



May 2, 2014

John Poole's **BACK POCKET**

A Thought for Today:
Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude.
- **Ralph Marston**

Our Pride Is Showing!

One of the most exciting events of my career occurred Tuesday night when our own Mrs. Lindsay was named MCPS Teacher of the Year. Those of us who were able to be in the audience that night will never forget the thrill of hearing that announcement.

We had sat through some pretty impressive awards by the time they closed the ceremony with the Teacher of the Year presentation. Each of the three finalists had been celebrated in a brief video (the whole event really was like Oscar Night in Hollywood!) and given a lovely crystal award as a Marian Greenblatt Award winner. Other folks were honored for being outstanding support staff, volunteers and educationally minded businesses – Champions for Children, as the program is called. Finally, the envelope was opened and the big winner of the evening was declared. What a great moment!



As I watched the videos and learned about the other finalists, I was tremendously impressed by the caliber of every one of them. In my heart, I have to admit that I find this sort of award, based on one winner and 12,000 others who go unrecognized, to be fundamentally inappropriate. After all, education is not a competitive sport – it's basically a collaborative act of love and hope. We love our kids; we love learning; we strive to do our best, and that means taking advantage of the strengths of others as well as our own. We send off our students each year hoping they have benefitted from our efforts and can build on them to make bright futures.



Regardless, someone was going to win, and I am delighted for it to be a member of the JPMS team. Excellence is our goal in every classroom for every student. Because our whole staff strives together to meet that goal, they are all Champions for Children. In her remarks, Mrs. Lindsay noted that she was able to do her best because she works in a school where everyone is committed to instructional excellence. I totally agree. Congratulations to us all!

- 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!



Matthew Contreras

Will Hicks

Lucas Stroud

Matthew Gimbrere

Hannah Leibrand

Tiara Ventura

Brooke Hamm

Jordan Rendzio

Begonia Zapata

JPMS Artists Shine at the Gala!

7th and 8th grade art students worked on painting a backdrop for the Deleplaine Visual Art Centers Annual Gala. The 12 x 15 foot painting of a late evening city skyline can be seen in this photo.



Correction!

Last week's Honor Roll incorrectly listed eighth grader **Erin Green**. She should have been marked as having earned ***Straight A's!*** Congratulations, Erin, and my apologies for the error!

Would you like to see the MCPS press release about Mrs. Lindsay's award?

Here's the link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?page=showrelease&id=3527>

Student Leaders of the Pack

At JPMS, we focus every day on helping our students to be as successful as possible, both academically and personally. Part of that focus is instilling the core values of **Timberwolf PRIDE: Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Effort**, because we believe these qualities will support all students being the successful learners they want to be today and becoming the positive, contributing members of our community they can be all their lives.

Each month, the staff recognizes five students in each grade who are leaders and role models because they routinely demonstrate the components of Timberwolf PRIDE. We celebrate them at a ceremony on the first Friday of each month where they receive a certificate and are served a breakfast treat. Their pictures are proudly posted on a bulletin board in the front hall during the month in which they are being honored. Because of winter break and all the difficult weather this year, we combined our December and January recognition ceremonies and celebrated both groups of students this morning.

March Winners

6th Grade

- Purpose* - Patrick O'Connell
- Respect* - Sabrina Edwards
- Integrity* - Fernando Carranza
- Dedication* - Bradford Blair
- Effort* - Lilly Staples

7th Grade

- Purpose* - Danny Geehreng
- Respect* - Julia Corfman
- Integrity* - Bubby Jones
- Dedication* - Kristina Chu
- Effort* - Meghan Dower

8th Grade

- Purpose* - Estephan Lavanderos
- Respect* - Franklina Hovor
- Integrity* - Rebecca Carin
- Dedication* - Dylan Drain
- Effort* - Michelle Moraa

April Winners

6th Grade

- Purpose* - Joe Esser
- Respect* - Mary Deffinbaugh
- Integrity* - Jessica Convers
- Dedication* - Josie Kolb
- Effort* - Justin Fisher

7th Grade

- Purpose* - James Kavanagh
- Respect* - Brandon Sier
- Integrity* - Madeline Burdette
- Dedication* - Rachel Bupp
- Effort* - Roshawna Marshall

8th Grade

- Purpose* - Sean Lyons
- Respect* - Paul Graham
- Integrity* - Ellen Beal
- Dedication* - Katie Morrow
- Effort* - Charlie Brill



**Congratulations to the
March and April
Leaders of the Pack!**

Career Day Was Wonderful!

Thursday, April 24 was a big day for everyone at JPMS. 8th graders attended Career Day; 7th graders took a field trip to UMBC to get a look at college life; 6th graders worked outside to celebrate Earth Day by sprucing up our grounds and learning about responsible gardening. Although we were scattered all over the school and even the state, we all had a great time, learned a lot, and looked into the future with new eyes.

Thanks to the many folks who supported us in these three endeavors – you are the BEST!





College Trip



Earth Day

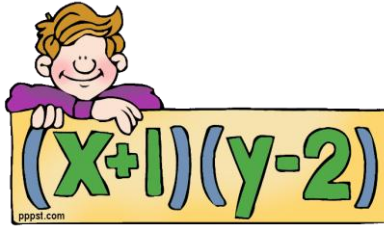


**Thanks, Mr. and Mrs. Seely, for
all your help and guidance!**

Making Paper; Recycling Resources

The sixth grade science students completed a lab on making recycled paper. The students were trying to solve the problem, "Is paper a renewable resource?" Newspaper was torn into tiny pieces and soaked in water over the weekend. On Monday, the water-soaked paper was changed into "pulp" using an electric mixer. The pulp was placed over a screen so excess water could be squeezed out of the pulp. The pulp was pressed into a shape that was determined by the students and placed between sheets of newspaper to dry. Students observed a piece of torn newspaper using a microscope to see the paper's structure and what would happen to the fibers in the paper were continually recycled.





Algebra 2 Jumpstart

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

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

The class will run Monday through Friday for two weeks **at PHS** (Poolesville High School, room # TBD). The first day of class is Monday, July 7th and the last day is Friday, July 18th. The class will be from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM. You will need to have your own transportation to attend this program. There *may* be afternoon transportation if there are other summer programs at our location.

Fill out and detach the reservation slip below with your registration fee and return it to Mrs. Ogden in the main office or Mrs. Aulls in room 207 as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday, April 30th. There will be a small fee of \$10 for this great opportunity to jumpstart your Algebra skills (checks made payable to JPMS).

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

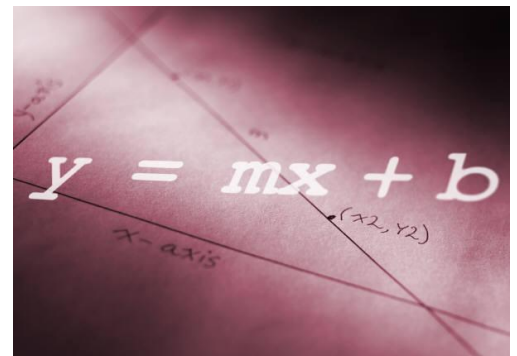
Student Name: _____

2014-2015 Math Course: _____

Parent Name: _____


Parent Signature: _____

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



Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

- 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  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!

Student Volunteers Are Needed

for the Special Education Summit held on May 17 from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Rockville High School. Students will be handing out materials and doing other support jobs. An MCPS staff member will be onsite to provide supervision and to sign the MCPS Form 560-51.

For more information, visit **Leading the Way Today, Partnering for Tomorrow** at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/default.aspx?id=358292>

Earn SSL at the 8th Annual Walk for Water

Local nonprofit [Amman Imman: Water is Life](#) invites you and your family to the 8th annual [A Walk for Water](#), a global service event on Saturday, May 10th at the Locust Grove Nature Center, just steps from the Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, Maryland.

A Walk for Water supports Amman Imman's activities to drill deep wells and provide sustainable development for indigenous communities in West Africa.

This is a great family event and a perfect way to teach your children, family and friends about water scarcity, which is a growing global issue. In the Azawak region of Niger and Mali, children walk 35 miles to bring water home to their families. At [A Walk for Water](#), students and families will walk 3 miles in solidarity with the children of the Azawak.

Pre-Register Online Today, and help raise funds! For every \$25 raised by April 30, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a Kindle Fire (must be present to win). *Registration rates will be higher for onsite registration.*

A Walk for Water includes an interactive pre-walk festival highlighting the nomadic cultures of the Azawak, aimed at educating students as global citizens with live music from West Africa, hands-on activities for all ages, and cultural demonstrations. Food, refreshments and merchandise will available for purchase.

The event qualifies as SSL hours for MCPS students.

Saturday, May 10th at the Locust Grove Nature Center: 7777 Democracy Blvd in Bethesda, MD.

- **10:30 am - 12:00 pm** Azawak Cultural Festival
- **12:00 pm** Pre-Walk Rally and drawing to win Kindle Fire
- **12:30 pm** 3 mile Walk begins, 1 - 2 hours depending on your pace

Event Information is available at www.ammanimman.org/walk or contact Debbie Kahn, (240) 418-1143 or debbie@ammanimman.org.



CITY OF GAITHERSBURG REGIONAL EVENTS



Gaithersburg Book Festival Saturday, May 17 2014

Multiple Shifts: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm



Volunteers needed to assist in author pavilions and escort authors to book signing area; book signing line assistants; VIP lounge assistant; greeters; information booth attendees; dress up as book characters; help with children's activities – and much more! **ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE REALLY NEEDED!** Register to Volunteer at www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org.

Celebrate! Gaithersburg Day Sunday, June 8, 2014

Shift: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm and Set-Up



Volunteers needed to greet Festival goers; information booth attendees; assist with children's activities; decorations and set-up. **VOLUNTEERS MUST BE 14 YEARS OLD.** To sign up email: Sheila Bouley at sbouley@gaitHERSBURGMD.GOV include your name, address, email and age.

SSL Award Winners

Again this year we have a large number of students who have completed their graduation requirement for Student Service Learning before finishing middle school. These students receive the Superintendent's Student Service Learning Award in the year they pass 75 hours.

The students in this list will receive a certificate signed by the superintendent of schools, Dr. Joshua Starr.

We are very proud of these dedicated students and of those who earned their SSL Awards last year. The table at right shows the seventh grade winners with the number of hours they have recorded.

We are especially pleased that sixth graders Kyle Burns has also earned an SSL Award this year! Kyle recorded 91 hours of service in just this one year.

6th and 7th graders here honored at the Honor Roll assembly last week. 8th graders will receive their certificates at the Awards Assembly on Thursday, June 12.

Congratulations to these wonderful kids for all they have done to help others and make our community a great place to live!

Josephine Mallow	79
Allison Haddaway	81.5
Gwen Boe	86.5
Grace Bodmer	88.5
Julianna Garrett	95
Madeline Burdette	100
Maddy Peek	101
Carla Dacanay	113
Begonia Zapata	114
Franco Rivas	116
Brennah Ringling	122
Lukas Lightcap	122.5
Aidan Auel	139.5
Nick Beaton	147

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.

Enjoy the Show; Help Our Neighbors



The JPMS Drama Club requests that members of the audience bring a donation of non-perishable food for WUMCO's pantry when you come to see Cinderella next weekend, May 9 and 10. It's not required, but this is a great way to encourage our kids to show concern for others.

The 2nd Poolesville Elementary School **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

Like an Old Fashioned “Barn-Raising”
In cooperation with the PES PTA



*Join hundreds of teachers, students, and neighbors beautifying
and fixing PES, inside and out.*

We need you to help us transform our school:

- Come to the project on Saturday May 3rd 2014, any time 9am-5pm.
 - Bring yourself, your family, your neighbors, your tools, and a good attitude.
 - Come for a just little while, or the whole day!
- Come to the project meetings, and step up to make your vision a reality.
 - Be a part of the team that's creating a plan, and making it happen.
- Help us procure the materials and skills necessary to make our project a success.
 - Donate your equipment, talent, materials and resources.
 - Would you like to help? Do you know others who can help? Contact us!
- **SSL hours available!**

When: Sat. May 3rd, 2014, 9am – 5pm.

Where: Poolesville Elementary School, 19565
Fisher Avenue, Poolesville, MD 20837

Why: To make our world a better place.

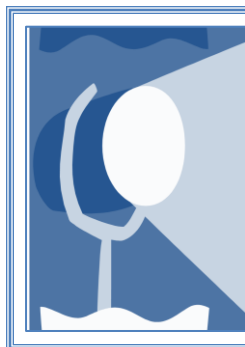
How: Volunteer, donate, tell your friends, or come
cheer us on! All donations and help welcome.

Contact: Elizabeth Ohmen – 510-673-5312, or
Ross Ohmen – 510-673-5310, or
rohmen@earthlink.net.

Who: Everyone! (Especially teachers,
PARENTS, students, former students,
school employees, neighbors, teams,
clubs, SCOUTS, congregations, volunteers,
FAMILIES, individuals, merchants,
service professions, amateurs, and
anyone who wants to help.)

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can
change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”**
- Margaret Mead”

John Poole Middle School



Spotlight on...

WeatherBug

**Our weather station is up
and running**

- 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 goflewski@msn.com.

WeatherBug Is Here!

This week's terrific rains has made us even more grateful to our PTSA and the Town of Poolesville for funding the JPMS WeatherBug station. We are delighted to invite everyone to take advantage of this great community service purchased through the generosity of our! Just click on the link below and you can download the free desktop application that allows you to have real time weather information from JPMS and around the world.

<http://cms.weatherbug.com/Affiliate/Download.aspx?partner=googlesem&channel=standardcampaign&gclid=CO-94ajS2L0CFeMSOgodgVEA6A>

You may also want to download the new mobile weather app specifically designed in partnership with **Little League Baseball and Softball** for players, coaches and their families. The free app, called **Little League WeatherBug**, focuses on early warnings for lightning and severe storms, as well as information on dangerous heat and humidity. It is aimed at helping officials better decide when to postpone games and practices – but it's just as useful for the rest of us who worry about the safety of our kids.

Available for Apple and Android devices, this app is free and easy to use. You can watch a video that explains how it works at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NEHtSxybos>

Here's the link to the press release about the new app.:

<http://www.earthnetworks.com/MediaCenter/PressRelease/tabid/118/newsid513/634/Little-League-and-WeatherBug-Launch-iOS-and-Android-App-to-Promote-Lightning-and-Weather-Safety/Default.aspx> . Get it free at Google Play or the iTunes Apps Store.

Thanks to Michelle Hobbs for locating this new and useful app!



Intramurals: Speed and Agility Club

Tyler Bierly, a former JPMS student and Poolesville High School Football Coach, will be coming to JPMS and running a Speed & Agility Club for all JPMS students. The club starts on Tuesday, April 29 and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday after school through the month of May. In order to participate, students must have a signed permission slip, have paid their ECA fee and be academically eligible. Permission slips can be picked up in the boys and girls locker rooms. If you have any questions, please contact the Intramural Coordinator, Mrs. Gerrie.

2014 MCPS Summer School Program

The MCPS summer school program helps keep thousands of students engaged and learning over the summer. Registration for the 2014 high school and elementary school summer school programs has begun. For high school programs, MCPS students should register through their school-based counselor. Programs will be offered at four locations: Montgomery Blair, Paint Branch, Watkins Mill and Thomas S. Wootton high schools. The first session runs from June 23 – July 11; the second session runs from July 15 - August 1. Registration ends on June 9 for session I and June 25 for session II. **Late registrations will not be accepted.** Visit <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/high.aspx#sites> for more details on the registration process.

For elementary programs, parents must use the mail-in registration form that is available on the elementary summer school website at <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/extendedhours/summerschool/elementary.aspx>. The program will be offered at Beall, Fields Road, and William Tyler Page elementary schools. The session starts on **July 8** and ends **August 1**. The registration period closes on June 20.

Parents should contact the Summer School Coordinator at their child's school for information on the Middle School Program, which is operated independently of the elementary and high school programs.

Programa de Escuela de Verano 2014 de MCPS

El programa de escuela de verano de MCPS ayuda a mantener a miles de estudiantes involucrados y aprendiendo durante las vacaciones. Las inscripciones ya comenzaron. Para los programas de las escuelas secundarias, los estudiantes deben inscribirse a través del consejero escolar de su escuela. Los programas se ofrecerán en cuatro localidades: las escuelas secundarias Montgomery Blair, Paint Branch, Watkins Mill, y Thomas S. Wootton. La primera sesión es desde el 23 de junio hasta el 11 de julio; la segunda sesión es desde el 15 de julio hasta el 1ro. de agosto. La inscripción cierra el 9 de junio para la Sesión I y el 25 de junio para la Sesión II. **No se aceptarán inscripciones después del plazo límite.** [Visite la página de Internet de escuela de verano para escuelas secundarias para más detalles sobre el proceso de inscripción.](#)

Para los programas de las escuelas elementales, los padres deben usar el formulario de inscripción que se envía por correo y que está a disposición en la [página de Internet de la escuela de verano para las escuelas elementales](#). El programa se ofrecerá en las escuelas elementales

Beall, Fields Road, y William Tyler Page. La sesión comienza el **8 de julio** y finaliza el **1ro. de agosto**. El período de inscripción cierra el 20 de junio.

Los padres deben comunicarse con el Coordinador de la Escuela de Verano en la escuela de su hijo/a para obtener información sobre el Programa de Escuelas de Enseñanza Media (Middle School Program), que opera independientemente del Programa Regional de Escuela de Verano.

MCPS Special Education Summit Set for May 17

MCPS parents, staff and community members are invited to the Special Education Summit, *Leading the Way Today, Partnering for a Better Tomorrow*. The summit will take place on Saturday, May 17, 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road in Rockville.



The summit will feature resources and workshops for families of students with disabilities. Families will also have an opportunity to meet representatives from many MCPS offices and Montgomery County agencies and non-profit organizations.

To register for the summit, visit www.mcpsparentacademy.org or call 301-517-5940. The summit is free. Childcare, a light breakfast, and box lunches will be provided.

Cumbre de Educación Especial de MCPS Programada Para el 17 de Mayo

Los padres de estudiantes de MCPS, el personal, y los miembros de la comunidad están invitados a asistir a la Cumbre de Educación Especial, *Abriendo el Camino Hoy, Colaborando Para un Mejor Mañana*. La cumbre tendrá lugar el sábado, 17 de mayo, de 8:15 a.m. a 2:30 p.m., en Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road, en Rockville.

La cumbre presentará a un conferencista de nivel nacional, recursos, y talleres para familias de estudiantes con discapacidades. Las familias tendrán también la oportunidad de conocer a representantes de muchas oficinas de MCPS y agencias y organizaciones sin fines de lucro del Condado de Montgomery. Para inscribirse en la cumbre, visite www.mcpsparentacademy.org o llame al 301-517-5940. La cumbre es gratis. Se proveerá servicio de cuidado infantil, un desayuno ligero, y cajas de almuerzo.

Immunization Requirements for Students Entering 7th Grade

There are new school immunization requirements for the 2014-15 school year affecting students entering the 7th grade this fall. Your child will not be allowed in school without these vaccinations next fall. All children entering the 7th grade must have received a vaccination known as Tdap as well as a meningococcal meningitis vaccine. Call your health care provider to discuss if your child has had these vaccines or schedule an appointment for your child to receive a Tdap and meningococcal vaccination. Provide a copy of your child's updated immunization record to the Health Room at your child's school as soon as possible.



Summer Youth Programs 2014 at Montgomery College!

To see our full list of exciting classes or for more information, please visit our website at www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth or call Youth Programs at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917

Asistencia en Español Disponible

Over 200 Fun-Filled
Classes for
Grades K-12

Art, Computer Graphics, Cooking, Math, Music,
Reading, Robotics, Science, Sports, Theatre,
Web Design, Writing, Yoga,
AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

Registration
is Open!
Class sizes are limited.



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](http://www.mcpsparentacademy.org). Comuníquese al 301-279-3100, para más información.

Parent Academy Offers New Workshops

The spring season of the MCPS Parent Academy has begun! The Parent Academy helps equip parents with the tips and tools they need to help their children succeed. All of the workshops are free and are held at schools and locations throughout Montgomery County. Don't miss sessions on college entrance exams, effective parenting strategies, cybersafety and social media, and many more topics. Childcare and interpretation services are provided at all classes. The schedule of workshops is available at

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/workshops.aspx>

La Academia Para Padres Ofrece Nuevos Talleres

La sesión de primavera de la Academia Para Padres de MCPS ha comenzado! La Academia para Padres ofrece a los padres una variedad de talleres que les permitirá apoyar a sus hijos para que triunfen en la escuela. Todos los talleres son gratuitos y se realizan en escuelas a través del condado. No se pierda las sesiones en exámenes de admisión al colegio, destrezas eficaces de crianza infantil, ciberseguridad, los medios sociales, y muchos otros temas. Se ofrece servicios de cuidado infantil gratuito e interpretación de idiomas en todas las clases. El horario de los talleres de la Academia Para Padres está disponible en línea en

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/workshops.aspx>

Are You Up to the 5th Grade Challenge?

Join the MCPS Educational Foundation for a night of fun and entertainment at one of three “Are You Up to the 5th Grade Challenge?” events in May. The events will test local celebrity contestants on their knowledge of 5th Grade facts. Students from dozens of MCPS elementary schools will be participating. Proceeds will directly support the mission of the MCPS Educational Foundation, which provides grants, programs, and scholarships that improve educational opportunities for MCPS students. The “5th Grade Challenge” events will be held:

- **Tuesday, May 6**, 7 p.m., at BlackRock Center For the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive in Germantown,
- **Tuesday, May 13**, 7 p.m., at AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center, 8633 Colesville Road in Silver Spring
- **Wednesday, May 21**, 7 p.m., at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive in Rockville.

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. 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 (May 6, 8, 13 & 15)

Homework Club (Tuesday)

Drama Club (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)

Leo Club (Wednesday – Dates TBD)

Jazz Band (Wednesday)

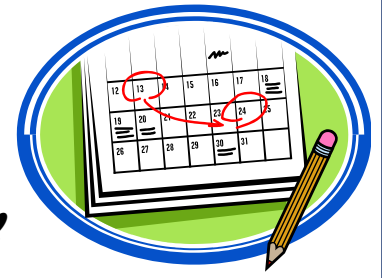
Newspaper Club (Wednesday)

Rocketry Club – **New!** (May 15 and 29)

Softball Practice (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



May 3	Saturday School
May 5	Parent Meeting to discuss selection of a new principal 6:30 PM in the JPMS Media Center
May 5 – 9	School Staff Appreciation Week
May 7	Bike to School Day
May 8	Grade 7 Env. Science Field Trip (Arthur Sherwood Center)
May 9 & 10	JPMS Drama Production (<i>Cinderella</i>) at PHS May 9 – 7:00 PM May 10 – 1:00 PM Matinee and 7:00 PM)
May 12-14	MAP-R Testing
May 14	Rescheduled soccer game
May 15-16	Make-up Days for MAP-R Testing
May 16	Interims Mailed
May 16	Last Day for Students to Charge Lunch

JPMS Soccer Schedule

May 6 JPMS vs Rocky Hill Boys at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Girls at Rocky Hill (3:15 p.m.)
The soccer game from Tuesday, April 29 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 14.

Don't Miss the Spring Musical!

May 9 – 7:00 PM

May 10 – **1:00 PM**, 7:00 PM

Performed on the Big Stage at
Pooleville High School



PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Congratulations to Poolesville High School

Named the #1 High School in Maryland

For the 4th year in a row

by the *Washington Post*!

Awarded a Gold Medal by

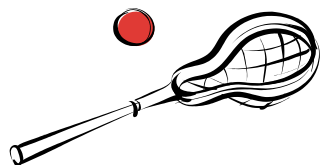
***US News and World Reports* as one of the Top 100 High Schools in the US!**

Poolesville High School Spring Sports Schedule



Varsity Baseball

5/2/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. B-CC HS at PHS
5/5/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at Gaithersburg HS



Girls Varsity Lacrosse

5/5/14	7:15 PM	PHS vs. Churchill HS at PHS
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Boys Varsity Lacrosse

5/5/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Churchill HS at PHS
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Varsity Softball

5/5/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at Gaithersburg HS
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POMS and Cheerleading Tryouts will be held on:

May 27, May 28, and May 29

from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

in the Poolesville HS Main Gym

If interested, stop by the main office at JPMS to pick up a packet.

Call John Poole!

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



And Ask for...

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

JPMS
Timberwolves
live with
Purpose
Respect
Integrity
Dedication
Effort

Our Vision:

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

Our Mission:

At John Poole Middle School our mission is to:

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

