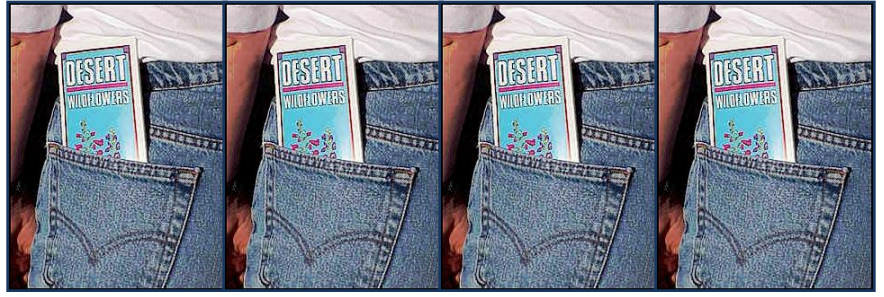


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



April 20, 2012

A Thought for Today:

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.

- John Muir

Getting Ready to Celebrate the End of Another Great Year!

This week I met with all of our students in grade-level town hall meetings. In fact, it was the last town hall of the 2011 – 2012 school year. Can it really be so close to summer? Incredible!

We hold town hall meetings once each quarter to let kids know what expectations are and how they are doing. I always review the upcoming events, give each group a look at their academic and behavior data, and reinforce our core values of Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Effort. This time, for example, I was proud to compliment everyone on bringing up their grades and making such a great impression on Dr. Starr and Dr. Hollingshead when they visited us last week. The timely reminders included cautions about warm weather dress. We consider school each child's place of business and expect everyone to dress for work, not play or the beach. (The super-short shorts that are so stylish now are a great case in point. Young girls look adorable in them as they walk along, but sometimes bending over reveals more than is appropriate to show both above the waistband and below.)

By far the most interesting part of the meeting for our students concerned the behavioral expectations for participation in end of the year celebrations. Just before school is out, we have activities planned for

6th graders here at school and for 7th graders at Smokey Glen. The 8th grade is again going to Hershey Park. These events are basically for fun, and they are highlights of the year for many kids. Because there is less and less structure from year to year along with increased distance from school, we have to be sure we can trust kids to manage the excitement and additional freedom involved. They demonstrate their maturity by maintaining behavioral expectations during these last weeks of school.

The expectations are the same for all grades, and the accountability began at yesterday's meetings when the students were all informed. Between now and the end of school, one suspension or two office referrals is enough to exclude a student from the end of year activities. Office referrals are either the result of a significant behavioral issue or the accumulation of three minor incidents in any one class. (In JPMS-speak, these are called MIRs, because the teacher fills out a **Minor Incident Report** which the student signs when being reprimanded for an infraction that was managed at the classroom level, without referral to the office.)

The vast majority of our students always behave appropriately and have nothing to worry about. Sometimes, however, kids can get spring fever and let down their self control. If this is the case, we want

to acknowledge good behavior and include as many kids as possible, so there's a process for getting back in for a student who has been excluded. The procedure involves working with the counselor to write a letter of appeal. Submitting the letter triggers a period of probation during which the student must maintain excellent behavior. Then, about a week before the celebrations, teachers will meet to review the appeals. A student who has improved his or her behavior and stayed out of trouble can be reinstated. Another who continued to have behavioral difficulties will have the appeal denied and will remain excluded from the events.

Another part of the plan involves time on task. We tell our students all year every year that coming on time and staying focused are their first academic priorities. Students who arrive late or disrupt instruction are effectively thieves of time. They are taking learning time from their teachers and their classmates, and that's just not acceptable. We expect to regain that time during the end of year activities, so students who arrive tardy to class unexcused will give back that time as time-out from the celebrations. For example, 7 minutes of unexcused tardy earns 7 minutes at the teachers' station at Smokey Glen or Hershey Park, or in a classroom here at school for grade 6.

Being unexcused means there was no good reason to come late to class. It doesn't apply to students who come late with a note from the health room or with an excused pass because another teacher allowed him or her to stay late and finish a test. Again, almost all of our students already make it to class on time every class, every day. This procedure only applies to the kind of slacking off that can occur in spring if kids let down their standards. My mom used to call it "feeling your oats."

Finally, disruptive behavior that earns an MIR also takes instructional time away from learning. That means that every MIR earned between yesterday's town hall meetings and the end of the year will earn 10 minutes of time-out at there celebrations. I think this is an especially appropriate consequence, because a student who has trouble keeping his or her focus here at school during this time when there is extra emphasis on following behavioral expectations, is often the same student who needs a time out at exciting times to gather him or herself and maintain

composure. They send us the signal they're not quite ready for additional freedom, and we give them opportunities to collect themselves when they are most vulnerable. That can prevent the kind of escalating excitement that can lead a kid into trouble.

These expectations were discussed with all students at the town hall meetings, and they went into effect at that time. We really aren't asking anyone to do anything different; we just want to maintain our high standards so that we can finish the school year with learning happening right up to the end.

You may want to talk over these expectations with your child. They all had a chance to ask questions, and there were clarifying questions in all three meetings. The opst frequently asked questions was, "If I got an MIR this morning, does it count?" Well, of course it counts – student behavior *always* counts – but it doesn't count as part of the end of year activities accountability plan if it occurred before the town hall meeting. Once the students understood what we expected from them, we began holding them accountable.

If it helps, here's a little summary overview:

- No behavioral issues = smooth sailing into the end of year activities
- Getting suspended removes you from the activities – but you can appeal.
- 2 office referrals, either because your behavior was bad enough to get you sent directly to the office or you accumulated 3 MIRs in any given classroom, also gets you removed from the activities – but you can appeal.
- The counselor helps you write your letter of appeal.
- Receipt of the appeal put you in probation for the rest of the term.
- About a week before the end of year celebrations, teachers review the appeals and reinstate students or not, depending on how successfully they have maintained self control.
- MIRs and tardiness result in time out from the activities, whether or not you were ever sent to the office.

That's the big picture. I'm planning on having full participation because our students will keep up their good behavior. You've sent us great kids!

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!



Michael Huff

Kaelyn Milby

Nicole Slebodnik

Chris Johnson

Jolee Raines

Liam Speck-Morris

Julia McAleer

Daria Sharifi

Bryce Taylor

Award-winning Author, Victoria Gruber

Congratulations to 6th grader **Victoria Gruber** whose poem *A Farmer's Life* earned Honorable Mention in the county-wide "Celebrating Diversity Through Creative Writing" contest. I'm sure you'll agree with the judges when you read her poem and the reflection she submitted with her entry.

Congratulations, Tori! Your poem is especially meaningful with Earth Day coming up this weekend. Nice work!

Reflection

The character in my poem ("A Farmer's Life") is different than people in the city because the people in the city don't stop and think about how grateful they should be to be alive. My character stops and takes time to thank everyone who helps him. City people always rush off to work. My character never rushes. He takes time to enjoy what Mother Nature gives him. I celebrate the diversity that farmers add to Montgomery County and every community because they enjoy life and they thank people who help them progress in their lives.

A Farmer's Life

**The sun raises and takes his shift.
I do my job as I lift
hay stacks as far as the eye can see.
I unlock Mother Nature's gifts with a key
as the sun goes down, the temperature changes.
Mother Nature's gift always amazes;
the moon takes her place in the sky.
I feel as though I could fly.
Tomorrow is another day,
but for now I just lay.**

**Don't
Miss
It!**

Literacy Night is Tuesday, May 8!

**Come for an early-bird dinner at 5:00,
then stay for literacy-related activities
from 5:30-7:00.**



**MAY
11&12
7:00 PM
JPMS APR
Be
there!**



Check Out the China Travelers!

This week I received another glowing report on how wonderful this spring break's adventure in China was, largely because of Mr. Young's great leadership. Thanks to **Karen Kalantzis Micheals** for taking the time to write, and to Mr. Young for making this opportunity available to our school community.

"I have had the pleasure to go on 4 spring break trips with Mr. Young over the past 5 years. I feel so lucky that we have had these wonderful opportunities to connect as a family and see more of the world. Each of my 3 children has been on 2 trips, and now that my youngest is an 8th grader, this recent trip to China will likely be my last. Each trip, he did an excellent job planning it, organizing it, marketing it, and preparing us for it, and then once on the trip, he attended to all the details to make it seem like everything was smooth. He patiently and clearly answered everyone's questions no matter how trivial or often repeated. He truly cared about the kids' experiences and made the trips educational, safe, and fun for all. No doubt it's difficult to manage groups ranging from 40-80 children and adults, let alone in a foreign country. His people, organizational, and management skills are to be commended!"



Mother's Day Is Coming

Looking for a special gift for Mom, Grandma or a favorite Aunt? Why not have this year's school picture printed on an item that will be used every day with extra pleasure because it's a reminder of your son or daughter!

There's time to order before Mother's Day on May 13, and lots of items to choose from.

Here are some of our kids' photos on an apron, water bottle, mug and magnets, but you have many more choices in a wide price range. Perhaps a tote bag, mouse pad, tee shirt or key ring would be perfect for your favorite Mom. You can find all these gifts and more online at our school photographer's web site.

Go to www.blantonstudio.hjclix.com to check out the selections and place your order. Because your child's security is a high priority, this website is password protected. You need the individual code that identified your child's picture package to be able to order. If you have problems accessing your school pictures, the Customer Service number is 301-840-8044 ext. 12.

Next time you are at school, check out the personalized items on display. I'm sure you'll be pleased with the quality of reproduction and the samples.

Of course, while you're shopping for Mother's Day, you might plan ahead for Father's Day as well. June 17 is getting closer every day!



Black-eyed Susan Award Lunch

Last week, the media center hosted our annual voting party as part of selecting this year's Black-eyed Susan Award winning books. In order to be able to participate, students read three of the nominated books, advocated for their favorites, and submitted their votes to the state library association that sponsors the contest. Of course, there was some pizza eating, cookie decoration, and chocolate bars thrown in along the way!

Thanks to Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Seligman for organizing this event, and to Mrs. Seligman for taking the pictures.





Reading Stars!

The English department would like to congratulate the following students who participated in the Read Across Maryland program. These students voluntarily read for 30 minutes for 30 days. In addition to being eligible for prizes at the state level, students will be rewarded with a Subway gift card. We're very proud!

Sixth Grade

Ellen Beal
Hannah Bush
Bridgette Hammett
Clara Jackson
Jennifer Jang
Ryan Johnston
Darrell Marshall
Nicole Slebodnik
Melanie Staszewski
Bryce Taylor
Alivia Tetlow

Seventh Grade

Mackenzie Gross
Alison Huber
Sophia Mense
Julia Montone

Eighth Grade

Katie Kavanagh
Abigail Nalesnik
Allison Nalesnik
Rebecca Murphy
Alesya Sarakhman
Bailee Smith
Kelly Van Meter

It's a great pleasure to recognize students for reading, since reading is not only the foundational skill for academic success, it's also a ticket to a rich imagination and a lifetime of enjoyment. If your child doesn't read, one way to help him or her build the reading habit is to be a reading role model. Be visible as you read a book, magazine, or even the instruction manual for a new gizmo you're learning to operate.

It's also fun to read a story or book *with* or *to* your child so you can talk together as you read. Whatever works for you, making reading a part of your child's life is one of the best gifts you can give!

Student Service Learning Notes

This month has special SSL opportunities in our own community and in celebration of Earth Day. It's easy and even more meaningful when our students have the opportunity to help out here in town, so let's be especially supportive of the event at Poolesville Elementary. Liz Royal (Royals2@verizon.net) is the contact person.

On Friday, May 4, Poolesville Elementary will be holding its Art Show and Auction, sponsored by the PES Arts Alive Committee, from 3:15 until 7:30 PM at Poolesville High School. Each student will have one piece of artwork to display. At the end of the art show, there will be an auction for the art projects. Students can earn SSL hours by assisting with the setup of the arts show; assisting students with their displays; and/or assisting with the auction and cleanup at the end of the evening. The deadline for requesting SSL hours is Friday, April 30.

SSL: Earth Day 2012

Earth Day is this Sunday, but we can celebrate during the entire Month of April!

Earth Day is April 22nd but in Montgomery County we celebrate it during the entire month of April. There are many environmental volunteer projects throughout the month. Get involved in cleaning up the Potomac River Watershed, planting greens at the Twinbrook Community Center, and many other local events and projects.

[Click here](#) to find out more about Earth Day activities or go to the Montgomery Serves website: www.montgomeryserves.org.



Summer SSL Planning

Since the summer planning is underway for many of you, perhaps SSL is on that list of "to-do's."

For all activities that required *additional* preapproval (MCPS Form 560-50) during the school year, those expire on May 31. If more volunteering with the organization will be taking place in June or beyond, please complete the form 560-50 *Individual SSL Request* (*the updated preapproval form*), and submit it to Mrs. Arnold in early-mid May (sooner is fine).

For those working on political campaigns, you will need two (2) preapprovals. ALL CAMPAIGN WORK REQUIRES PREAPPROVAL. There are no exceptions, and this includes those running for school board to those running for president. The first preapproval form is for hours performed now through May. The second preapproval form is for hours performed June through the end of the elections. Both preapproval forms may be submitted at the same time, just be sure to indicate the relevant dates in Section 1 of the form.

The MCPS Form 560-50 *Individual SSL Request* and MCPS Form 560-51 *SSL Activity Verification* may be downloaded from our website. The Counseling Office at JPMS also has a supply on hand.

Any questions, please contact Peg Arnold 301-972-7980 in the counseling office or visit the JPMS website for SSL information.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME and JOIN the PTSA

- Sharon Armstrong - President
- Marilyn Soltis - Vice President
- Dawn Albert - Vice President
- Dreama Hemingway - Secretary
- Sue Van Meter – Treasurer
- Lori Kocur – Membership & Volunteers
- Anne Donovan – Staff Appreciation

It is always worthwhile and never too late to join John Poole Middle School's PTSA.

Your membership entitles you to receive the 2011-2012 JPMS Student Directory at no charge!

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!

Show your kids how much you care and how important their school experience is to you – register to volunteer today!

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/13\[1\]%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/13[1]%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf)

The Slate of Officers for 2012 – 2013 Has Been Named!

Thanks to the following parents for agreeing to have their names placed in nomination for these important offices!

President: Jennifer Kasten
Vice President: Dawn Albert
Secretary: Dreama Hemingway
Treasurer: Wendy Roldan
MCCPTA Reps: Vacant

As there is no public meeting this month, the slate of officers will be placed in nomination and elections will be held at the May meeting, at which time nominations from the floor will be accepted and voted upon as well.

8th Grade Dinner Dance Meeting

We will have our next planning meeting on Monday, April 30th at the home of Karen Carrillo, 18317 McKernon Way, Poolesville. If you can't make it but would love to volunteer to help, we could use a few more people. Please contact Karen at 301-349-4565 or karencarrillo35@hotmail.com

Support Soles 4 Souls

It's that time of year again. The 7th graders are contributing to Soles 4 Soles by collecting shoes and loose change for their Student Service Learning project. So far the students have collected over 300 pairs of shoes.

Soles4Souls is a charity that collects shoes from the warehouses of footwear companies and the closets of people like us. The charity distributes these shoes to people in need, regardless of race, religion, class, or any other criteria.

Since 2005, Soles4Souls has given away nearly 12 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes (currently donating one pair every 7 seconds.) The shoes have been distributed to people in over 125 countries, including Kenya, Thailand, Nepal and the United States. Every time there is an earthquake, tsunami or other natural disaster, Soles4Souls offers important support. Rescue work and clearing debris require everyone to wear sturdy shoes.

Soles4Souls has been featured in *Runner's World*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, National Geographic's *Green Guide*, and the *New York Times*. It has appeared on CBS, ABC, NBC, FOX, BBC, CNN and thousands of regional news outlets across North America. Soles4Souls is a 501(c)(3) recognized by the IRS and donating parties are eligible for tax advantages.

Please clean out your closets and bring any gently used shoes to room 307. This year, the organization's goal is to distribute 11 million pairs in 2012. Our kids can help make that goal a reality!

We are only collecting shoes until April 30!! So clean out your closets soon!!

For more information about Soles4Souls, visit <http://www.soles4souls.org/>



Some of the activities scheduled for this year are Books and Boxing, Babysitting Club, Jewelry Making, Zumba Class, Scrapbooking, Photo Club and much more. Keep checking the *Back Pocket* for upcoming classes. It is our goal to provide activities to meet the desires of all students. If you have any suggestions for new programs, please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org.

Homework Club -- Tuesday and Wednesday

Drama Club – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Soccer – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Line Dancing – Tuesday, April 17 – May 8th (If they like it, we can extend it!)

PYSO – Thursday

Jazz Band – Wednesday

RecExtra needs your donations: wrapping paper, beads and old jewelry, fabric and textbook supplies. Please drop all donations in the RecExtra box in the front office. Thank you!!



Announcing –

Science and Engineering Expo

A two day Science and Engineering EXPO will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington D.C. on April 28-29, with over 3,000 fun, hands-on, interactive activities and 150 stage shows for all ages. The Expo is free. There will be stuff for the mildly curious to the science professional. You can learn about fun topics like the science of the magic of Harry Potter, the mathematics of jump roping, the physics of superheroes, the chemistry of Thanksgiving Dinner, the engineering of baseball bats and balls, the science behind special effects in movies, trends in Global Warming, renewable energy sources of the future.

You can operate state-of-the-art robots, laugh with science comedians, be mesmerized by science magicians and mathemagicians, converse with astronauts, Nobel Laureates, storm chasers, science celebrities like Bill Nye the Science Guy, cast members of the MythBusters, Big Bang Theory and NCIS, and even scientists of the past, fly a fighter jet simulator, enter a virtual reality environment, be a CSI agent, learn how to transform your car so it can run off a cuisinart ... and you can get info about scholarships, internships, mentorship and future jobs. Click on the link for more information <http://www.usasciencefestival.org/>

Superintendent to Hold Spring Forum

Superintendent of Schools Joshua Starr will hold one more forum this spring, focusing on the topic of Social and Emotional Learning (May 10 at Whitman HS). The forum will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and will provide an opportunity for parents, staff, and the community to hear about the latest trends and research, find out what's happening in our schools, and share their thoughts and ideas with Dr. Starr, guest panelists, and other participants. Interpretation and childcare will be available. Additional information is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org or by calling 301-309-MCPS (6277).

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth

The Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY) is seeking talented 2nd – 8th graders. From now through spring, parents may enroll a 2nd – 8th grade advanced student in the 2012 CTY Talent Search. Doing so can open the door to CTY's testing, courses, and services for gifted learners. For information, and to enroll your child, go to www.cty.jhu.edu.

Montgomery College Summer 2012 Youth Programs

Registration is now open for courses for students in grades K - 12 held on all three campuses, Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring. There are over 200 exciting full- and half-day courses that cover a wide range of topics, such as art, music, science, math, writing, sports, robotics, study skills, engineering, wood working, technology, and more. There is even a Circus Camp!

Brochures are available in the Counseling office at JPMS. For more information and details, call Sharon Wolfgang (240) 567 – 7264 or Karla Espinoza (240) 567 – 7917 at the WDCE Youth Programs office, or go to <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummer.html> .

The summer program runs for an eight-week period from June 18 – August 10, 2012. So, if you are interested in doing something really different and fun this summer, **REGISTER NOW online, by fax, by mail, or come to the Rockville Campus, Campus Center, Room 220. Classes fill quickly, so register right away!!**

Register Online at www.FunkLax.com



2012 Summer Camp!

JUNE 25th -29th

Poolsville H.S.

Join Coach Josh Funk and the Lax Factory staff, for the 2012 Lax Factory Summer Camp for boys and girls. Each day players will experience new drills, learn proper technique, all while having fun the Lax Factory way!

- Camp will run from 9am to 2:30pm each day.
- Early bird discount \$195 (before April 15), \$245 for late registration
- Camp counselors will feature past and current college stars, as well as local high school coaches
- All players will receive Harrow camp reversibles, water bottle and lanyard
- To register and for more info visit us at www.FunkLax.com
- Contact us at LaxFactoryTeam@gmail.com



Courtesy of Montgomery County Department of Health and Human
Services Aging and Disability Services Community Support Network
and Montgomery College

A Rainbow of Resources:

A Resource Fair for
Individuals with Disabilities
(Birth-21)

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2012

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Plaza
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Accommodation Information:

If you need accommodations please notify us by Wednesday, May 2, 2012.

240-777-1216 (Voice)
1-800-201-7165 Voice MD Relay
1-800-735-2258 TTY MD Relay



Bands:

SoulBox; Smoke n' Mangos; Jay Summerour & Memphis Gold with Eric Selby

www.littlebitablues.com

www.memphisgoldblues.com

Beer, BBQ, Vendors, BBQ contest and More!!

Saturday, May 19

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Whalen Commons

Poolesville, MD

Rain or Shine



For more info: <http://www.poolesville.com/springfest.html>

Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

April 26	Career Day (8 th Grade) 7 th Grade College Field Trip Take Your Child to Work Day
April 27	SGA Spring Dance (2:30-4:00 p.m. in the APR)
April 30 & May 1	MSA Science Exam (Grade 8)
May 2-3	MSA Science Make-ups
May 7-11	Staff Appreciation Week (May 8 National Teacher's Day)
May 7-11	MAP-R Testing
May 7-11	Book Fair
May 11	Drama Production – <i>Annie, Jr.</i> (7:00 p.m. in the APR)
May 12	Drama Production – <i>Annie, Jr.</i> (1:30 p.m. Matinee and 7:00 p.m. in the APR)

April 24(Date Change)	Boys play Neelsville at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 24(Date Change)	Girls play Neelsville at Neelsville (3:15 p.m.)
May 2	Boys play Kingsview at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
May 2	Girls play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)
May 8	Girls play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
May 8	Boys play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (3:15 p.m.)
May 15	Girls play Baker at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
May 15	Boys play Baker at Baker (3:15 p.m.)

JPMS Soccer Schedule

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



PHS Personalized Bricks
For students, Staff Members,
Alumni or PHS Supporters

Orders must be in by
Wednesday, April 25

Each personalized brick costs \$75. The price includes fabrication, shipping, handling, and installation. Please submit your completed form with a check payable to 'PHS PTSA -- Buy a Brick' to:

PTSA Buy-A-Brick Program
Poolesville High School
17501 West Willard Rd.
Poolesville, MD 20837

***If you have any questions please
contact Kim Gerdes at 301.330.1457
or mkg91@comcast.net



Boys Varsity Lacrosse

April 21	12:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
April 24	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
April 27	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
May 2	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
May 4	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. B-CC HS at PHS
May 8	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Wootton HS at Wootton HS

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

April 20	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS
April 23	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
April 26	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
May 2	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS
May 4	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. B-CC HS at PHS
May 8	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Wootton HS at Wootton HS



Varsity Baseball

April 21	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
April 23	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
April 26	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS
April 28	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Paint Branch HS at Paint Branch HS
May 3	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at Northwest HS
May 5	2:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
May 7	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. B-CC HS at PHS
May 9	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS

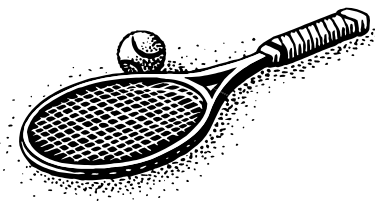
Varsity Softball

April 21	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
April 23	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
April 26	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS
April 28	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Paint Branch HS at Paint Branch HS
May 2	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at Northwest HS
May 4	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
May 7	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. B-CC HS at PHS
May 9	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS



CoEd Varsity Track and Field

May 9	3:30 p.m.	MCPS Championship at Walter Johnson HS
May 12	8:00 a.m.	MCPS B Meet at Wootton HS



Boys Varsity Tennis

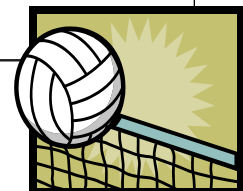
April 20	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS
April 23	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Magruder HS at Magruder HS
April 24	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Richard Montgomery HS at PHS
April 26	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at PHS

CoEd Varsity Volleyball

April 23	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS
April 25	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at Gaithersburg HS
April 27	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS

Boys Varsity Volleyball

April 20	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Blair HS at Blair HS
April 23	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS
April 25	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at Gaithersburg HS
April 27	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS



Call John Poole!

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



And Ask for...

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

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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**

