



April 4, 2014

John Poole's BACK POCKET

A Thought for Today:

Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers.

- Byron Caldwell Smith

So Much News!

There is so much to talk about this week, I barely know where to start! To get it all in, I need to open each topic here and then ask you to follow-up through related material elsewhere in this *Back Pocket*. So here goes with four big stories:

1. **Humanities Night and the Spring Recital** – our PRIDE was showing at these two events as students displayed their work and performed for admiring families and staff. Pictures from Humanities Night are in this issue and the Spring Recital will be featured next week.
2. **The Calendar** – MCPS struck a deal with the Maryland State Department of Education adding 2 days to the instructional calendar to make up for all the time we missed during the tough winter. School will now be held on **April 21** and **June 13**, but our end-of-year activities will still take place on June 11. Dr. Starr's letter is reprinted on the next page.
3. **New Security at the Main Entrance** – a camera and doorbell have been installed at the front and back (gym) entrances of our building. Many of our families are already familiar with this procedure from coming and going at our elementary schools. Once school starts at 7:35 AM, all doors will be locked throughout the school day. Anyone arriving during school hours will need to ring the bell at the entrance. The office staff can see who's out there and speak with him or her before unlocking the door electronically. Next Monday, **April 7**, is the day we will begin using this system. For more details, check out the letter on the pages that follow.
4. **Red Ribbon Week** – each year we engage students in activities that promote good choices and encourage a healthy life style that is free of substance abuse. Although Red Ribbon Week is elsewhere observed in October, we think it's more relevant to our kids in the spring as the 8th grade prepares for high school and the nice weather lures everyone outside on those longer evenings.

Our goal is to get kids excited about good choices rather than scared or unhappy about the bad ones. That's why each day of Red Ribbon Week revolves around a positive theme. Kids can show their engagement through dressing up and participating in creative activities. I hope you'll look for the week's program later in this issue and help your son or daughter be a part of Red Ribbon Week activities.

Didn't I tell you there was a lot of news! All this and Honor Roll, too! – 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!



Shaun Bolton

Makayla LeMarr

Tommy Poole

Brooke Brightful

Ben Miller

Madison Repass

Stephan Fessenden

Kathryn Morrow

Colin Savage

Honor Roll Celebrations

Friday, April 11

Grade 6: 12:50 Grade 7: 10:30 Grade 8: 8:40

Families are cordially invited to join us

A Message from Dr. Starr

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has made final adjustments to this year's school calendar and will make up two snow days. Under a plan approved by the Maryland State Department of Education on Tuesday (April 2, 2014), school will be held on the following days:

- * Monday, April 21, 2014, also known as Easter Monday
- * Friday, June 13, 2014, which will be the last day of school for students

No other snow days will have to be made up under the state-approved plan. The 2013-2014 school calendar, as approved by the Montgomery County Board of Education, has 184 days of instruction, which is four more than required by state law. MCPS has had 10 snow days this school year and, therefore, is six days under the 180 days of instruction required by state law. On Tuesday, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools Lillian Lowery granted a waiver that allows MCPS to go four days below the required days of instruction if school is held on April 21 and June 13.

"We appreciate Dr. Lowery's recognition that this has been a very unusual winter and her willingness to grant us some flexibility in our calendar," said Superintendent of Schools Joshua P. Starr. "By holding classes on April 21 and June 13, we can make up two valuable days of instruction without significantly disrupting our community's summer schedules."

John Poole Middle School

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Office of the Principal

April 1, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

A new access control system (ACS) has been installed at John Poole Middle School and will be used for building entry on April 7, 2014. You may already be familiar with this system from its having been in use at our local elementary schools. The initiative to enhance school-based security is a component of the Montgomery County Public Schools state security initiative plan.

The ACS consists of a surveillance camera installed at the school's main entrance with a second camera at another entrance. Signs will direct a visitor to push a button to alert main office staff of your arrival. A remote locking system, controlled from the main office, will allow entry into the building during the period between students' morning arrival times and afternoon dismissal times. When a visitor arrives during these times, they will be prompted to press an alert button at the main entrance. Office staff will communicate with the visitor and provide controlled entry into the school. All visitors will be instructed to report to the main office to sign in. Visitors arriving at the secondary entrance will be instructed to enter only through the main entrance. In order to ensure the successful implementation of the ACS, all other entrances to the school building will remain secured at all times.

This initiative and others that will follow are provided to ensure the safety and security of the learning and working environment. Thank you for your continuing support. Please call me if you have questions or wish to discuss this new security initiative.

Respectfully,

Charlotte Chakan Boucher

Charlotte Chakan Boucher
Principal

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

Montgomery County Public Schools



Red Ribbon Week - April 7-11

Right Choices, Bright Future!

Each year, Red Ribbon Week provides us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to a safe, healthy and drug-free lifestyle and show our dedication to substance abuse education and prevention efforts in our schools and community. It is estimated that over 80 million young people and adults throughout the USA participate in this annual campaign each year.

This week we will celebrate each day with a theme and an activity that helps each of us make right choices to have a Bright Future. Remember, all outfits for theme days must be appropriate for school. Choose clothing and accessories that comply with school policies.



Day/Date	Activities
Monday, April 7	Timberwolf Stars Say No Wear Red or Blue
Tuesday, April 8	Follow Your Dreams Wear Long Pajama Pants
Wednesday, April 9	Sock It to Drugs Wacky shoes, boots and socks
Thursday, April 10	Team-up Against Drugs Team Shirts
Friday, April 11 (Honor Roll)	Let Your Colors Shine Wear Neon colors

Students were given an opportunity to sign a pledge to stay healthy by avoiding drugs on Friday, April 4th. Red Ribbon Week alone cannot solve our state's drug problems, but it can raise awareness and encourage participation in drug-free activities. Talk with your kids about drugs. No matter how young children are, talking with them is one of the best things you can do to help keep them drug free.

Resources for Drug and Alcohol Issues:

How Parents Can Prevent Drug Abuse

<http://www.ncpc.org/topics/drug-abuse/alcohol-tobacco-and-other-drugs>

Parenting Tips for Drug Prevention

http://www.ehow.com/info_7833507_parenting-tips-drug-prevention.html



Humanities Night Was Great!

It was wonderful to see the big crowd that turned out for last week's Humanities Night celebration! Our staff and students had been working for weeks to prepare this event celebrating literacy, history and the arts, and everything came together beautifully!



Last week, **Ella Boyle, Becca Carin, Brooke Hamm and Julia Rich** made posters. **Ella Boyle, Paris Copeland, Michelle Moraa and Amelia Williams** stayed after school Thursday to get everything set up.

The evening began in the cafeteria where families joined us for dinner and entertainment. **Melanie Staszewski** opened the evening with a song from this spring's musical *Cinderella*, and **Eve Knudson** and JPMS alum **Ashley Anguerra** performed a duet also from the show just as dinner was concluding. They were all wonderful! This year's show looks like a winner!

Before we left the cafeteria, a brief ceremony was held to honor Mrs. Lindsay's having won the Marian Greenblatt Veteran Teacher Award – one of the most prestigious awards in MCPS for excellence in teaching. Dr. Marshal Greenblatt



presented Mrs. Lindsay with a lovely plaque; Poolesville Town Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski awarded her a certificate from the town; our Director Ms. Beth Thomas and our PTSA President, Jennifer Kasten spoke; and students **Dottie Ballman, Gabby Capobianchi, Melanie Staszewski,**

and JPMS alum **Katie Turner** shared their respect for this wonderful English teacher. Finally, everyone enjoyed cake and punch donated by Harris Teeter while a jazz combo made up of **Christian Andrade, Ray Kinzie and JT Thompson** treated us to some great music.



What a lovely way to launch Humanities Night! Next we adjourned to the many activities taking place around the school. Mr. Mattingly helped kids design coats of arms; Mrs. Turner led improv



performance games; Ms. Nachlas, assisted by **Emily Lewis**, taught students to write in the ancient cuneiform alphabet on clay tablets – and that's just for starters!

Throughout the event, students **Ella Boyle**, **Paris Copeland**, **Michelle Moraa**, **Elizabeth Parise**, **Kathleen Van Houten**, **Triana Wallace**, **Avery Whitney-Blum** and **Amelia Williams** served as guides and facilitators so that our guests could find everything they wanted to enjoy.

In addition to managing the Book Fair, Mrs. McIntyre took the pictures on the following pages with the assistance of **Nathaly Portillo** and **Maddie Peek**. Thanks for giving us a glimpse of all the fun!



Great student work was displayed, featuring National History Day projects, the Wall of Advocacy, and gorgeous student art work. You could also leave your

mark on the *Mona Lisa*!

Mrs. Toman, aided by students **Gwen Boe** and **Bryce Davis** taught sign language lessons so guests could



spell their names with their fingers, and Mr. McKee led spirited rounds of Geo-historical Jeopardy.

Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Spadin dressed up as World War II soldiers as they explained the hundreds of authentic artifacts on display in their "Bunker." Mr. Kirby is a



collector of memorabilia from the 1940's, and he generously shared his materials and his time with us – also wearing an authentic uniform, this one for a sailor. Students study the decade of the '40s in seventh grade English.



Sixth grade Reading classes enjoy a unit on ancient mythology, and their Humanities Night activity was a living wax museum of the gods and goddesses called *Myth Madness*. Each student dressed as an ancient diety and memorized an introduction to the god or goddess being portrayed. When visitors pushed the “button” the god came alive to deliver the speech.

Marcus Antolli, Matthew Contreras, Sabrina Edwards, Kenna Krueger, Emma Parker, Holly Raines, Jordan Rendizio, Heather Robinson, Jacob Roe, Emily Singleton, and Kathleen Wyrick were all wonderful!





Of course, no tour of the Humanities could exclude William Shakespeare. Ms. Rice's students presented scenes from many of Shakespeare's most famous plays acted by

Remy Anderson, William Batres, Will Hicks, Jake Kasten, Celine Macairan, Saloni Maskey, Jacob Roe, Maya Rosenbaum, Cole Roy, Malik Smith and Rachel Tievy.

All in all, Humanities Night was a tremendous success. Thanks to all the students and staff who

worked so hard to bring it all together and to all the families and friends who came out to share the event with us.

Soccer Season Starts Strong

On Thursday, the **girls soccer team** opened up the season with a victory against Neelsville Middle School. From the start, the girls overpowered Neelsville, reaching a final score of 8 -0. **Hannah Helfert** led all scorers with 2 goals. **Killian Carney, Sarah Millikin, Mackenzie Mullett, Rachel Macairin, Sammie Thomas, Kelliann Lee** also had goals.

Go Lady Timberwolves!



Youth Service Fair

Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) celebrates and mobilizes the millions of young people who improve their communities each day of the year through service. Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth. You can find out all about it at this website: <http://www.gysd.org/>

On April 12, the National Youth Leadership Council will host a service fair from 9:30 AM - 1:45 PM at the Henry Bacon Ball Field on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Students from all over the DC area are invited to visit exhibits, participate in events, and learn how young people can make out world a better place through service.



Earth Day, April 2014

Celebrate Earth Day During the Entire Month of April

Earth Day is officially April 22nd, but in Montgomery County it's celebrated during the entire month of April. There are many environmental volunteer projects throughout the month.

- Clean trash from parks and streams
- Pull invasive weeds and remove fallen branches
- Plant trees and flowers


The end of the school year is near. This is a great opportunity for students to earn those last minute SSL hours while participating in worthwhile activities with family and friends.

Get your hands dirty and help keep our community clean!

Find Earth Day Activities on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center's website: www.montgomeryserves.org



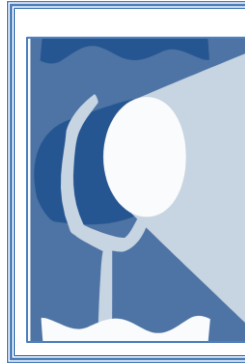
Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

- Spring break begins April 14, 2014 ... make a plan now to *serve* and *learn*!
- Meaningful SSL experiences can prompt students to redirect initial career paths toward more challenging and fulfilling opportunities.
- Students involved in school-sponsored clubs and organizations that include a *service learning* project may earn SSL hours for their involvement in the supervised project in a public place outside of the instructional day.
- Find answers to questions that are frequently asked regarding the SSL program by clicking on <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/pages/faq.aspx>. It's all there!
- Plan now for a summer that includes *service* and *learning*. Choose organizations and opportunities that have a  graduation cap icon by them on the website www.mcpsssl.org OR get approval of MCPS Form 560-50 *Individual SSL Request* in advance of any service.
- Stay well informed to *Serve* and *Learn* within the MCPS SSL guidelines. Know program details..and follow them!

Why Can't Students Earn SSL Hours on Take Your Child to Work Day?

- This event will take place on Thursday, April 24, 2014 and school is in session.
- The MCPS SSL implementation plan states that students may not miss instructional time to earn SSL hours.
- All SSL opportunities must be pre-approved and under the supervision of an adult representing a non-profit organization (not a parent/relative).

John Poole Middle School



Spotlight on...
MCPS' Budget
Testimony before the
County Council is
scheduled for April 10.

- Jennifer Kasten - President
- Neile Whitney - Vice President
- Hisaho Blair - Secretary
- Michelle Hobbs – Treasurer
- Wendy Gotlewski – 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 Gotlewski, membership coordinator at gotlewski@msn.com.

Attention 8th Grade Parents!

Eighth Grade Career Day

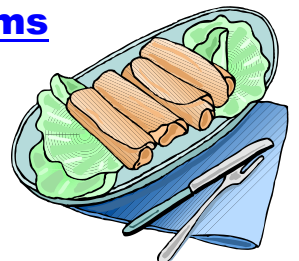
is approaching fast!

**The date is Thursday, April 24,
and we still need donations of food.**

**The food donated provides lunch for all the community volunteers
who share their time and talents with our students.**

Email [Carolyn Ringling](mailto:Carolyn.Ringling@montgomeryschoolsmd.org) if you can help by donating food, OR go right to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4DAFAF23A02-jpms> to sign up online.

**Questions? Don't hesitate to contact Peg Arnold
in the Counseling Office: 301-972-7980.**



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GANSLER**
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CYBER BULLYING



Attorney General of Maryland - Douglas Gansler

**Make plans to hear
Attorney General Douglas
Gansler!**

The Shady Grove Middle School Parent and Teachers Association (PTA) proudly partners with Redland Middle School PTA and the Maryland Leadership Academy to host Mr. Douglas Gansler as he speaks to the issues and dangers of online bullying. This informative presentation will be one you will NOT want to miss!

April 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Shady Grove Middle School

8100 MidCounty Highway, Gaithersburg MD 20877



For more information visit:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/shadygrovem/>

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.



Noteworthy



An Evening At Rocklands

Dinner ~ AUCTION ~ Music

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

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Hurry and purchase your tickets so you can attend our Poolsville 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.commonsensemedia.org/blog/trend-alert-6-messaging-apps-that-let-teens-share-iffy-secrets?utm_source=032714+Parent+Default&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly

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.

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.

Operating Budget Request for Next School Year

Stay Informed About the MCPS FY 2015 Operating Budget

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett has released his recommended operating budget for next school year and is proposing a \$77 million increase over this year's budget. This is about \$15 million less than the \$2.3 billion operating budget Board of Education had requested. The Montgomery County Council will hold public hearings on the County Executive's budget recommendation on April 8, 9, and 10, and this is a chance for parents, staff, students, and community members to share their thoughts with county leaders about how our schools are funded. Information on registering to speak at a hearing and/or other ways to provide input to the Council on the budget is available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/.

The Board's budget request represents a 4 percent increase over the current budget and is just 2.5 percent above the minimum funding level required by state law. The majority of the increase allows us to provide the same level of services to a growing number of students. The budget request includes strategic investments that will help lower class sizes in some high schools, increase the number of counselors and other student support staff, add more technology to schools, and improve services to English Language Learners.

The MCPS website has a series of briefs and videos that provide quick information about the budget that you can share with friends and family. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org and search Operating Budget.

Manténgase Informado Sobre el Presupuesto Operativo de MCPS Para el Año Fiscal 2015

El Ejecutivo del Condado Isiah Legget publicó su recomendación para el Presupuesto Operativo Para el Año Fiscal 2015 y está proponiendo un aumento de \$77 sobre el presupuesto

actual. Esta propuesta es \$15 millones menos del presupuesto de \$2.3 mil millones solicitado por el Consejo de Educación. El Concejo del Condado de Montgomery (Montgomery County Council) tendrá audiencias públicas sobre el presupuesto recomendado por el Ejecutivo del Condado el 8, 9, y 10 de abril. Esta es una oportunidad para que los padres, el personal, los estudiantes y los miembros de la comunidad compartan sus opiniones con los líderes del condado acerca de cómo nuestras escuelas son financiadas. Para más información sobre como inscribirse para hablar en una de estas audiencias y/o las diferentes maneras como ofrecer su opinión a el Consejo referente al presupuesto, visite www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/.

El presupuesto representa un aumento del 4 por ciento sobre el presupuesto actual y está 2.5 por ciento sobre el nivel mínimo de fondos que exige la ley estatal. La mayoría de ese aumento permitirá a MCPS proveer el mismo nivel de servicios a un número en aumento de estudiantes. El pedido presupuestario incluye inversiones estratégicas que ayudarán a reducir el tamaño de las clases en algunas escuelas, aumentar el número de consejeros escolares y otros empleados de apoyo al estudiante, agregar más tecnología a las escuelas, y mejorar los servicios para estudiantes de inglés como segundo idioma (English Language Learners).

El sitio de internet de MCPS tiene una serie de resúmenes y videos que proporcionan una visión general de la solicitud de presupuesto los cuales puede compartir con familiares y amigos. Visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org y busque “Operating Budget”.

MCPS GIVE BACKpacks

The MCPS GIVE BACKpacks campaign is under way and needs your help to raise funds to purchase backpacks filled with school supplies for MCPS students in need. Last year, MCPS parents, staff, and community members generously donated more than \$100,000 to the GIVE BACKpacks campaign, and nearly 15,000 students in 41 schools received backpacks filled with school supplies. We're hoping to serve even more students this year. A backpack filled with school supplies only costs \$10, and donors have the option to sponsor an individual student, a classroom, a grade level, an entire school, or a cluster of schools. Additional information is available at www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org or by calling 301-309-MCPS.

College Prep Fair

A free College Preparation and Scholarship Fair will be held 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive in Rockville. The fair is intended for students in grades 6–10 and their parents. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet various colleges and universities, learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities and attend informative breakout sessions. There also will be a tour of the USG campus. Space is limited, so be sure to register early! Registration can be completed at www.mcpsparentacademy.org. Call 301-279-3100 for more information.

Feria de Preparación Universitaria a Realizarse el 10 de Mayo

Habrà una Feria Gratuita de Preparación Universitaria y Becas el día sábado, 10 de mayo, de 1:00 a 4:00 p.m., en Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, en Rockville. La feria está dirigida a los estudiantes de los Grados 6–10 y sus padres. Las personas que asistan tendrán la oportunidad de conocer a representantes de varios colegios universitarios y universidades, aprender acerca de ayuda financiera y oportunidades de becas, y asistir a sesiones informativas en grupos separados. También se ofrecerá un recorrido por las instalaciones de USG. El espacio es limitado, se recomienda inscribirse, proceso que se puede completar ingresando a la página virtual de la Academia Para Padres de MCPS. Comuníquese al 301-279-3100, para más información.

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 24, May 1, 15 and 29)

Softball Practice (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

Spa Days (May 3)

Babysitting Session II April 8, 9 and 10



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Class sizes are limited.



Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



April 7-11

April 7

April 9

April 11

Red Ribbon Week

Access Control System starts operating at the entrance

Report Card Distribution

Honor Roll Celebrations

Grade 6: 12:50 PM

Grade 7: 10:30 AM

Grade 8: 8:40 AM

April 12 – 20

Spring Break

April 21

NOW a School Day to make up for snow closings.

April 21 – 25

Administrative Professionals Week

Let our office staff know how much they are appreciated!

April 24

Career Day (Grade 8)

College Visit (Grade 7)

Earth Day Activities (Grade 6)

Take Your Child to Work Day

JPMS Soccer Schedule

April 9 JPMS vs King Boys at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Girls 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.)

Change!

Don't Miss the Spring Musical!

May 9 & 10

**Performed on the Big Stage at
Poolesville High School**



PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!

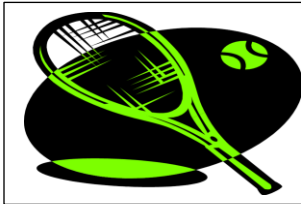


Poolesville High School Spring Sports Schedule



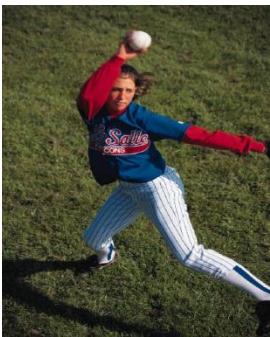
Co-Ed Varsity Track & Field

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

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
4/24/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS
4/26/14	10:00 AM	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
4/29/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at PHS



Varsity Softball

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
4/24/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
4/26/14	10:00 AM	PHS vs. Springbrook HS at Springbrook HS
4/28/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at Sherwood HS

Varsity Baseball

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
4/24/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
4/26/14	1:30 PM	PHS vs. Springbrook HS at Springbrook HS
4/28/14	3:00 PM	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at Sherwood HS



Girls Varsity Lacrosse

4/4/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
4/7/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
4/11/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
4/22/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS
4/24/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS
4/30/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Richard Montgomery HS at PHS

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

4/7/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at PHS
4/11/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
4/22/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
4/25/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at Wheaton HS
4/30/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Richard Montgomery HS at PHS

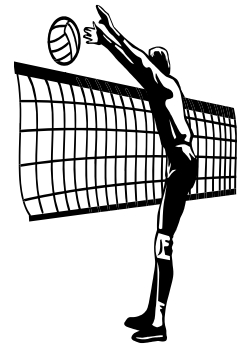


CoEd Varsity Volleyball

4/4/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
4/7/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
4/9/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
4/23/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
4/28/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Churchill HS at Churchill HS

Boys Varsity Volleyball

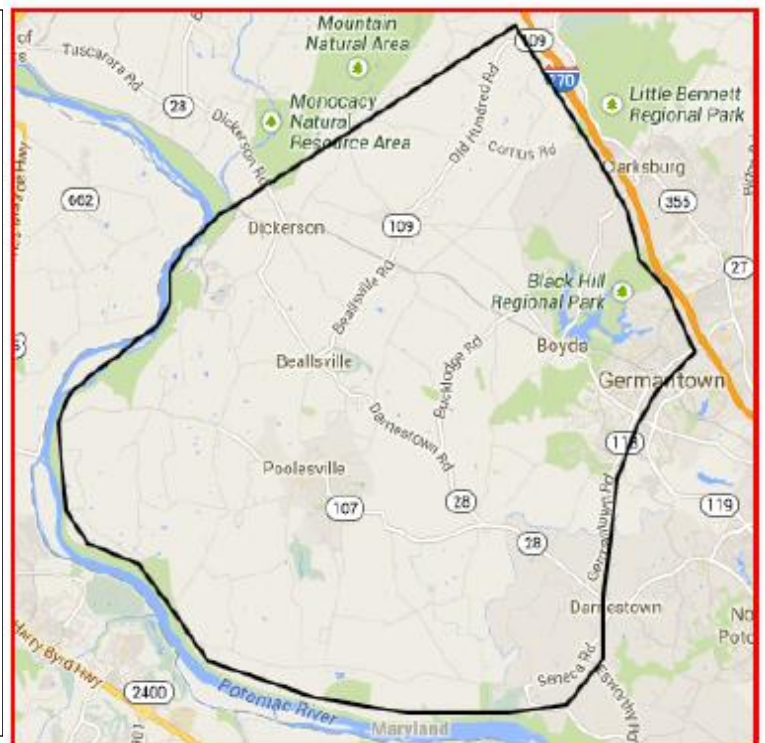
4/4/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
4/7/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
4/9/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
4/23/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
4/28/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Churchill HS at Churchill HS



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.





The Pooleville 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 POOLEVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
OR ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.PHSBOOSTERCLUB.ORG/MULCHSALE

Mail this form and payment to:

Cathy Bupp
 20611 White's Ferry Road
 Pooleville, 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

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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**

