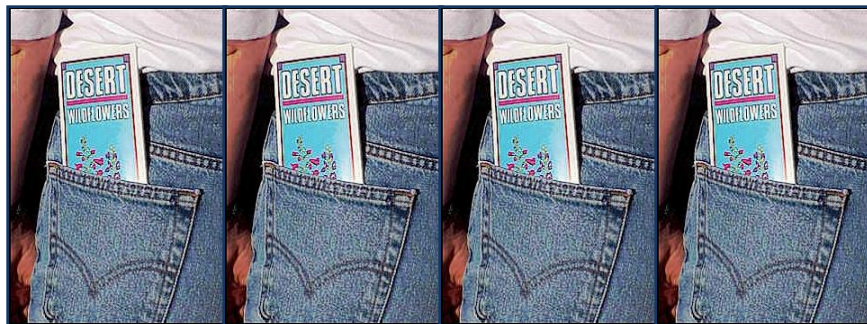


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



February 15, 2013

A Thought for Today:

Rachel's Challenges: 1. Look for the Best in Others; 2. Dream Big; 3. Choose Positive Influences; 4. Speak with Kindness; 5. Start Your Own Chain Reaction

- Presented by Larry Scott at this week's Rachel's Challenge events

A Busy Week

February is always action-packed in schools, because it's the start of a new semester as well as the launch of preparations for next year. This week was very full with registration meetings both here and at the high school, our School Improvement Plan (SIP) review, Honor Roll celebrations and the Rachel's Challenge assemblies for students at the high school and for community members here at JPMS. Phew! I'm certainly ready for this three day weekend!

I want to thank all the families who came out to work with us this week. Our community is wonderful for many reasons, but not the least is the level of participation and investment parents make in our children's educations. Still, the laws of physics apply to us all, so no one can be two places at the same time. Please take advantage of online resources to make sure you have all the information that was made available at the many meetings crowding our calendar.

You should have gotten a registration card this week. If you haven't seen it yet (yellow for incoming 6th grade; green for incoming 7th grade; and blue for incoming 8th grade), please check with your child and make sure it isn't in the back pack, then come in to the Counseling Office if you need a new one. The PowerPoints used at the evening meetings as well as information about elective offerings can be found at our website; just look under Quick Links on the home page. **Remember: all registration cards are due back on February 22.**

At our SIP review, we looked at all sorts of data from academic performance to the student survey the Gallup Corporation administered across MCPS. It's exciting to see how well our kids do in every way, but, of course, our goal is to make sure JPMS is constantly becoming a better and better place to learn and grow. You'll be hearing more from the PTSA about ways we will be working together to support our kids become independent learners who know how to solve problems and experience the joy in learning that is so integral to our school vision. Look for minutes of the SIP review online next week. Opportunities to support our collaborative efforts with the PTSA will, as always, be featured in the *Back Pocket*.

I think everyone who attended one of the Rachel's Challenge events this week was moved by the story of a young woman who wrote in her journal about creating a chain reaction of kindness before being murdered during the tragedy at Columbine High School. Lots of information is available at www.rachelschallenge.org, and I encourage everyone to visit that website, even if you were able to attend Tuesday night's meeting. The challenges listed in today's Thought above are perfectly aligned with Timberwolf PRIDE and the messages we give kids during Blue Ribbon activities. We will continue to encourage them to spread kindness and positive thinking about themselves and others, and you may find Rachel's Challenge gives you new ways to talk with your kids about these important ideas as well. Enjoy a little rest this Monday! — 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!



Nicholas Beaton

Kaley Fisher

Ava McEachern

Stefanie Beltran

Maureen Huetting

Michael Payne

Jordan Belski

Ryan Johnston

Jose Roque

This Press Release Just in from PAA Youth Wrestling...

The 2013 PAA Youth Wrestling Team won the coveted 1st place trophy in the DSAWL Tournament on February 9th and 10th for the team with the most wins. This is a huge accomplishment for such a small town. It has been years since PAA Wrestling has won a team award. These dedicated, hard-working young men represented Poolesville well, and challenged 15 other teams to earn this award. All members of our team contributed to this most honorable designation. Wrestlers who placed in the top 4 will move on to wrestle at the Sam Case Wrestling Tournament held on February 23rd at Tuscarora High School. PAA couldn't be more proud. We hope you will join us in congratulating the following student wrestlers who finished in 6th place or above in the DSAWL tournament:

Sean Lyons - 6th place

Jacob Tievy - 5th place

Niko Sofelkanik - 1st place

Ethan Hines - 6th place

Sam Garrett - 3rd place

Raymond Kinzie - 1st place

Erik Eklof - 5th place

Sam Pavlick - 2nd place

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



Hot Wings in Grade 7 Science

Students did a great job dissecting chicken wings this week. They learned appropriate laboratory procedures as they discovered chicken physiology – and it was fun!



8th Grade Trip to Hershey Park

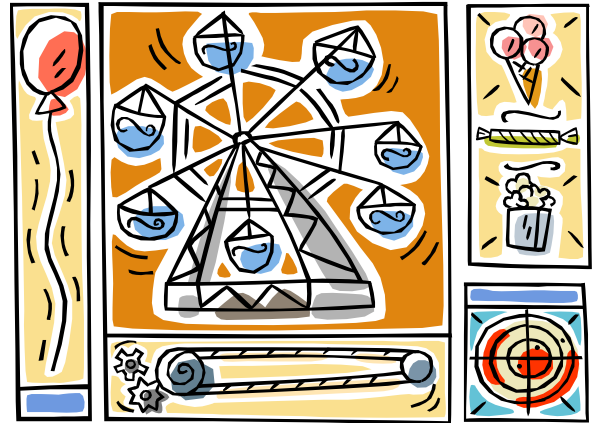
Planning is already under way for John Poole Middle School's annual 8th Grade end of the year trip on Thursday, June 13, 2013 to Hershey Park.

Eighth graders and their teachers will travel to Hershey Park via video coach buses using Rill's Bus

Service for a great day of fun and adventure. Buses will leave John Poole Middle School at 7:30 AM and return at 7:30 PM.

Information about the trip will be given out March 1 in Social Studies classes. Students need to return the permission slip/medical form to their Social Studies teacher with a check for \$73.00 payable to John Poole Middle School. This price includes transportation to Hershey Park and all rides and admissions in the park.

Payment is due no later than March 21, 2013; any outstanding financial obligations also need to be paid before March 21. Funds are available to students who need financial support. Please contact Mrs. Hardy, your child's counselor, for more information. Economic concerns should not keep any student from enjoying this celebration!



What's the Policy on Cell Phones and Other Portable Electronic and Communication Devices?

MCPS policy says that in middle schools, portable electronic and communication devices such as hand held games, ipods, and cellular phones are not to be used during school hours (7:15 AM – 2:20 PM). This prohibition includes classrooms, restrooms and hallways.

Students may have cell phones and ipods in their possession, but these devices must be turned off during school hours and kept out of sight; otherwise, they will be confiscated until they can be released to parents.

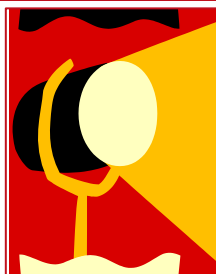
Students are not to use cameras during the school day without permission from an administrator. Any online posting of school activities without MCPS knowledge is inappropriate and will result in consequences for the student.

This year, MCPS policy changed a little for high schools. If you have questions about the policy for older students, contact PHS. Middle school policy remains the same, though. Students must keep their phones and other devices turned off and stowed out of sight during the school day or we will hold the device until the parent can come in and pick it up.

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



Spotlight on...

Opportunities to
Contribute

Be a volunteer; give your
financial support. Please see the
information below.

Volunteer Your Time and Join the PTSA!

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!

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

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

Calling All Parents!

Are you interested in volunteering as either an officer or committee chair next year?

We are seeking persons to serve as the Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. We also have several committees that will need new chairpersons.

Put your energy and talent to good use in support of our kids!

Contact Jennifer Kasten or any of our officers to see how you can help!

Look for the
notice PTSA
will be sending
home about
fundraising
activities
next week!



Meeting Reminder: There will be no PTSA general meeting in February. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 12th**. We will also have our regularly scheduled meeting on **April 9th**.

Mark your calendar so you won't miss these dates!

Scholarship Opportunity

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program is one of the most competitive, intensive, and personalized scholarship and educational support programs offered to students in the United States. Beginning in the eighth grade and continuing throughout high school, the Foundation provides Young Scholars with individualized advising and educational opportunities that build upon their talents and prepare them for success at highly selective colleges and universities.

The Foundation seeks exceptionally promising seventh grade applicants from low-income families who stand out in their schools for their academic excellence, determination, leadership, and community engagement. If you know any such students, please encourage them to visit the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's website from January through early March to obtain an application at <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/young-scholars-program/>.



It is our goal to provide activities to meet the desires of all students. If you have any suggestions for programs or interests, please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at [Winessa R Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org).

Some of the programs offered this year are Books and Boxing, Babysitting Club, Jewelry Making, Zumba Class, Scrapbooking, Game Room, Book Club and much more. Keep checking the *Back Pocket* for upcoming classes.

Math Club – Wednesdays after school in room 300

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

Algebra Enrichment and Reading Enrichment – Tuesdays after school

Math Enrichment – Wednesdays and Thursdays afterschool

Sewing 4 Hours begins on February 26 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays afterschool)

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

Your Kid Wants a Yearbook!

If you haven't ordered it yet, you're risking running out of time. Supplies are limited, and the deadline for ordering is March 29. If you have been putting off ordering a yearbook, the only way to guarantee your child will get one is to act quickly.

All sales are online. Go to www.jostens.com or the JPMS website for a link to the order form. The time to act is now!



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!

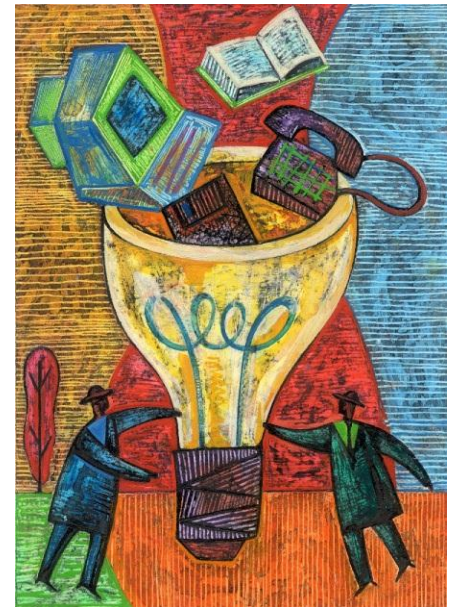
PBIS Recycling Fundraiser

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!

Earning SSL Awards

Students who document all 75 hours of SSL required for graduation by the first Friday in April of a middle school year (that's April 5 this year) will be recognized for exceptional service with the Superintendent's Student Service Learning Award. Students who document 260 or more hours of service by the first Friday of April in their senior year will be awarded a Certificate of Meritorious Service from the Maryland State Department of Education and MCPS and a purple tassel to wear at their graduation exercises. Many of our kids are well on their ways to earning this prestigious recognition!

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.
- 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, 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.



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 2/20 and 2/27. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Gerrie.

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.

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.

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/.

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/

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.

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.

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 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/.

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/.

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.

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. The booklet will be available in English and Spanish. Exempt programs that do not fall under the transfer guidelines are listed in the information booklet.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY 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. 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

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



February 18	Holiday, Presidents' Day (No School)
February 20	Incoming 9 th Grade Parent Orientation in the Media Center at PHS (7:00 p.m.) – Students not in the Magnet Program
February 22	Early Release Day, Grading and Planning (students dismissed at 11:50)
February 25	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)
February 26	Read 180 Banquet (5:30 p.m.)
February 28	Poolesville Idol Talent Show Center at PHS (7:00 p.m.)
March 1	Interims Mailed

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.)



Poolesville Idol 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, including students from Monocacy and Poolesville elementaries and John Poole Middle School, can perform. The Poolesville Idol performance will be on Thursday, February 28th from 7:00-9:30 pm. All proceeds from the event will go to LLS.

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Boys Varsity Basketball

February 19 5:15 p.m. (A) PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at QOHS

Girls Varsity Basketball

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 eighth graders 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](#)

Poolesville Digital Forensics Team Named Best in the World

A team of students from Poolesville High School placed first (High School Category) in the 2012 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge. The team surpassed more than 1,200 teams from 53 countries to win the competition. The team members are seniors **Anirudh Neti** and **Neel Viridy**, sophomore **Umesh Padia** and junior **Ashwin Sekar**. The team was mentored by Poolesville teacher Jack Stansbury and resource teacher Mark Estep. The team fought hard to take the title ranking first out of 113 Maryland teams in the running from all categories: Civilian, Military, Government, Commercial and Academia (High School, Community College, Undergraduate and Graduate). During a February 1 ceremony, the team was recognized by officials from the Department of Defense and leaders from the cybersecurity industry.

For more information about this impressive achievement, you can visit the official website at <http://www.dc3.mil/challenge/2012>.

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**

