



March 28, 2014

John Poole's **BACK POCKET**

A Thought for Today:

“It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.”

- Ernest Hemingway

The Beginning of the End

Our journey for the 2013 – 2014 school year is heading into its last leg. Monday begins the fourth quarter and regardless of how wet and chilly March has been, summer is right around the corner.

We are beginning to see those annual Spring Fever outbreaks here at school. Some of the pent-up energy from a long, hard winter is coming forward as increased running in the halls, a little louder volume in the cafeteria and between classes, and some PDA (Public Displays of Affection). This weekend, when we're between quarters with relatively little homework and the big assignments already turned in, would be a great time to have a conversation with your kids about your expectations for their staying focused on their school work as we strive to make up the time lost this winter.

Here at school, we know there's no time to waste. County-wide final exams are already written, copied and ready to send out to schools – and they cover the whole curriculum, not the semester minus two weeks of bad weather. I don't want our kids just squeaking by, either. The final in middle school classes, such as US History, counts 20% of the fourth quarter grade; in high school credit classes, such as Spanish, Geometry and Algebra, the final counts as 25% of the semester grade – the one that appears on the high school transcript. Our students shouldn't have

to see anything less than the excellent grades they usually earn show up on this year's records. Let's work together to make this final quarter a strong finish to a somewhat disjointed school year.

On another note, last night's Humanities Night was a huge success. The photo at left isn't a still shot from a World War II movie – it's Mr. and Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Spadin dressed up to host the Museum of the Decade of the 1940s – just one of the great activities our kids and their families enjoyed. Much more about Humanities Night is coming in next week's issue. – Charlotte Boucher



2014 MSA Schedule	
Grade 8 Science MSA	March 31 & April 1

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!

Jordan Allentuck
Garrett Fultz
Heather Robinson

Rebecca Carin
Ryan Lockett
Maya Rosenbaum

Julia Corfman
Andrew Mullins
Cole Taylor



Spa Days Fun!

One of the many great after school activities open to kids at JPMS is devoted to learning beauty skills. The Spa Days class is a hit, and the smiles on the faces of these two participants tells it all.

It's not too late to join in all the pampering and fun of learning new design techniques. Classes meet once a month.

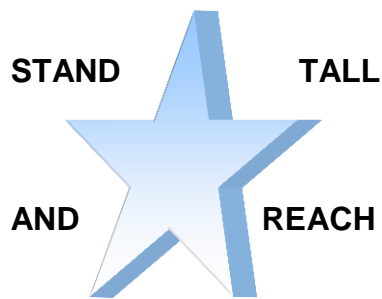
For more information, please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at winessa_r_crutchfield@mcpsmd.org

End of Year Activities

We are all keenly aware that we lost two weeks of instructional time to bad weather this year, but many families have summer plans already in place based on the original school calendar, and extending the school year could be a real problem.

MCPS applied to have five days excused so that our school year could end one day late: Friday, June 13 instead of Thursday, June 12. The announcement of whether or not our request will be granted may come as soon as this afternoon, but JPMS knows already we will not be rescheduling our end of year activities.

Reservations have been made; deposits have been placed. The 8th grade trip to Hershey Park, the 7th grade day at Smokey Glen and the 6th grade activities at JPMS will all still take place on Wednesday, June 11, regardless of the State Board of Education's decision. Thanks!



STAR Scholarships

The STAR Scholarship Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation started and initially funded by Paul Peck in 1992 to help African American and Black students achieve their higher education goals. STAR's purpose is to show African American and Black students that there is hope, the community cares, and studying pays.

STAR is an all-volunteer organization and more than 98% of funds go toward scholarships and merit awards. As of July 2013, STAR has awarded \$2,164,075 in scholarships and merit awards.

STAR offers African American and Black students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, the opportunity to win \$1,000 or \$250 college or vocational school scholarships. African American and Black 8th graders may win \$150 or \$75 STAR Merit Awards, 7th graders may win \$100 or \$50 STAR Merit Awards, and 6th graders may win \$50 or \$25 STAR Merit Awards.

The application Deadline is April 25, 2014. Interested students please contact Mrs. Arnold for application materials.

The Weather Is Warming Up And the styles are hotter than ever!

We've begun to see the shortest short shorts, skimpiest running shorts, and tops that are virtually see-through coming to school already.

The styles are adorable, and the kids look very cute, but these outfits are better suited to party and play time than to school.

We tell the students to *Dress for Success*. JPMS is their place of business, so dress accordingly. It's hard to do when fashion is all about off-the-shoulder, short and revealing, but it makes a real difference when kids are concentrating on work more than wardrobe.

Often, when we call home for a change of clothes, we learn the parent is surprised at what the child wore to school. Please take a minute to make clear what you consider acceptable warm weather school attire. Thanks!

Did you know...that state law requires a middle school student enrolled in a high school course to pass the final exam before credit can be awarded? That means a JPMS student who earned As in all of the first 3 quarters and passed the first semester final exam will still have to retake *both* semesters of Spanish, Algebra 1 or Honors Geometry if he or she fails the final exam in June. The rule is different for students who take a high school course in high school.

Let's help our students get studied up and ready to succeed before finals roll around.



Smokey Glen Farm



Barbequers, Inc.

To All 7th Grade Parents:

Summer vacation is still a few months away, but we have started planning the end of the year event for our 7th graders. We would like to take them all to Smokey Glen Farm on **Wednesday, June 11, 2014** for games, food and fun. Smokey Glen charges \$15 per student. In order make this celebration affordable for all, we are asking for approximately 25-30 parent drivers to take students to and from the school and Smokey Glen Farm. We will also need 8-12 of these parents to stay as chaperones for the full day.

If you volunteer to be a driver:

Drivers will need to have seat belts for all students they agree to transport. They will need to be at the school at 7:30 AM on **June 11th** and will be assigned specific students to transport. We will leave JPMS by 8:00 AM. Drivers who do not stay as chaperones will need to return to Smokey Glen to pick up the same children by 1:30 PM so we can return to the school by 2:00 PM.

If you also volunteer to be a chaperone:

Chaperones will be drivers as stated above and will need to **pay the adult event cost of \$16** which includes lunch. Chaperones will also be available to assist JPMS staff with supervision of student activities during the day. We need to know as soon as possible if we will have enough drivers/chaperones to support this event.

If you can volunteer to be a chaperone and/or driver, please respond to the email address below no later than April 1st with the following information:

- Name, email address and cell phone number (in case we need to reach you on that day.)
- Whether you are volunteering as just a driver or also a chaperone
- Number of students you can transport (REMEMBER you must have seat belted seats for all students.)

Team Parent Contact: Stephanie Burdette (stephanie_burdette@uhc.com or ssb12@aol.com)

Student permission slips for the end of the year event will be distributed at JPMS on May 1st. Make checks payable to John Poole Middle School and returned to their Social Studies teacher.

Parent chaperone payments of \$16 should be made by **separate check** payable to **JPMS PTSA** and should be included with student forms and fees by the deadline given.

Thanks for your support!

Attention Parents

New Mandatory Entry Immunization Requirements for Current Grade 6 Students Entering Grade 7 in the 2014–2015 School Year!

Meningococcal (MCV4) and Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis/whooping cough (Tdap)



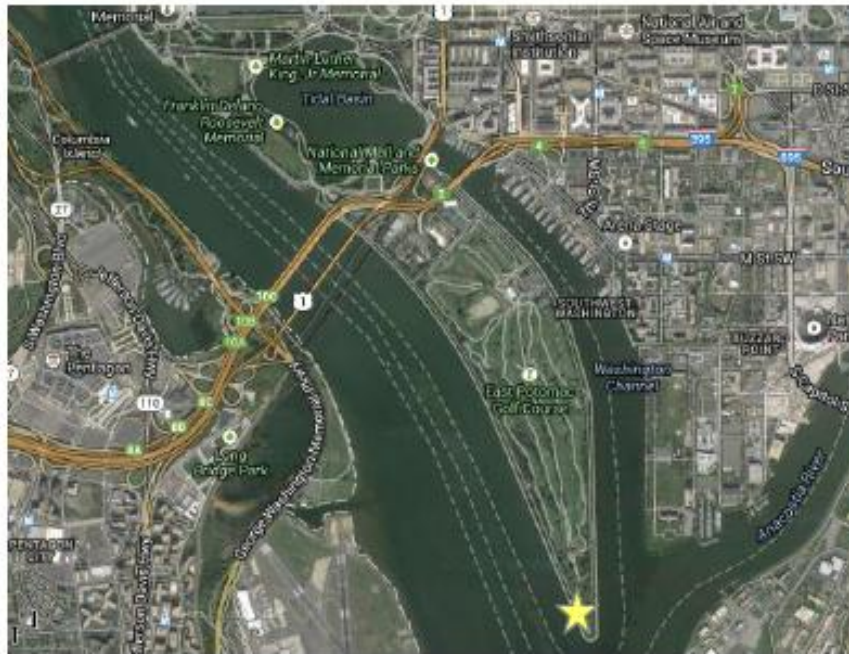
Visit your child's health care provider:

- for adolescent immunizations for students entering Grade 7; and
- to obtain proof of immunization to give to your school health room as soon as possible but no later than the first day of the 2014–2015 school year, August 25, 2014.

Students whose immunizations are out of compliance on August 25, 2014, will be allowed to remain in school for 20 calendar days with proof of an appointment for vaccination per COMAR 10.06.04.06, *Temporary Admission or Retention*. Students must then be excluded on the 21st calendar day or until documentation of immunization has been provided.

HAINS POINT ENVIROMENTAL CLEAN – UP

SATURDAY
MARCH 29
9AM-3PM



MEET @ HAINS POINT

Southernmost tip of East Potomac Park

HELP PICK UP THE WATERFRONT AREA AROUND HAINS POINT!
GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR GROUP & FAMILY VOLUNTEERING!

BREAKFAST AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFO VISIT SoWhatElse.org or CALL (301) 717 – 3655

TO SIGN UP EMAIL AMYSANTIS@GMAIL.COM



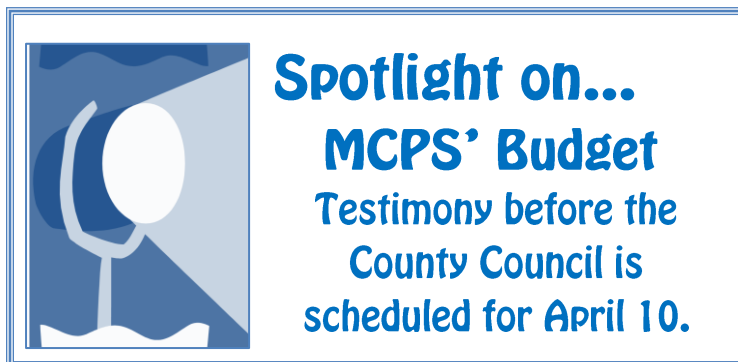
Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

Students achieve curricular objectives.

- MCPS recognizes exceptional service contributions of students through the **Superintendent's SSL Award** which recognizes the accumulation of 75 hours of service during middle school, and the **Certificate of Meritorious Service** which documents 260 or more SSL hours by the year of high school graduation. All qualifying documentation for these MCPS SSL awards is due to the SSL coordinator, Mrs. Arnold, no later than the "first Friday in April" (**April 4, 2014**).
- The majority of SSL occurs in the official, nonprofit, tax exempt sector. For-profit assisted living facilities and for-profit nursing homes are the only for-profit entities where SSL hours can be earned. Direct service to residents in these facilities requires approval of MCPS Form 560-50, *Individual SSL Request* in advance.
- MCPS SSL approved faith-based organizations identify real need beyond their membership and assist students in using secular (non-religious) activities to address need in the greater community.
- One SSL hour is awarded for every one hour of service outside of the instructional day. (A maximum of 8 hours may be awarded within a 24-hour period.)

John Poole Middle School



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

Questions? Ideas? Opinions?
Getting in touch with your PTSA is as easy
as sending an email message!
JPMSPTSA@gmail.com

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

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

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

Directories have arrived and have been distributed. If you paid for a membership and did not receive a directory, please contact us a.s.a.p.

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



Noteworthy



An Evening At Rocklands

Dinner ~ AUCTION ~ Music

Saturday, April 5, 2014
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

GET DISCOUNT
PRICING
THROUGH
MARCH 21ST

For More Information & To Purchase Tickets Visit www.pespta.com

Hurry and purchase your tickets so you can attend our Poolersville Elementary School PTA dinner and auction at the beautiful and scenic Rocklands Farm. This event is open to all adults.

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We will auction off some amazing items, provide a farm to table dinner, and enjoy an evening of music and fun.

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Some of the auction items are a week of summer camp at various locations, a weekend at a vacation home, class art projects, and many other products and services. To see a full list of our auction items and donors please visit the website above and click on the "An Evening At Rocklands" link.



What Do You Know About Temporary or Anonymous Messaging Apps?

More and more apps have come out recently allowing messages to be sent anonymously or to "disappear" after a short period of time. If Snapchat is all you know about this type of social networking, you can be sure your teenagers are clued in to a host of other ways to communicate that may seem safe but can lead to significant issues.

Common Sense Media has a great article to help parents learn about this kind of app. It's available at http://www.common sense media.org/blog/trend-alert-6-messaging-apps-that-let-teens-share-iffy-secrets?utm_source=032714+Parent+Default&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly

SSL Opportunity

Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church will be hosting a free taco dinner at the church (17821 Elgin Road, Poolesville) on Wednesday, April 2. The event is open to the entire community. Opportunities are available for middle and high school students to help set up (4:00 - 5:30 PM), serve (5:30-7:30 PM), and clean up (7:30-8:30 PM). Students are welcome to help for any or all times listed. To sign up to help, or for more information, please contact Kirsten Lewis at 301-349-2750.

Another Opportunity at Calleva

Poolesville's own Steven McKone is now the Director of the River School at Calleva, where an adaptive paddling school for the physically disabled is about to begin. Teaming up with Team River Runner (TRR), a non-profit that works with disabled veterans, the new program will teach disabled children how to kayak, canoe, or use a Stand-up Paddleboard (SUP.)

Starting on April 27, the Calleva office on Riley's Lock Road will host free open houses on Sundays from 2:00 – 5:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer at an open house, or if you know of disabled children who could participate, please email Steveo@calleva.org for information.

Montgomery College Summer 2014 Youth Programs

Registration is now open for courses for students in grades K - 12 held on all three Montgomery College campuses. There are over 200 exciting full- and half-day courses that cover a wide range of topics. The summer program runs from June 16 – August 8, 2014. For information, visit: <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummerbrochure.html> or contact the Youth Programs Office at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

After School Activities

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



If you have any suggestions for programs you would like to lead or to see offered at JPMS please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at [Winessa R Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org). Activities begin after school at 2:30 p.m.

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

Algebra (Tuesday)

Boxing Club (April 22, 24, 29; May 1, 6, 8, 13 & 15)

Homework Club (Tuesday)

Drama Club (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)

Leo Club (Wednesday – Dates TBD)

Jazz Band (Wednesday)

Newspaper Club (Wednesday)

Rocketry Club – New! (April 3 and 24, May 1, 15 and 29)

Softball Practice (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

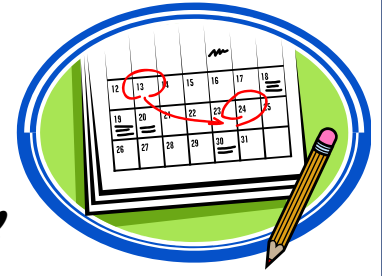
Spa Days (April 3 and May 3)

**Babysitting
Session II
April 8, 9 and 10**



Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



March 31-April 1	Grade 8 Science MSA
March 31	4 th Marking Period Begins
April 3	Spring Recital – 7:00 p.m.
April 7-11	Red Ribbon Week
April 9	Report Card Distribution
April 11	Honor Roll Celebrations
April 12 – 21	Spring Break

JPMS Soccer Schedule

April 9	JPMS vs King Girls at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Boys at King (3:15 p.m.)
April 23	JPMS vs Baker Boys at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Girls at Baker (3:15 p.m.)
April 30	JPMS vs Clemente Girls at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Boys at Clemente (3:15 p.m.)
May 6	JPMS vs Rocky Hill Boys at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Girls at Rocky Hill (3:15 p.m.)

Career Day is coming soon, and we are getting the 8th graders ready for this informative and exciting day.

They will be signing up for their four sessions on Wednesday April 2nd during 3rd period.

We want to thank all the parents who are making this possible.

Thanks

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Poolesville High School Spring Sports Schedule



Co-Ed Varsity Track & Field

4/1/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS
4/8/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Northwest and Seneca Valley HS at PHS
4/29/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS

Boys Varsity Tennis

3/31/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
4/2/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Einstein HS at Einstein HS
4/7/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
4/9/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at Sherwood HS
4/23/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS



Varsity Softball

3/29/14	1:30 PM	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
3/31/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Blair HS at Blair HS
4/3/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS
4/5/14	1:30 PM	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
4/7/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS
4/9/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Einstein HS at PHS
4/11/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
4/22/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Churchill HS at PHS

Varsity Baseball

3/29/14	1:30 PM	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
3/31/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Blair HS at Blair HS
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Girls Varsity Lacrosse

3/28/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
3/31/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. B-CC HS at B-CC HS
4/4/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
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Boys Varsity Lacrosse

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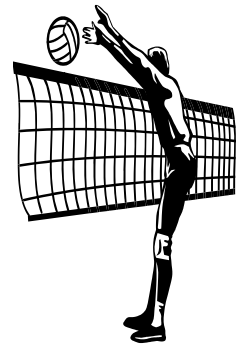


CoEd Varsity Volleyball

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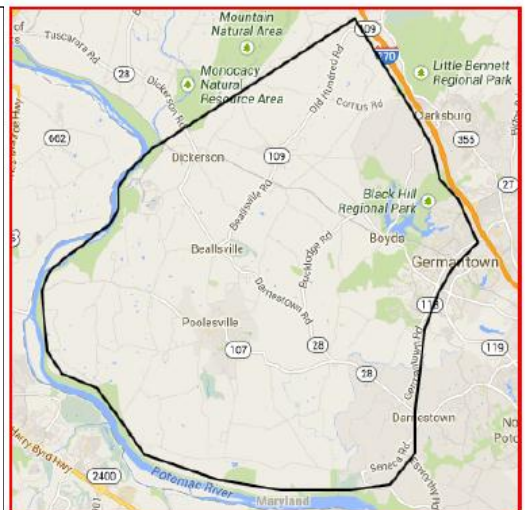
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Check out the flyer on the following page for the Athletic Booster Club's annual Spring Mulch Sale!

Delivery is free in the area south of the Montgomery County/Frederick County line; west of Interstate 270; east of the Potomac River; north of the intersection of Routes 28 and 118 (Germantown Road and Seneca Road).

Pickup orders of 5 bags or fewer will be available in the student parking lot from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the day of the sale.



POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



The Poolesville High School Athletic Booster Club is an organization whose primary mission is to raise money to support and supplement the athletic program at PHS.

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Delivery Address: _____

Number of Bags of Brown Shredded (3 cu.ft.) _____ X \$4.50 = _____

Number of Bags of Black Shredded Mulch (2 cu.ft.) _____ X \$4.75 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Delivered* [☐] Customer Pickup [☐]

* see Free Delivery Area map

I am not interested in ordering mulch this year but would like to make a donation to the Athletic Booster Club: \$ _____

**CASH OR CHECKS ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO POOLESVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
OR ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.PHSBOOSTERCLUB.ORG/MULCHSALE**

Mail this form and payment to:

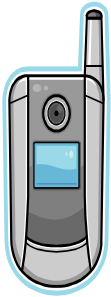
Cathy Bupp
20611 White's Ferry Road
Poolesville, MD 20837

Phone Orders Accepted

Call Cathy Bupp at
240-793-5410

Call John Poole!

Main Office 301-972-7979
Counseling 301-972-7980
Cafeteria 301-407-1037
Health Room 301-407-1029



And Ask for...

Principal - Mrs. Boucher	Assistant Principal - Ms. Lemon
Technology & Arts IRT & Grade Level Coordinator	- Mr. Grotenhuis
English IRT	- Mrs. Lindsay
Social Studies IRT	- Ms. Nachlas
Math IRT	- Mr. McKay
Science IRT	- Mrs. Callaghan
Special Education IRT	- Ms. Turnbull
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Eisenberg

JPMS
Timberwolves
live with
Purpose
Respect
Integrity
Dedication
Effort

Our Vision:

The Timberwolf community experiences joy in learning celebrates excellence and values positive relationships.

Our Mission:

At John Poole Middle School our mission is to:

- **promote joy in learning through motivation and engagement**
- **celebrate excellence by acknowledging achievement**
- **foster a shared responsibility for academic and social success**
- **value positive relationships thereby promoting a respectful and supportive learning environment**

