comment for Dr. Starr via email or Twitter and he'll choose some to answer during the town hall meeting. Go to [www.mcpsstudenttownhall.org](http://www.mcpsstudenttownhall.org) to submit your questions.

## **The 2013–2014 School Calendar is Now Available in Multiple Languages**

The Board of Education has set the school year calendar for 2013–2014. The school year will begin on Monday, August 26, 2013, and is scheduled to end on Thursday, June 12, 2014. The calendar was developed in partnership with the Montgomery County Council of PTAs, the school district's three employee associations, and the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils, as well as other community members and school system leadership. The calendar is available in six languages—Chinese, English, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese—and can be downloaded at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/future/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/future/).

## **El Calendario Escolar 2013-2014 ya está disponible en varios idiomas**

El Board of Education ha establecido el calendario escolar para el año 2013-2014. El año escolar comenzará el Lunes, 26 de agosto del 2013, y está previsto que finalice el Jueves, 12 de junio del 2014. El calendario fue desarrollado en colaboración con el Consejo de Asociaciones de Padres y Maestros del Condado de Montgomery, las tres asociaciones de empleados del distrito escolar, y la Asociación del Consejo de Estudiantes de Maryland de la Región del Condado de Montgomery, así como otros miembros de la comunidad y el liderazgo del sistema escolar. El calendario está disponible en seis idiomas: Chino, Inglés, francés, coreano, español y vietnamita y se puede descargar en [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/future/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/future/).

## **Student Transfer Application Season Is Open**

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.

## **What's the BIG Idea?**

"What's the BIG Idea?" is a 30-minute monthly podcast hosted by Superintendent Joshua Starr and Chris Lloyd, an MCPS teacher and vice president of the Montgomery County Education Association. The podcast features in-depth conversations about the complexity, challenges, and opportunities facing public education today. On the third episode of "What's the BIG Idea?" the hosts are joined by Michael Petrilli, executive vice president of the Fordham Institute. Visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/superintendent/podcast/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/superintendent/podcast/) to listen to the episode or subscribe to the podcast via iTunes. You also can follow @wtbipodcast on Twitter to get updates about upcoming episodes.





# 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 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 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 20	Incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation in the Media Center at PHS (7:00 p.m.) – Not in Magnet Program
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.

## Soccer Schedule

April 10	Boys play King at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 10	Girls play King at King (3:15 p.m.)
April 24	Girls play Neelsville at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 24	Boys play Neelsville at Neelsville (3:15 p.m.)
April 30	Girls play Kingsview at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 30	Boys play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)
May 2	Boys play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
May 2	Girls play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (3:15 p.m.)
May 9	Boys play Baker at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
May 9	Girls play Baker at Baker (3:15 p.m.)



# PHS NEWS

*Go Falcons!*



## Boys Varsity Basketball

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 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

While you are considering your registration options at PHS, you may want to look into Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Applications and forms are due March 22nd. The following forms are available for more information and to apply to the program:

- [Program Brochure](#)
- [Application](#) for students NOT in a Magnet Program
- [Application](#) for students IN a Magnet Program
- [Teacher Recommendation form](#)

## 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.

Here is the link for the online sign up sheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHJraFFON2pMMG9ncUFjTWpKYVc5Y0E6MQ#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**

