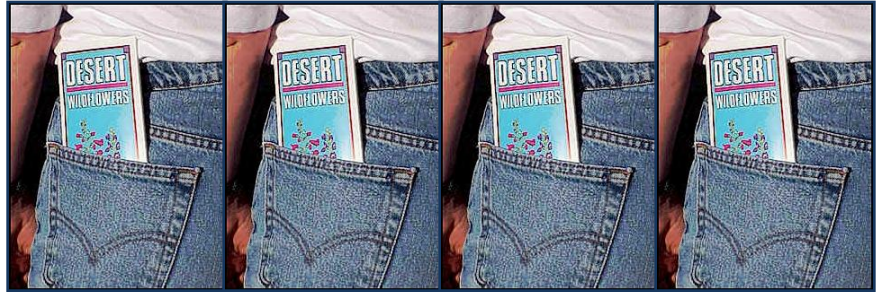


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



May 4, 2012

A Thought for Today:

All successful men and women are big dreamers. They imagine what their future could be, ideal in every respect, and then they work every day toward their distant vision, that goal or purpose.

- Brian Tracy

Literacy Night Is Fun for the Whole Family!

This time of year can be so jam-packed with school and family activities that it's impossible to do it all. In spite of your full calendar, I hope you and your family will be able to come to Literacy Night next Tuesday, May 8.

It's scheduled early so that younger children can get home in time for a reasonable bedtime, so please feel free to bring the whole family. If you know a current 5th grader at Poolesville or Monocacy elementaries, please give that family a call and invite them to come, or bring the rising JPMS sixth grader with you. It's a wonderful time to get to see the building in a fun-filled atmosphere.

Pizza will be on sale at 5:00 PM so you don't need to cook dinner before you join us. Then, starting at 5:30, stations will be set up to allow kids a chance to enjoy the social and creative sides of literacy. Our students are planning some new activities this year that are sure to be exciting!

During Literacy Night, there are two additional activities going on that you won't want to miss. First, the Book Fair will be open for its last night. Kids have really enjoyed the selection of books and related supplies as they toured with their English classes this week. Not only are their books for kids of all ages, but there are even a range of cook books and other titles that would make great Mother's Day presents. And you know we are heading into summer reading assignments. Students will be required to read two books over the summer – one that is fiction, and one that is non-fiction. Book fair is a great chance to choose these books with your child and encourage the kind of material you prefer him or her to be reading.

Also happening next Tuesday are the PTSA elections. Cast your vote in the media center for the officers who will represent you as officers in the coming year. PTSA is a key component of our school program, and the officers are hugely important to our school's success. See you Tuesday!

Tuesday, May 8

*Early Bird
Pizza Dinner
5:00 PM*

*Literacy Activities
5:30 – 7:00 PM*

*Book Fair
5:00 – 7:00 PM*

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!



Courtney Bourque

Bailey Kephart

Robert Queen

David Esser

Julianna Mendez

Madeleine Thompson

Ryan Johnston

Samantha Mullikin

Hannah Wills

Student Leaders of the Pack

Each month, our staff selects five students from each team who have exemplified the Timberwolf PRIDE core values of **Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication** and **Effort**. Sometimes, these students have earned recognition through scholarly excellence, but these values are personal as well as academic, so sometimes the honorees will be chosen for displaying the good citizenship that makes our school a better place to work and learn.

Because Spring Break and MSAs packed our schedule last month, we recognized March and April Student Leaders of the Pack at a combined recognition ceremony this morning. Honorees received their certificates; parents were invited to attend; a light breakfast was served; and photographs were taken of each award winner for display in the school lobby.

Congratulations to these great kids! We are very proud of the March and April Leaders of the Pack!



March

6TH GRADE

Purpose – **Brooke Hamm**

Respect – **Chloe Insalaco**

Integrity – **Colin Thomas**

Dedication – **Lydia Caballero**

Effort – **Tyler Morningstar**

7TH GRADE

Purpose – **Luke Terrell**

Respect – **Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo**

Integrity – **Gabriel Fernandez**

Dedication – **Rebeckah Trainor**

Effort – **Megan Grubb**

8TH GRADE

Purpose – **Zach Kovach**

Respect – **Jessie Dorsey**

Integrity – **Sirisha Ashley**

Dedication – **Christina Hilton**

Effort – **Justin Souder**

April

6TH GRADE

Purpose – **William Field**

Respect – **Michael Fetchko**

Integrity – **Hannah Liebrand**

Dedication – **Erin Lyons**

Effort – **Perry Dominici**

7TH GRADE

Purpose – **Kevin Manakkunnel**

Respect – **Amelia King**

Integrity – **Kristen Hepburn**

Dedication – **Melissa Hall**

Effort – **Mickey Kovich**

8TH GRADE

Purpose – **Morgan Mullett**

Respect – **Jean-Luc Schinosi**

Integrity – **Katie Kavanaugh**

Dedication – **Michael Kuhn**

Effort – **Trevor Magaha**

Career Day Photos

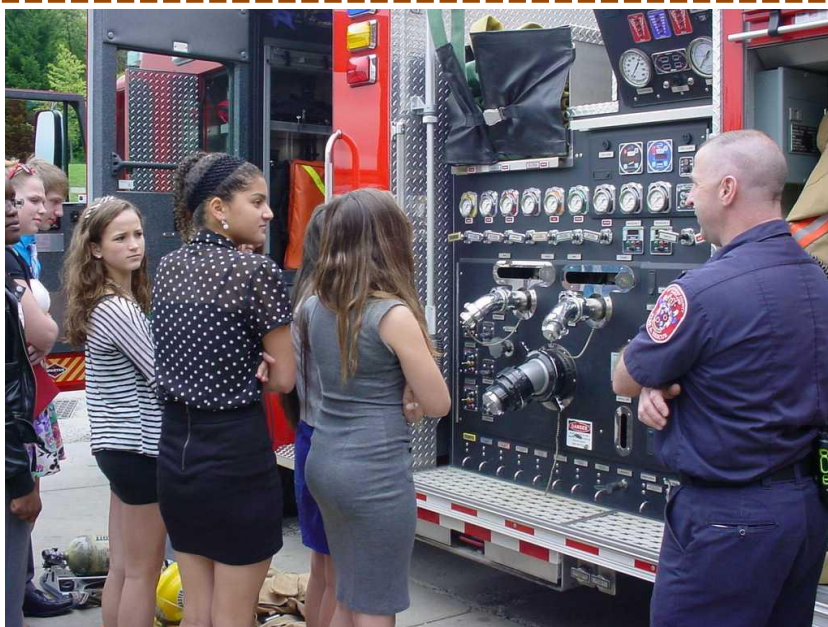
Thanks to Mrs. McIntyre for taking the pictures and to all the staff, parent volunteers, presenters and students who made this event so memorable!



**Many thanks to
these fine local
businesses that
made generous
donations in support
of Career Day 2012!**

**Cugini's
Pizza**

Lee's Tree Service, Inc.





Earth Day at JPMS

If you have driven by school this week, you can't have missed admiring how great our school grounds look. That's because our sixth grade dedicated their Earth Day action plan to sprucing up our gardens under the direction of Garth and Amy Seely from Landscape and Nature Discoveries, Inc. (LAND).

For several springs the Seelys have generously donated their time, equipment, plants, mulch and expertise to this activity. They spend a whole day collaborating with Mrs. McManus, Grade 6 science teacher, and other staff from multiple disciplines to teach our kids how to use mulch, edge borders and distinguish the plants you want in your garden from weeds you don't. It's hands-on learning, and the Seelys know how to make it fun as well as meaningful. Thanks to these great partners in education!





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

Red Ribbon Week Is May 14 - 18

Monday, May 14	Reach for your Heroes Dress Theme: Everyone Wear Red, White or Blue
Tuesday, May 15	Reach for your Finish Line Dress Theme: Crazy Shoes and Socks
Wednesday, May 16	Reach for your Goals Dress Theme: Team Jersey Day
Thursday, May 17	Reach for Success Dress Theme: Dress for Success
Friday, May 18	Reach for the Sky -- Rainbow Day Dress Theme: Use Colors to Express Yourself <div> Red—Respect Orange—Outgoing Yellow—Youthful Green—Gracious Blue—Brilliance Indigo—Integrity Pink—Purpose </div>

Red Ribbon Week is a national program aimed at raising awareness of the dangers involved in substance abuse. It usually is observed during the last week in October because it is linked to the anniversary of the death of a drug enforcement agent named Kiki Camarena who was killed in the line of duty in 1985.

At JPMS, we celebrate Red Ribbon Week in the spring when our students are getting ready to advance to a new grade with increasing independence, and the nice weather draws them out of their homes into the larger community.

We also focus on more than the issues around substance abuse, emphasizing positive themes such as the need for students to make good choices, to put their goals above peer pressure, and to be pro-active in building the futures to which they aspire.

This year's theme is *Reach for the STARS*. Each day there will be lessons and activities that encourage our kids to feel good about themselves and part of a caring community.

Red Ribbon Week is a great time to talk with your child about your expectations for his or her behavior, how to act if a social situation becomes uncomfortable or risky, and what goals you will work together to pursue. These are weighty topics, so we also try to have some fun as we address them. Students can dress up to match each day's focus. You might want to post the chart on your refrigerator to help remember which day is which!





The Book Fair Is Here!

The Book Fair opened this Thursday, May 3rd and will end next Wednesday, May 9th. Students brought home a flyer earlier this week that highlighted some of the books that are available. Check the backpack if you missed it; you can see what a wide range of titles are available.

Students visited the Fair with their English classes on Thursday and Friday. The Book Fair is open every day before school and during lunch.

In addition, we will be open during Literacy Night, on Tuesday, May 8th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. We will also be selling raffle tickets to win posters. Proceeds from this activity will benefit the Toys for Tots program.

This year students will be required to read one fiction book and one nonfiction book for the summer reading program. The Fair is a perfect opportunity for students to choose the books they would like to read to fulfill these requirements. It's also a great place to find Mother's Day gifts and picture books for younger siblings.

And here's a special innovation! This year students, parents and grandparents will be able to order books on-line. Our Book Fair online website is available at this link: www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs
Please contact Joy McIntyre if you have any questions at 301-972-7979. See you at the Book Fair!

Next Week Is National Teacher Appreciation Week



May 7 - 11

At JPMS, we celebrate all our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, because every adult is a teacher, working for your child's success.

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, a 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!



► Log onto **HJClx.com** today!



Also check out the "Freebies" section to print your own candy wrapper!



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

The PTA meeting for election of new officers will be held on Tuesday, May 8 in the Media Center at 6:30 p.m. The slate of officers will be placed in nomination and nominations from the floor will be accepted as well.



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

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 –

Rock-in Schools This Weekend

Five MCPS school music programs will be performing in a benefit concert called "Rock-in Schools" at The Fillmore, Silver Spring, on May 5 from 10am-noon.

Show your support for innovative music education! All concert proceeds will go toward instruments and curriculum development for MCPS progressive music programs. The concert will feature Sherwood High School's "Rock and Roll Revival Show," Banneker Middle School's "Rock N' Soul Revue," Wheaton High School, Clearspring Elementary's "School of Rock" and Roberto Clemente Middle School's "Clemente Music Rocks!"

Tickets are now on sale for \$12 a person and available at the door.

rockinschools.org; Twitter: @Rock-inSchools; Facebook Page: Rock-in Schools

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!](http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummer.html)

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!!**

Time to Start Thinking About College

PrepTalk, a biannual newsletter, is a partnership project between MCPS and Montgomery College. Each issue provides helpful information for parents and students regarding college preparation and readiness.

Topics covered in *PrepTalk* include such important subjects as preparing for college admission and placement tests, planning academic schedules, earning college credit while in high school, attending college fairs, applying for on-the-spot college admissions, and planning for key deadlines. Current and past issues of *PrepTalks* can be found online at

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/preptalk.aspx>

Free College Admissions Seminar

The College Admissions Game: The Rules Have Changed featuring College Consultant Shirley Levin MA, CEP, will be offered Tuesday, May 8, from 7:30 - 9:00 PM in the Walter Johnson High School Cafeteria. The goal is To Help Parents Navigate the Process, but students Are Always Welcome. Topics will include:

- How has the admissions process changed since you were a student?
- What courses should your child be taking now to prepare for a competitive college?
- What do admissions officers consider besides academics?
- How should your child prepare for the SAT and ACT? How important are these scores?
- How do you help your child narrow down the list and choose the "best fit" colleges? What about "safety" schools?
- How have population trends impacted the admissions standards?
- How has the financial aid process changed in recent years?
- How has the current economic situation affected college choices and college admissions?

Contact: Jonina Duker at JD_MBHS_volunteer@yahoo.com for more information.

Walter Johnson HS is located next to (north of) Democracy Blvd., near (west of) Old Georgetown Rd., and inside the "triangle" formed by the two I-270 spurs and I-495. Enter the school on Rock Spring; parking lots are on Rock Spring and Rockledge Dr.

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).

Student Auto and Computer Sale Set for May 12

Don't miss the final student-run sale of the school year! Students in the MCPS Automotive Body and Technology programs and Network Operations programs will sell refurbished cars and computers from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on **Saturday, May 12** at Thomas Edison High School of Technology, 12501 Dalewood Drive in Silver Spring. The items for sale are donated, refurbished and tested by students as part of their classroom studies.

For information on the cars, call Mike Snyder at 301-929-2164. All cars are Maryland State Inspected and reasonably priced. For information on the computers, call John Brewer at 301-929-6975.

Complete pricing information will be available in early May on the [Automotive Trades Foundation](http://www.AutomotiveTradesFoundation.org) and [Information Technology Foundation](http://www.InformationTechnologyFoundation.org) websites. Proceeds will benefit the Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades and Information Technology Foundations.

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!!

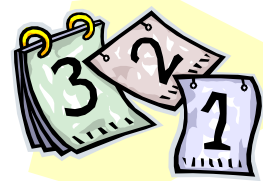
Saturday, May 19
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Whalen Commons
Poolesville, MD
Rain or Shine



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

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



May 3-9	Book Fair
May 7-11	Staff Appreciation Week (May 8 National Teacher's Day)
May 7-11	MAP-R Testing
May 11	Spring Musical – <i>Annie, Jr.</i> (7:00 p.m. in the APR)
May 12	Spring Musical – <i>Annie, Jr.</i> (1:30 p.m. Matinee and 7:00 p.m. in the APR)
May 14-18	Red Ribbon Week
May 17	Interims Mailed
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**

Here are some end-of-year dates to keep in mind as we head toward the close of the 2011 – 2012 school year. More detailed information will follow soon, but this will get you started...

- May 18: All library books due
- May 24: Preliminary locker clean-out. Start taking home personal possessions and donate extra school supplies to the Drive for Supplies.
- May 29: Book Check Day – students bring all books to class
- May 29: Algebra High School Assessment
- June 4: Review Day; last day to bring back packs to school
- June 5 – 8: Exams
- June 8: Grade 8 Awards Assembly
- June 8: Last Day for Locker Access
- June 8: 8th Grade Dance
- June 11: Class Activities
- June 12: Last day for students; 8th grade orientation at PHS

**The End
Is Near!**

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Thursday, May 17

NHS Awards Night (6:00 p.m.)

Senior Awards Night (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 18

PROM

followed by Post Prom at PHS

Wednesday, May 23 – Evening of the Arts 5:00 p.m.

Graduation: Wednesday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. St. Mary's College



Boys Varsity Lacrosse

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

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

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

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



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
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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**

