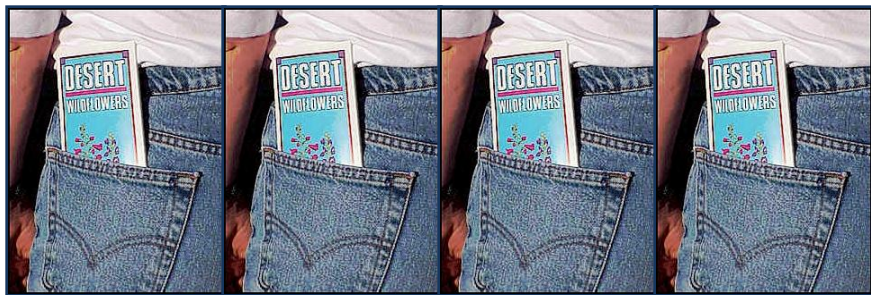


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



February 22, 2013

A Thought for Today:

Assessment: When the cook tastes the soup, that's formative; when the guests taste the soup, that's summative.

- Robert Stake

It's MSA Season Again

Once again we are welcoming spring by participating in the Maryland School Assessments – the MSAs. All our students will have two days of reading assessments and two days of math assessments between March 4 and 13. Eighth graders also take a science MSA, but that's not scheduled until mid-April.

It may just be March, but the MSA is a summative assessment for our students and our school. In Robert Stake's analogy above, these tests are the soup that the state of Maryland and the federal government are tasting along with us.

Individual student scores give you an idea of how well your child is learning, and they help us to make decisions about the programming we offer our students. Our collective scores are considered indicators of how successfully our school is attaining the goals set for us by the state of Maryland and the federal government. Although the MSAs were created to address mandates in the No Child Left Behind legislation, they are currently the data points used to evaluate Maryland's performance under another national program: Race to the Top.

So the coming testing is important for all of us in many ways. Please encourage your child to do his or her best. You know better than anyone else what supports your child's achievement. Some kids thrive on competition, and striving to improve their previous scores is highly motivational. Others can get anxious before the tests, and reassurance that these scores are only one snapshot of what they know can help them stay calm and focused. Whatever is the best approach for your child, please find a minute to talk about the tests before they happen and again when your child gets home on a test day. Just knowing you are interested and having a chance to express themselves can really add to students' confidence and sense of well-being.

Other important ways to support MSA success include

- Keeping to regular early bedtimes so kids are on time to school and well-rested each day
- Making sure they eat a good breakfast at home or here at school
- Sending in several sharpened number 2 pencils each day
- Making sure your child's calculator is in his or her back pack for math testing
- Scheduling doctor visits or other appointments in the afternoon so as not to conflict with testing

Thanks for your help!

- Charlotte Boucher

2013 MSA Schedule

Grade 6 Reading Test	March 4 & 5
Grades 7 & 8 Reading Test	March 6 & 7
Grade 6 Math Test	March 8 & 11
Grades 7 & 8 Math Test	March 12 & 13

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!



Matthew Bruckner

Erin Green

Bubby Jones

Kat Creedon

Luke Hanscom

Cole McKenney

Erik Eklof

Chloe Insalaco

Kalie Terragno



Practicing to Save Lives

This morning we held a severe weather shelter drill. At JPMS, we take all emergency procedures very seriously, since there is nothing more important than protecting our students.

This kind of drill simulates a tornado or other severe weather that could make windows and exterior walls too dangerous for students to remain in the classrooms. Classes sit in designated hallways with their heads covered and their bodies tucked into tight balls. As usual, JPMS students showed their PRIDE by cooperating beautifully.

Thanks for sending us such great kids!



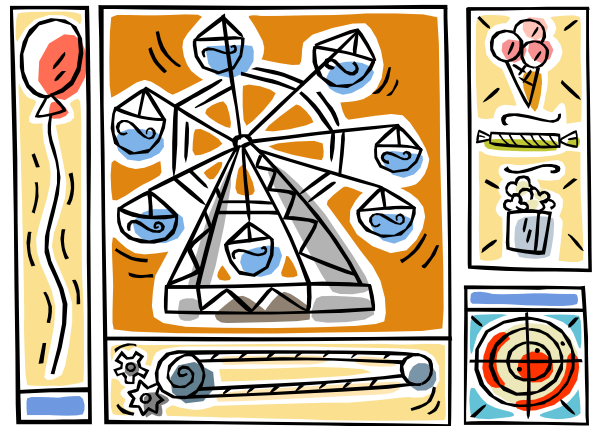
8th Grade Trip to Hershey Park

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!



There are still some 8th grade class pictures available for purchase!

But supplies are limited, so don't miss out on this opportunity to remember the friends who have made middle school so special.

Pictures cost \$15. Laminated pictures cost \$20. Don't delay! Send your check made out to JPMS in to the main office today!

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/>.

Greetings from the Seaside Rainbow

Students in sixth grade wrote amazing descriptions of the picture below!

Ali Ransom

The colorful buildings climb up the cliff, splattering color up the cliff side.

Josephine Mallow

The amazing Italian villas sit beside the ocean. Climbing up for the great meeting of all different colors, they make a wonderful work of art.

Nick Beaton

The city was formed on a rock island. The people eat raw rocks, boiled rocks, rocks with milk, and the famous rocky road ice cream.

Clare Wilson

The big, shining sun watches over the great blue ocean. Great big waves are just waiting to strike the mountains.

Arianna Carr

The town looks like a painting. It is peaceful and colorful, and the sea is calm.

Lita Fraley

The artistic colored houses overlook the sea. The people are cheerful and at ease.

Julie Corfman

A bunch of vibrant, colorful houses topple over the island. The houses watch over the people of the island.

Jessica Carey

The people from the big, colorful town crowd the warm, silk-like water.

Tiara Ventura

I see a variety of colors from orange to yellow to brown and blue. It's almost like the painter is using this picture as a palette to paint a beautiful canvas.

Dwight Bevley

The big, warm, colorful houses shine like a sunny day on the beach next to the everlasting sea. The bright blue skies take flight in the breeze.

Nathaly Portillo-Rivas

I see the brightest colored houses like the marvelous Mardi Gras. The beautiful crystal water surrounds a big and bold island.



Katrina Rowe

The picture looks like a painting with its warm, colorful apartments and shadowy cliff. The city perches on a rock towering over the sea. This pristine mountain has been tamed by the abundant city.

Foster Holmquist

A mountain of elegantly colored houses watches over the endless sea. There are almost no remnants of the once lush mountain.

Emily Lewis

The warm feel of the houses' colors make the island almost like it's a vibrant dance.

Vincent Chim

The multi-colored city sits on top of the mountain. The cars bustle, traveling to and forth from place to place like bees moving from flower to flower.

Gwendolyn Boe

The colors of the buildings are vibrant. The sea surrounds a found city in Italy. The island is as crowded as a laundry basket full of brightly colored dirty clothes.

Jack Bledsoe

It's a toy city just waiting for God to make it real.

Maureen Hueting

Come spend the week at a luxurious, bright, Italian city! You will learn Italian culture and try new foods. Make a pizza and sail in the ocean. As you sail, watch the beautiful sunset Italy will give you!

Brennah Ringling

I see a collage of buildings, which is a work of art. The sunrise makes the buildings shine. People must have taken a lot of time to do the buildings. I thank them.

Izzi Gibbs

Welcome to the mystical world of Colorworld. The hotels are yellow, the malls are tan, and the houses orange. We also have sky-swimming. We are located west of Neverland, as high as the sky.

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 is sending home this week about fundraising activities!



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!

MCPS Policy on Cell Phone & Other Portable Electronic/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.



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.

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 one remaining storytime this month – Preschool Storytime is February 28 at 10:30 AM. Come out and enjoy our public library!

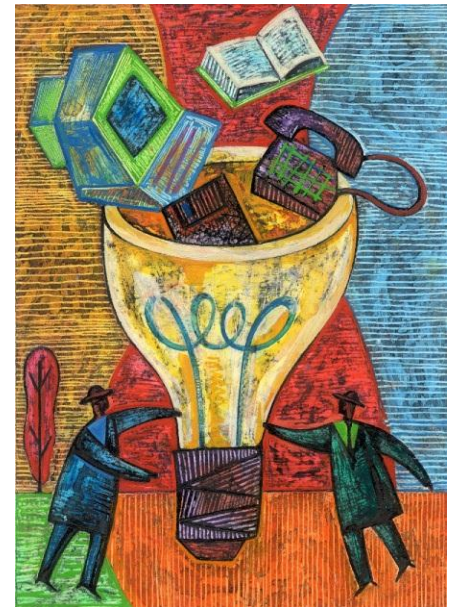
PBIS Recycling Fundraiser

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!



Noteworthy

Attention 7th and 8th Grade Soccer Players

The JPMS Girl's and Boys' Soccer Teams will be holding soccer try-outs the week of March 12. In order to try out, students must have turned in the paperwork that can be picked up in the locker rooms. Student physicals are good for two years and must be on file with the health room. If you have any questions please see Mr. Willett (girl's coach) or Mr. Owens (boy's coach).

Movie Night at Poolesville Elementary

Ice Age: Continental Drift will be shown on Friday, March 8th at PES. This family-friendly movie runs from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Admission is just \$5.00 per person and includes popcorn, drink and 1 choice of candy along with the movie. What a great way to enjoy a night out in town!

Falcon Basketball Camps

Sign-ups for the 2013 series, which takes place the week after school lets out in June, start in mid-March. There is a Falcon Basketball Camp for every child from kindergarten through current 8th graders. For more information, look for Camp Info at www.PBAHoops.com. Early registration guarantees a spot in camp, and sibling discounts and scholarships are available.

JPMS Students Helping Others

Part of earning the Girl Scouts Silver Award involves serving the community, and three of our students in Troop 430 are conducting a Silver Award project called *Dress Fancy*. **Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo, Mackenzie Gross** and **Beth Roberts** are collecting donations of gently used party dresses in all sizes. The dresses will be resold on Saturday, March 16, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 17, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Poolesville Town Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Betty Ann Krahne Center, a domestic violence shelter for women and their children. Donations may be dropped off at Town Hall, Poolesville Elementary School or Monocacy Elementary School between now and March 10. Whether you're making room in your closet or shopping for something new, you'll be helping women in need and supporting some great kids.

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.

Monday, February 25 Is Our Next Blue Monday

One Monday each month we take time to promote the positive behaviors we discussed during Blue Ribbon Week last fall. Students show their support by wearing blue. This Monday's lesson is related to the Rachel's Challenge initiative to act with kindness. Please remind your child to wear blue on Monday and ask about the lesson Monday afternoon. Thanks!



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 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

Summer Opportunities Fair Set for February 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. .

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/.

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.

MCPS Hopes You Will Participate in the Parent Engagement Survey

In the past, you may have filled out a parent survey about your child's school that came in the mail and asked a bunch of questions about your satisfaction with the school. It was long, and many families just threw the thing out.

This spring, MCPS is trying a different way of getting parent input. Some, but not all, families will be asked to take a much shorter survey online. This technique is called "random sampling" because the folks who receive the survey are chosen by the computer at random. There's no reason any family would be sent the survey, so being selected to participate means nothing except that you have a child who attends our school. On the other hand, it means you have an opportunity to help MCPS serve our parents better, so I hope you will take this chance to provide feedback if the invitation to complete a survey comes to your home.

There is more information provided on the next page.

Parent Engagement Survey

Montgomery County Public Schools

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Parent Engagement Survey?

The parent engagement survey is a new survey that focuses on parents' perceptions of their child's school and education. The information you provide will help schools better understand families' engagement in their children's education and improve connections between schools and families. It should take about **10 minutes** to complete the survey.

Who will participate in the Parent Engagement Survey?

A random sample of families at all grade levels in each school will be asked to participate in the survey.

What does *random sample* mean?

Each family has an equal chance of being selected to take the survey. A sample streamlines the collection of information by reducing the number of surveys (and postage costs) while ensuring that a full range of opinions are included.

Why is it important to answer the survey?

We want to make sure that we have heard from everyone in the sample so that we have a full and complete picture of parent opinion about each school.

When is the survey available?

March 1–May 24, 2013

How do families participate?

Families in the random sample will receive information sent directly to their homes on how to complete the survey. The information contains the website address and a password. Translated surveys will be sent directly to families. A paper survey in English will be available upon request.

Why is a password necessary?

The password ensures that only families with children in the school answer the survey about the school. All answers are completely **confidential** and reported together with the answers from other families in the school. Families and students are not identified.

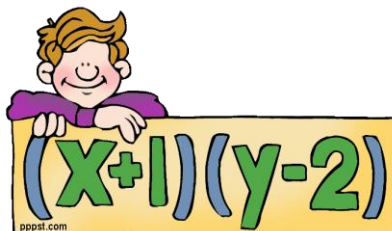
What can families do if they do not have a computer with Internet access?

- They can go to their child's school and ask to use a computer.
- They can go to the local library.
- They can go to the MCPS Division of Family and Community Partnerships, Room 50, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland, (Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.)
- A paper copy is available upon request at 301-279-3848.

Is the survey translated?

The survey is translated into Amharic, Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Families who typically receive translations will receive a translated survey in the mail.

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Cynthia L. Loeb, Office of Shared Accountability, at 301-279-3848, or via e-mail at Cynthia.Loeb@mcpsmd.org



Algebra 2 Jumpstart

Geometry students are some of our Best and Brightest students at JPMS; we want you to have every opportunity to be the Best and Brightest at Poolesville High School! You are being invited to attend a *Summer Program* that will give you a *Jumpstart* into Algebra 2!

Mark your calendars now for this great opportunity to refresh your Algebra skills so you are ready for excellence in high school. It has been a year since you took Algebra, and this is a great way to review Algebra 1 concepts so you are ready on Day 1 to excel in Algebra 2.

The class will run Monday through Friday for three weeks at John Poole Middle School. The first day of class is Monday, July 8th and the last day is Friday, July 26th. The class will be from 9:30am – 11:30a.m. You will need to have your own transportation to attend this program. There *may* be afternoon transportation if there are other summer programs at John Poole MS.

There will be a small fee of \$10 for this great opportunity to jumpstart your Algebra skills (checks made payable to JPMS).

Fill out and detach the reservation slip below with your registration fee and return it to Mrs. Ogden in the main office or Mrs. Aulls in room 309 as soon as possible and no later than Friday, April 26th.

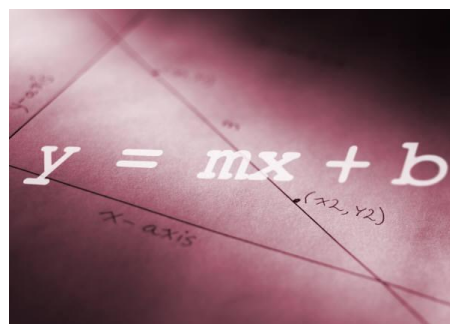
I would like to reserve a spot for the three week Algebra 2 Jumpstart class.

Student Name: _____

2013-2014 Math Course: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____



Please provide a name and number below of someone who can be reached in case of an emergency.

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



February 25	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)
February 26	Read 180 Banquet (5:30 p.m.) in the APR
February 28	Poolesville Idol Talent Show Center at PHS (7:00 p.m.)
March 1	Interims Mailed
March 4-13	MSA Testing
March 4 & 5	MSA Reading 6
March 6 & 7	MSA Reading 7 & 8
March 8 & 11	MSA Math 6
March 12 & 13	MSA Math 7 & 8
March 14-19	MSA Make-ups
March 9 - 10	Drama Club Art Show at the Old Town Bank (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
March 17	St. Patricks Day
March 18	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)
March 18-22	Red Ribbon Week
March 21	Spring Recital (7:00 p.m.)
March 22	Third Marking Period Ends

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.)





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Go Falcons!



Boys Varsity Lacrosse

March 8	4:00 p.m.	PHS vs. St. John's Frederick at St. John's (Scrim.)
March 11	4:00 p.m.	PHS vs. The Heights at The Heights (Scrim.)
March 15	4:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS (Scrim.)
March 21	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS

Congratulations to the PHS Teams that Competed in the AbilityOne Network Design Challenge Last Week!

These amazing kids took second and third place in this national design competition and won thousands of dollars in prize money!

Read all about it in **The Washington Post:**

[Poolesville students take 2nd and 3rd places in design competition to help the disabled](#)

Project Lead the Way

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](#)

Come to Poolesville Idol next Thursday night and join the National Honor Society in supporting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!

Call John Poole!

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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	- Mrs. Turnbull
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Hardy

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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**