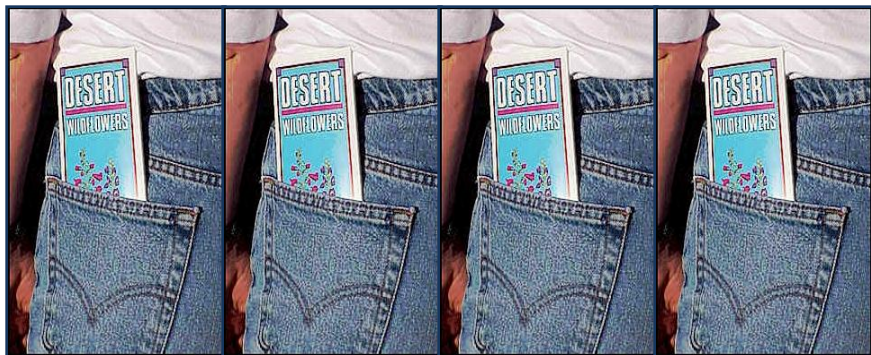


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



April 26, 2013

A Thought for Today:

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May."

- Edwin Way Teale



It's Easy to Appreciate Our Office Staff

This is Administrative Professionals Week, and that's an occasion I celebrate with sincere dedication, because our wonderful office staff makes my job so much easier!

Mrs. Umberger, the Administrative Assistant, makes sure our calendar flows smoothly and all the details of school business are coordinated efficiently. Mrs. Ogden, the receptionist and attendance secretary, is the smile and gentle voice most parents encounter first when they come in or call our school. Mrs. Phillips, the financial assistant, manages the bills and all that money you send in for field trips, PE uniforms, and other expenses over the years. Mrs. Kitts runs the Counseling Office and keeps student records up to date. Mrs. Cline, our Instructional Data Assistant, crunches numbers, but she also supports all the work we do with ready, helping hands.

We couldn't manage without these charming, talented, energetic ladies. I hope you will join me in thanking them the next time you have occasion to work with one of our office staff. They are among the best in the business!

JPMS has been hopping with activity this week! Sixth graders went downtown on Monday; Tuesday we held Honor Roll celebrations; Thursday was both Career Day and the seventh grade trip to UMBC; today the 6th graders are working outside on their annual Earth Day clean-up and plantings around our school grounds; and the Amplify tablets are being distributed through Grade 7 English classes. We can manage a tightly-packed schedule like that because we have wonderful kids, top-notch teachers, and support staff that can't be beat.

All these events came off beautifully, but there just isn't room in this issue of the *Back Pocket* to cover them all. Look for Career Day and college trip photos next week, along with updates on how the Amplify tablet pilot is rolling out.

As we enter the last few days of April, please remember that everything is still possible – all our students still have time to make sure the fourth quarter is academically successful – BUT, interims are only a week away, and it will be much harder to bring up low grades once we pass the half-way point in the marking term. Please encourage your kids to get their assignments done and make up any missed work *now*. Thanks!

– 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!

Nicolas Fernandez

Kristen Hepburn

Mackenzie Kovach

Mackenzie Mullett

Sarah Mullikin

Alison Ransom

Hunter Riegert

Robert Siegrist

Madeleine Thompson



Time to Think About Summer School



JPMS will be holding summer school classes to support students entering grades 6 and 7 with reading and math. Summer school will take place July 1 through 26 with July 4th being a holiday. Students can attend summer school during the morning and still have their afternoons for the pool or other summertime fun.

The invitations for summer school have been mailed home to 5th and 6th grade students. Registration forms are due to the JPMS Main Office on or before May 24, 2013. Space is limited so the registrations will be first come, first served.

Save the Date!

Literacy Night

May 7

Pizza dinner at 6:00 PM

Activities begin at 6:30 PM

Meet a Local Published Author, too!

Games!

Crafts!

DRAMA!

BOOK FAIR!

Shakespeare!

Grade 6 DC Civil Rights Field Trip

The sixth grade spent an exciting day in Washington this week visiting memorials to Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr. and touring the Frederick Douglass House. Thanks to Mrs. McIntyre for sharing these photographs with us and to Ms. Rice's students for sharing their impressions!

The statement, "joy in learning," was applicable to all 6th graders on the Civil Rights field trip. At the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial we crossed the Mountains of Despair, found the Stone of Hope, and put in action his Dream, for we were not only classmates, we were children of all races pursuing the quest for education.

- Katrina Rowe



It was an amazing, eye-opening experience about how hard we had to fight just to have the same rights. All of the memorials we saw were dedicated to inspiring people who risked their lives for others.

- Taylor Ramirez



It was great to see a monument dedicated to Martin Luther King because he stood up for people's rights. I really enjoyed my time at the Frederick Douglass House because I got to see what he did every day and learn about his family. Thank you for taking me on this field trip. It was extraordinary.

- Dwight Bevely

I loved the field trip because the house had a lot of old-fashioned stuff. Everything we saw was pretty, from the stove at the Frederick Douglass House to the Stones of Hope at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

- Nathaly Portillo



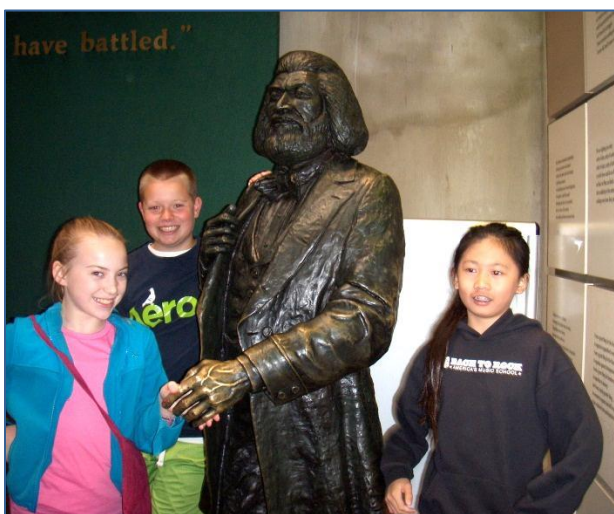


A special highlight of the trip came when students met a lady at the Lincoln Memorial who was revisiting the place she had come 50 years earlier in 1963 when she was a little girl herself for the March on Washington.

The picture of her shown at right has become famous over the years, and is reproduced in the Park Service brochure about the Lincoln Memorial.



Our students were able to meet her and have their pictures taken with her on the same spot. She had brought the pennant in the photo with her. It is displayed in the pictures of JPMS students below.



*Down history lane we walked
In the heart of D.C.
We viewed the Mountain of Despair
And discovered the Stone of Hope
A capsule will lie in the ground for 50 years to come
Filled with the things we treasured
About the man with a dream
The journey continued just a stroll away
With another memorial for a man we all study today
Abraham Lincoln sits tall and true
Gazing out on the Reflection Pool
Surrounded by his words and painted angels
Watching the tourists move
Our final destination ended with the life of a man
His life reflected on screen
We trudged with the words we had learned
And walked the halls in which he had lived
And with that our trip had ended
But the story never will*

- Maddy Peek



Environmental Science Field Trip

What a great day our 7th grade Environmental Science students had learning about local ecosystems! Mrs. Yesnick and her students also had some unexpected good fortune: one of the groups encountered a Saint Bernard dog show and got to meet some huge and cuddly dogs. Here is a report by student **Ellen Beal**:

The 7th Grade Environmental Science Class went on a field trip to Clagett Farm and the Patuxent River. The Patuxent River group was led by Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) educators Kate Moss and Erin Duffy. This group learned how to unload canoes, paddle, put on life-jackets, and set off in canoes. The students stopped to look at the marsh reeds, the dead-zone, and a beaver lodge. One of the two groups saw what looked like a beaver or muskrat.

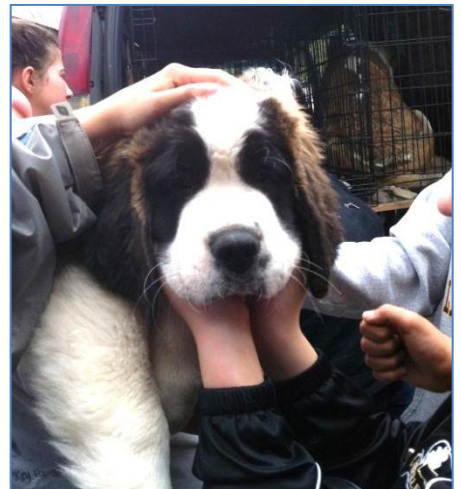
After the first activities, both groups switched. The canoe group went to Clagett Farm, and the farm kids drove to the Patuxent River. The Clagett Farm group went on a hayride and fed cows. Then, they went to check out the clarity of water. Each tank had collected water from different land use scenarios. One was asphalt, another a yard with fertilizer, another a plowed field, and finally a pine-tree forest. We learned that a forest prevents run-off the best.

Then, both groups thanked the instructors and drove back to John Poole. An enormous thank you goes to our parent drivers/chaperones for the trip: Mrs. Szafranski, Ms. Staszewski, Mr. Kovich, Mr. Fetchko, Mr. Kasten and Ms. Jacobs.





Thanks to
Mrs. Yesnick and
Mrs. Staszewski
for taking the
photos!



Special Education Parent Involvement Survey



Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services

Parents or guardians of children receiving special education and related services were mailed the *Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey* from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services during the first week in April. Parents are asked to complete the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope by May 17, 2013. The survey may also be completed online. Please look for details in your survey packet. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system. Your voice can make a real difference for your child and many other children across the state of Maryland. To learn more, please visit www.marylandlearninglinks.org

Outstanding Service

The Superintendent's SSL Award is presented to students who reach their full graduation requirement of 75 hours of service before the senior year. Students receive this award in the year during which they attain the 75 hours by April 1. Look at the large number of JPMS students who have already earned this honor!

Students who achieved 75 hours or more of service by April 1, 2013 are listed below along with the total hours they logged in by the end of March.

Taylor Byrd	77.5	Danielle Field	102
Gabriella Capobianchi	96	Julia Fisher	107
Stefan Fessenden	122	Kaley Fisher	122.5
Erin Green	93	Isabella Garner	79.5
Chloe Insalaco	88.5	Morgan Harney	76
Jackson Krasche	85.5	Kristen Hepburn	134
Kelliann Lee	89	Michael Huff, Jr.	100
Molly Sherman	84	Brandon Kocur	79
Bryce Taylor	78	Jacob Mason	170.5
Donald Vogel	75.5	Alessandra Molina	135
Daniel Ballew	78	Michael Morgan	76
Courtney Bourque	98	Theresa Nardone	97.5
Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo	134.5	Madison Peyton	136
Delaney Cecco	114	Catherine Savage	84.5
Danielle Creedon	89.5	Luke Terrell	130
Kathryn Creedon	124.5	Rebecca Wallace	78.5
Robert Deitz	83.5	Camden Wolin	75

The following students reached their 75 hours by April 1 of last year and have already received their Superintendent's Award.

Keila Alfaro	82	Cole McKenney	126.5
Mackenzie Gross	428	Sophia Mense	192.5
Megan Grubb	371	Julia Montone	174
Keegan Hemingway	157.5	Sara Oden	220
Alison Huber	172	Elizabeth Roberts	160.5
Isabella Lawbaugh	103	Tucker Ross	132

We are proud of these students and the many positive contributions they are making to our community!

Earn SSL Hours Help African Families Enjoy a Springtime Nature Walk



Students and their families are invited to take part in [A Walk for Water](#), designed to engage local students in helping bring water and humanitarian aid to children and families living in Niger, West Africa.

Participation in this activity, sponsored by nonprofit [Amman Imman: Water is Life](#), is eligible for SSL credit for MCPS students.

- **When:** Saturday, May 11, 2013, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Where:** Locust Grove Nature Center at Cabin John Regional Park
7777 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda, MD
- **Who:** Students of all ages and their families
- **What:** Walk 3 miles on wooded nature trails to raise funds and awareness
- **Schedule:** 9:00 AM check-in and pre-walk activities
10:00 AM rally
10:30 AM walk (around 2 hours)
- **Cost:** \$15/adult, \$10/student. Discounts available upon request.


Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please visit the [Locust Grove Information page](#) for links to online and paper registration options, and fundraising tools, or go directly to the [event registration page on FirstGiving](#).

DON'T WAIT TO GET SUMMER APPROVAL



Following the close of school June 14, 2013 and throughout the summer months, students submitting completed MCPS Form 560-50, *Individual SSL Request* to the SSL Office must allow

2 weeks for consideration and approval.

Remember: All SSL must be preapproved. (Either identified as MCPS SSL approved, with a graduation cap icon  on the website www.mpcsssl.org, OR approval of MCPS Form 560-50 in advance of the service.)

Granting approval of last minute submissions of MCPS Form 560-50 during the summer months cannot be guaranteed.



1800 Glenallan Ave.
Wheaton MD 20902

Brookside Gardens Volunteer Opportunities Spring & Summer 2013



*Volunteer just for fun or earn your Student Service Learning hours at Brookside Gardens. Student Service Learning opportunities are indicated by “**SSL opportunity!**” Family volunteer opportunities are for volunteers 11-13 accompanied by a parent or guardian, and indicated by “**Family Volunteering!**” All other volunteer opportunities are for youth and adults age 16 and up, or as indicated below. “**Great for Groups!**” indicates group volunteer opportunities.*

Children’s Weeklong Program Assistants (age 14 and up) Volunteers help with daily set-up, conduct children’s crafts, and provide educational information during ongoing week long day programs for school-age children June 17-21, and for select summer camps, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each day. **SSL opportunity!**

Wings of Fancy Live Butterfly & Caterpillar Exhibit: Flight Attendants and Ticket Takers Volunteers 14 and older (or 11-13 with a parent) are needed May 4 through September 22 at this annual display of North American, Asian, and Costa Rican butterflies. Flight Attendants work inside the exhibit helping visitors experience the live butterflies, while Ticket Takers work outside the exhibit greeting visitors and facilitating their entrance. Training is provided on-line and in person. **SSL opportunity! Family Volunteering!**

Wings of Fancy Tour Guides (age 14 and up) Tour guides meet small school groups (10-15 participants) weekdays in May and September and take them on a guided, informative walk through the Butterfly House. Training is provided.

Butterfly Exhibit Gardener Assistants (age 16 and up) Volunteers are needed one day a week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) 8:00 am -9:45 am. Volunteers will help with planting, deadheading, grooming soil, scouting for pests and removing deceased butterflies.

Conservatory Gardener Assistants (age 16 and up) Volunteers are needed one day a week (Wednesday or Friday) 9:00 a.m. – noon or 1:30 pm - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers will help with grooming plants and removing and changing seasonal displays. This position requires lots of kneeling and working in uneven surfaces. Volunteers should have great attention to detail and be able to work independently.

Gift Shop Assistants (age 16 and up) assist in the operations of the Visitors Center and Conservatory Shops. Basic computer skills are required to operate the cash register. Work shifts are 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. or 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Monday - Saturday and 12 noon – 4:00p.m. on Sundays. **SSL opportunity!**

Information Desk Attendants (age 18 and up) Volunteers are stationed at the Visitors Center information desk, greeting visitors and providing information. Volunteers work at least one day a week, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Gardener Assistants (age 16 and up) This work, while sometimes physically demanding, provides volunteers the opportunity to work with professional horticulture staff and enhance their own knowledge of plants and gardening techniques. Volunteers assist weekdays with planting and care of a wide variety of ornamental plants, including weeding, pruning, watering, grooming, staking, and deadheading, preparing garden beds, mulching, and general clean-up. **SSL opportunity!**

Conservatory Show Change Assistants (age 16 and up) Volunteers will assist gardener in pruning, digging and repotting large tropical plants, placing ceramic containers and filling them with soil. Must be able to lift 50 pounds and be tolerant of hot, humid greenhouse conditions. September 30-October 4, shifts 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. each day. (??)

Invasive Weed Eradication Volunteer (age 18 and up) Volunteers are needed to clear garden areas of invasive ivy and other non-native invasive species in advance of landscape renovation. Volunteers work independently and under the direction of garden staff. **Great for Groups!**

Special Projects Volunteers (age 16 and up) assist in various projects within Brookside Gardens for mailings, special events or for occasional drop-in workdays. Volunteers will be notified by email when a special project need arises.

Additional volunteer opportunities may be available.

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (301) 962-1429 or

MCP-GardenVolunteer@MontgomeryParks.org to request information on submitting a volunteer application and for more information.

Support Our Elementary School!

Poolesville Elementary School is planning a make-over weekend next month!

Everyone is invited to join in this effort to beautify the school on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5.

We all can make a contribution! Donations of equipment, talent, materials and cash are needed. Helping hands can come for a just little while or the whole weekend!

Let's all get involved!

- **Who:** Everyone! Middle and high school students can earn Student Service Learning hours and families can show their community spirit. Please remember that young children require supervision and stay to work with them.
- **When:** Saturday, May 4th & Sunday, May 5th, 2013, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- **Where:** Poolesville Elementary School, 19565 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville, MD 20837
- **Why:** To make our world a better place.
- **How:** Volunteer, donate, tell your friends, or come cheer us on! All donations and help welcome.
- **Contact:** Elizabeth Ohmen – 510-673-5312, or Ross Ohmen – 510-673-5310, or rohmen@earthlink.net



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...

Stepping Up to Serve

**We need officers and
committee chairs for
next year**

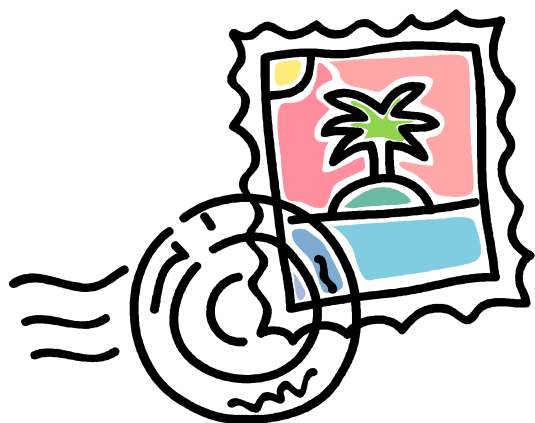
Volunteer Your Time and Join the PTSA!

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>

Contact our President, Jennifer Kasten, or any officer to let them know you're ready to step up and take a leadership role. We need your skills!



8th Grade "Island Adventure" Promotion Celebration

June 7, 2013

6:00 – 10:00 PM

Attention JPMS Parents!

We are looking for donations of Gift Cards for prizes during the 8th Grade Celebration.

How can you help? It's easy – just pick up \$10.00 Gift Cards and send them to JPMS to the attention of Judy McKenney or Helen Trainor no later than May 17th.

Thank you so much for your donations...let's make this an event the 8th Graders will remember for a lifetime!

Which school will be the winner of \$1000?

Poolesville Town Cleaners 5th Anniversary Appreciation Event

Double the Happiness

One, Voting for Schools

1st place \$1,000
2nd Place \$500

P.T. Cleaners will Donate to Schools on Monday, 10 Jun

- Customers will put a sticker on a board for their favorite schools
- Every order has a right to vote
- A sticker will be given when you pick up your order

TWO, Items on Sale

1st Week 4/1~4/13

\$25 Any Comforters,

\$29 Any Down Comforters

2nd Week 4/15~4/27

**5 for 4 on Men's Laundry
Dress Shirts**

3rd Week 4/29~5/11

3 For 2 on Sweaters

4th Week 5/13~5/25

3 For 2 on any Pants

5th Week 5/27~6/8

2 For 1 on Pants Hemming



Where: Poolesville Town Cleaners

19616B Fisher Ave Poolesville

301-349-9420

Mon~Fri 7:30~7:00, Sat 8:00~5:00, Sun Closed

When : 4/1/2013~6/8/2013

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett cordially invites you to
the 9th Annual Reception for

“Understanding Diversity Through The Arts”

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**Best in Show: Anusha Jailwala
Kingsview MS, Teacher: Isabella Grimann**

Rockville Memorial Library

Friday, May 17, 2013

6:30–8:00 p.m.

21 Maryland Avenue

Rockville, MD 20850

The works of the middle school
artists will be on display at
Rockville Memorial Library
from May 17 through
August 31, 2013

**Be sure to look for
the artwork of our
own **Kat Creedon** in
the display!**

Co-Sponsors

*The Office of Community Partnerships: The Committee for Ethnic Affairs
Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery County Public Libraries*



Noteworthy

P.E. Uniforms Discounted

The P.E. Dept. has a limited supply of uniforms left over from the sales this year. The uniforms are 50% off of their selling price. The shirts can be purchased for \$5.00 and the shorts can be purchased for \$7.50. We currently have a stock of Youth Large, Adult Small, Adult Large, Adult X-Large and Adult XX-Large shorts. For the shirts, we have stock of Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult, Large and Adult XX-Large. If you are interested in purchasing a full uniform or part of a uniform, please contact Kim Gerrie at 301-972-7979 ext. 144 or e-mail at [Kimberly S Gerrie@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly_S_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org). Stock is limited, so please don't wait to get this great deal!

Walking Club

A walking club through intramurals will be held every Wednesday beginning April 24 until May 29. This club will allow you to work out with your friends. We will walk and talk about making healthy choices. We will walk on campus and also be taking advantage of the beautiful neighborhood of Hunters Run on our walks. ECA fees are required and students must be academically eligible. Paperwork can be picked up from the clubs sponsor, Mrs. Earle or in the locker rooms.

Have you been wondering about Facebook Home?

There has been a lot of advertising about the launch of Facebook Home in the last few weeks. For a good explanation of what it is exactly and what it can mean for kids, you might want to check out this website. http://www.common sense media.org/blog/what-facebook-home-means-for-your-kids?utm_source=041813_Parent&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly. It's always good to get the facts on technology.

PrepTalk

PrepTalk is a Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College partnership project.

This biannual newsletter is full of helpful information about getting ready for college. From taking tests, planning academic schedules, and improving study skills to paying for college and planning for key deadlines—you'll find it all in PrepTalk.

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PrepTalk Archive

To learn more about various student focused programs, activities, projects and initiatives with Montgomery College and other Maryland Higher Education institutions, contact **Dr. Genevieve L. Floyd**

PrepTalk

Advice for Montgomery County Parents and Students on College Preparation • Spring 2013

Learn and Earn

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mean (average) earnings for someone with a bachelor's degree is \$71,352, while for those with only a high school diploma the average is \$40,286. That's a difference of \$31,066. In fact, the greater level of education people complete, the more likely they are to earn more money. Each level of educational achievement provides an increase in earning power, from a high school diploma all the way through a professional degree such as a master's degree or doctoral degree. The mean income for those with professional degrees is \$102,441. Also, the greater level of education people complete, the more likely they are to be generally employed.

A Note from: MCTPS Superintendent Dr. Joshua P. Furr and Montgomery College President Dr. Catherine P. Pollard
Parents and students: We hope you are enjoying this issue of PrepTalk. We are working together to help students prepare for and succeed in college and the workforce.

SuccessTalk

Discover tips for setting an essay on your college application. See page 4 for more.

MoneyTalk

Learn what you should consider when taking out loans. See page 5 for more.

TestTalk

Find out how the PSAT/NCTT test helps you on the SAT. See page 3 for more.

PrepTalk

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The Inside Scoop...

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TickTalk

Save the date for college fairs and special events. See page 2 for more.

StraightTalk

Here are some thoughts from MC students who attended MCTPS high schools. See page 4.

MCPS Launches New Mobile-Friendly Website

MCPS has launched a new mobile-friendly website that allows visitors an optimal viewing experience whether they are using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. The site is built using responsive web design that adjusts the site for whatever device is being used. Currently, the MCPS home page (www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org) and all of the top-level pages on the MCPS website are in the new mobile-friendly format. While the new website is not an "app," an icon may be placed on the home screen of most devices. This may be done simply by calling up the site and clicking "Add to Home Screen."

- To view how to add an icon on an iPhone or iPad, visit www.apple.com/ios/add-to-home-screen/
- To view how to add an icon on a Blackberry, visit [docs.blackberry.com/en/smartphone_users/deliverables/21510/Add a shortcut to the Home screen 60 1317541 11.jsp](http://docs.blackberry.com/en/smartphone_users/deliverables/21510/Add_a_shortcut_to_the_Home_screen_60_1317541_11.jsp)

MCPS lanza nuevo sitio móvil

MCPS ha lanzado un nuevo sitio de internet móvil que permite a los visitantes una experiencia de visualización óptima si están usando una computadora, tableta o teléfono inteligente. El sitio está construido utilizando un diseño de páginas de internet sensible el cual ajusta el sitio a cualquier dispositivo. En la actualidad, la página principal de MCPS (www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org) y todas las páginas de nivel superior en la página de internet de MCPS se encuentran en el nuevo formato móvil. Mientras que el nuevo sitio de internet no es una "aplicación", se puede colocar un icono en la pantalla principal de la mayoría de dispositivos. Esto se puede hacer simplemente accediendo al sitio y hacer clic en "Añadir a pantalla de inicio".

- Para ver como añadir un icono a la pantalla principal de un iPhone o iPad, visite www.apple.com/ios/add-to-home-screen/
- Para ver como añadir un icono a la pantalla principal de un Blackberry, visite [docs.blackberry.com/en/smartphone_users/deliverables/21510/Add a shortcut to the Home screen 60 1317541 11.jsp](http://docs.blackberry.com/en/smartphone_users/deliverables/21510/Add_a_shortcut_to_the_Home_screen_60_1317541_11.jsp)

Montgomery College

Summer Youth Programs 2013

Summer Youth Programs 2013 at Montgomery College, Maryland

WHAT CAN YOUR KIDS DISCOVER THIS SUMMER?

Register Now!
Class sizes are limited.

www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth
240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917
Asistencia en Español Disponible

A few of this summer's offerings
Circus Camp • Engineering • Debate
Mathematics • Digital Art with PhotoShop
Chemistry • Biology • Science in Motion
Writing for the SAT • My Money MatterZ
Joy of Art • Woodshop Apprentice Basics
Digital Game Design and Creation
Adventures in Robotics • Interior Design
Web Design • Anatomy
AND SO MUCH MORE!

To All JPMS 7th Grade Parents

The end of the school year 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 **Thursday, June 13, 2013** for games, food and fun. In order to minimize the cost per student, 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 belted seats for the number of students they agree to transport. They will need to be at the school at 7:30 AM on **June 13th** and will be assigned specific students to transport. We will leave the school by 8:00 AM. Drivers, if they 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 Twyla Insalaco tliemail@verizon.net immediately 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)

Student permission slips for the end of the year event will be distributed at JPMS on May 1st. Student payments will be 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!

Don't Forget – Monday, April 29 is our next Blue Ribbon Monday.

Remind your child to wear blue to school
and wear the blue Timberwolf PRIDE
bracelet all the students got in the fall.

Working together, we can make our
school community a happier and more
comfortable place to learn and grow!



Timberwolf Pride
**Purpose
Respect
Integrity
Dedication**



John Poole Middle School

THE TIMBERWOLF COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES JOY IN LEARNING,
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Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



April 29	Blue Ribbon Monday
April 29-May 2	MAP-R Testing
May 1	Book Fair Begins
May 3	8 th Grade Field Trip to Ford's Theater
May 4	Saturday School
May 10-11	JPMS Drama Production at Poolesville H.S. (7:00 p.m.)
May 11	Saturday School
May 15	Interims Mailed

Soccer Schedule

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.)



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.

Coming in next week's Back Pocket-

**Photos of Career Day
and the 7th grade
College Field trip!**

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Poolesville Rocks the Challenge Index Again!

Each year, Jay Matthews, Education Reporter for the *Washington Post*, ranks US high schools according to the rigor of the courses they offer.

Once again, PHS ranks among the best in the nation.

This year, our high school is again ranked #1 in MCPS and has moved up a notch to #3 in the Washington metropolitan area.

Congratulations!

Read more:

Gazette summary

[Montgomery high schools remain at top of challenge list](#)

Challenge Index

<http://apps.washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge/>

ABC's of America's Most Challenging High Schools by Jay Matthews

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/abcs-of-americas-most-challenging-high-schools/2013/04/11/ca4f27aa-a2fb-11e2-82bc-511538ae90a4_story.html

New Student Member of the Board Is From PHS

Justin Kim, a junior at Poolesville High School, was elected as the 36th Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) on Wednesday, April 24. Mr. Kim, who received 65 percent of the votes cast by MCPS secondary students, will begin his term in July. More than 85 percent of eligible students cast ballots in the election.



The Midnight Players will present GUYS AND DOLLS with the music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, based on the book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. Performances will be Thursday, April 25, 7:00 pm, Friday, April 26, 7:30 pm, and Saturday, April 27, 2:00 and 7:30 pm.

Tickets may be purchased online at the [PHS Online Store](#)

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

April 29	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
May 3	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. B-CC HS at B-CC HS
May 6	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

April 29	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
May 3	7:15 p.m.	PHS vs. B-CC HS at B-CC HS
May 6	7:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS



CoEd Varsity Track/Field

May 1	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
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Varsity Baseball

April 27	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
April 30	3:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS
May 2	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. B-CC HS at B-CC HS
May 4	2:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at PHS

Varsity Softball

April 27	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
April 29	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS
May 1	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. B-CC HS at B-CC HS
May 4	2:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at PHS
May 6	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Magruder HS at PHS

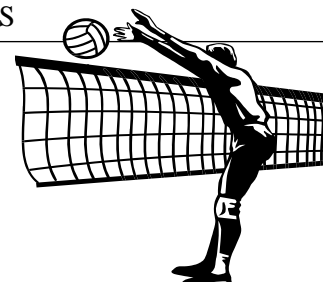


CoEd Varsity Volleyball

April 26	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at PHS
April 29	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS

Boys Varsity Volleyball

April 26	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at PHS
April 29	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS



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

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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**

