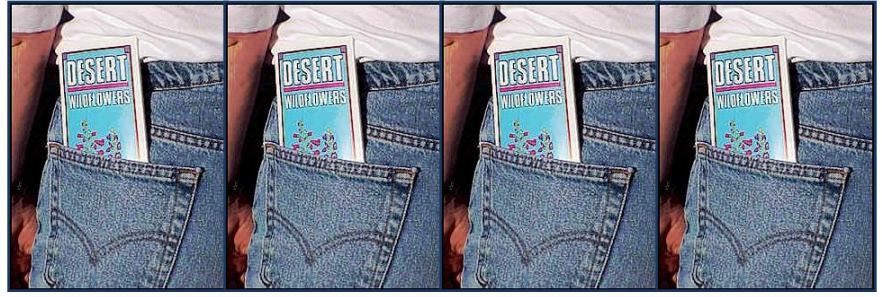


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



May 18, 2012

A Thought for Today:

“All the world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind.”

- Martin H. Fischer

A Special Season

If you've been keeping an eye on the "Save the Date" calendar each week, you know how close we are to the end of the school year and how full of events and milestones these next few weeks are. Quarter 4 interim reports went home this week – if you didn't get yours via email or US Mail, please call the Counseling Office for an update – and tomorrow is the last Saturday School of the year; we are closing in on a whole string of "last times" for our kids.

Even when the events are happy and kids feel successful, they can find big transitions like the end of the school year stressful, especially if they are heading off to another school in the fall. Children are often unable to explain why they feel extra sensitive or even close to tears during late May and early June, but we know they are just reaching their emotional limits. We've all seen a little one crying at his or her own birthday party, not because it isn't perfectly wonderful, but because it's too exciting to handle. The same kind of emotional overload sometimes hits middle schoolers, too. We can help by being on the look-out for warning signs and providing support that smooths the way.

Here are some of the ways young teens show they are feeling end-of-the-year stress:

- Personality traits may be accentuated. If your child is naturally quiet, her or she may be quieter than usual; if generally energetic, loud and boisterous; if silly, downright giddy.
- There may be heightened drama. Long-standing friends may quarrel; gossip may be even hotter than usual; romance may blossom or die (or both) in the blink of an eye.
- Risk-taking may increase. Behaviors that used to be too scary to try can become very tempting. You may hear bad language for the first time or find long-standing rules bent or broken. Pranks are harder to resist.
- Push-back may surprise you. Some children resist routines from completing their homework to doing household chores or maintaining the house rules for telephone etiquette.
- Exams and other academic procedures can either become the excuse for all-nighters, coffee drinking and other signs of anxiety or slip totally off the child's radar.

If you are seeing some of these types of behavior, I bet it's a reflection of seasonal stress. Our job as adults is to model calm, reasonable problem-solving and make sure our kids know we're there for them. A little extra time talking with your child is a good investment. It helps to show kids we are taking their concerns seriously, so we need to listen carefully and acknowledge how they feel. Then, making clear your expectations for appropriate behavior gets their feet back on the ground and helps them realize the sky is not really falling. That end-of-year calendar is more than a planning aid for your family; it can alert you to days when you may want to be extra available for your child. We all want the last weeks of school to be positive ones for our kids.

Hallway Heroes

Hallway Heroes are students we honor for demonstrating exemplary **PRIDE** behaviors as they move from class to class, helping to keep our hallways safe and comfortable for everyone.

The students recognized below consistently demonstrate **Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication** and **Effort** everywhere they go at JPMS. They are **Hallway Heroes** and we are proud to celebrate their high expectations and their Timberwolf PRIDE!



Alayna Dockstader

Alex O'Donnell

Jeffrey Ricketts

Jake Johnson

Rachel Peterson

Danielle Roche

Hannah Leibrand

Madison Peyton

Kira Wathen

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of *Annie, Jr.* You did an outstanding job!

Annie.....Chloe Insalaco

The Orphans:

Molly.....Paris Copeland

Pepper.....Taylor Byrd

Duffy.....Anelia Slavoff

Kate.....Maureen Miller

Tessie ...Mackenzie Gross (Fri & Sat nights)

.....Emma Whitehouse (Sat matinee)

JulyErika Blair

Miss Hannigan.....Theresa Nardone

Bundles McCloskeyCourtney Bourque

Apple SellerMolly Sherman

Rose Sellers.....Clara Jackson

.....Kelly VanMeter

Dog Catcher.....Jordan Allentuck

SandyGabby Capobianchi

Lt. WardShelby Smith

Grace FerrellJulia Link

Drake.....Courtney Bourque

CecilleFranklina Hover

Annette.....Molly Sherman

Mrs. GreerClara Jackson

Mrs. PughGabby Capobianchi

Oliver Warbucks.....Cory Brown

Star-To-BeAlesya Sarakhman

The Voice.....Franklina Hover

Usherette.....Dottie Ballman

Radio AnnouncerRenee Quaranta

Rooster HanniganBryce Taylor

Lily St, RegisMelanie Staszewski

Sound Effects Man.Carissa Caruso-Dipaolo

Bert HealyJosephine Caruso-DiPaolo

President Roosevelt.....Bubby Roland Jones

Louis HoweRenee Quaranta

PolicemanShelby Smith

Additional Orphans:.....Alesya Sarakhman

.....Kelly VanMeter

.....Jordan Allentuck

...Carissa Caruso-DiPaolo

Josephine Caruso-DiPaolo

Production Staff

Director.....Dorald "Dee" Turner
 Stage Manager.....Stacey Jesúitas
 Choral Director.....Gracie Jones
 Choral Consultant.....Beth Fayard-Jones
 Choreographer.....Claire Jones
 Stage Combat Consultant.....Scottie Turner
 Set Design.....Pooleville Performing Arts Showcase
 Sound System...Brian Gross and Phoenixx Systems
 House Managers.....Nick Jesúitas, Sabrina Sanchez
 Head Stage Crew.....Georgia Micheals
 Costumes.....Dorald "Dee" Turner

Costume AssistantsKari Auel
 and students of PHS and JPMS
 Make-up and Hair Design.....Dorald "Dee" Turner
 Make-up and Hair Assistants.....PHS students
 PropsDorald "Dee" Turner, Beth Fayard-Jones
 Kimberly Lartz
 Programs.....Jill Brown
 ConcessionsParent Volunteers
 VideographerTim Link
 Ticket SalesKimberly Lartz, Lauren Gross
 Silent Auction Coordinator.....Beth Taylor

JPMS Jazz Band on Tour

Congrats to our amazing JPMS Jazz Band for two fabulous performances on Sunday, May 13 and Monday, May 14! On Sunday afternoon, ten students from the Jazz Band trekked all the way down to the Veteran's Plaza in Silver Spring for the first ever MCCPTA Performing Arts Festival, sponsored by the Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations. The students played an outdoor concert for over 40 minutes for an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. The weather was perfect and the students sounded great!

On Monday evening, May 14, the Jazz Band provided dinner music for the Board of Education Dinner held at Pooleville High School. It was an honor to perform for the Board of Education, and the students won rave reviews representing our fantastic music program at JPMS! The members of the Board were especially impressed by the extensive repertoire of sophisticated music the students played beautifully. Jazz Band is an after school program, so these students have really worked hard to get so good!



We are very proud of MS. Sprague and these outstanding student musicians!

Chris Andrade, Quinn Brenholtz, Aidan Briacon, Kenydi Cross, William Field, Kaley Fisher, Jennifer Jang, Katie Kavanagh, Ray Kinzie, Andrew Kocur, Brandon Kocur, Lev Malinin, Anne Mustafa, Rachel Peterson, Gavin Prebilib, Hunter Riegert, Alesya Sarakhman, Daria Sharifi, John Thompson, Donald Vogel.

Another Triumph



Congrats to **Daria Sharifi** for receiving a rating of superior at the Maryland Solo and Ensemble Festival! Daria performed "Rondino on a Theme by Beethoven," by Kreisler with accompanist Mr. Kyle Broady on Saturday, May 12. Way to go, Daria!

Be Sure to Join Us for the Spring Concert!

**Thursday, May 31
7:00 PM
JPMS Gym**

- **The chorus will be singing and dancing to your favorite tunes from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s!**
- **The Concert Band will be playing some of John Williams' most well-known works from *Star Wars*, *E.T.*, *Jaws*, and more!**
- **The 6th grade band will be playing "Lord of the Dance," an exciting piece called "The Tempest," and more!**
- **Plus, lots more by the JPMS Orchestra and the JPMS Jazz Band! It's going to be a fun evening of great music.**
- **Don't miss out!**

Student Service Learning Notes

- Service performed during the second semester can be turned in any time during the semester. The latest date to turn in documentation of second semester service is the Friday before exams begin (June 1, 2012). Senior hours are due before that date.
- All forms required to document SSL are found on the website www.mcpsssl.org or at any middle or high school. Completed forms become part of each student's record.
- All service for which SSL hours are awarded must be performed in a public place. The only exception to this is students may earn SSL hours by making bag lunches at home and delivering them to a county homeless shelter. SSL hours are awarded based on the number of meals delivered.

Summer SSL Planning

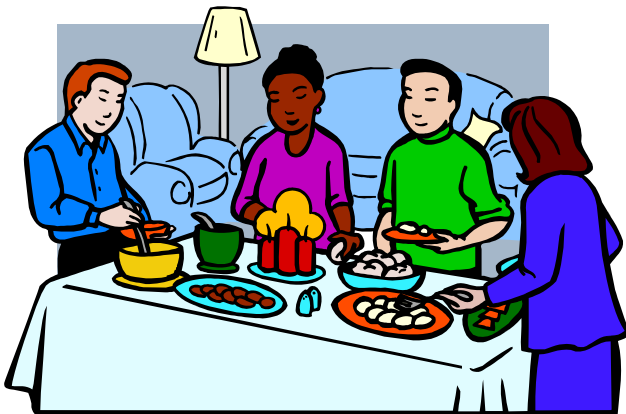
Since the summer planning is underway for many of you, perhaps SSL is on that list of "to-do's."

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 (NOW!)

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.



Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers on the
PTA Staff Appreciation Committee!

Anne Donovan (chair), Dawn Albert,
Anne Marie Caruso-DiPaolo,
Paige Kovach, Judy McKenney,
Suzanne McIntyre, Brandy Miller,
Leigh Ross, Nora Terrell,
Helen Trainor, and Claudia Yin

You made us feel so special during
Staff Appreciation Week!

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME and JOIN the PTSA

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)

Many thanks to our out-going officers:

- 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

Congratulations to Our Officers for 2012 – 2013!

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

New PTSA officers were appointed at the May 8 PTSA Meeting.

All JPMS 8th graders are cordially invited to attend the 8th Grade Promotion Celebration

"An Evening on the Boardwalk"
Friday, June 8th; 6-10 p.m.
Poolesville Baptist Church
Dinner served "Boardwalk Style"
Music by DJ Valaree Dickerson
Games; Door Prizes; Photos; Design your own T-shirt

Dressy attire: No jeans, shorts or T-shirts (Boys, jackets are NOT required)

Tickets - \$20 per student. Invitations will be mailed home with details on how to RSVP.

Parents, the Dance Committee is trying to collect 60 door prizes to make the night even more memorable for our children. Please send cash, gifts, or gift cards valued from \$5 to \$25 for the dance to the school office clearly marked "for the 8th Grade School Dance" or mail them to Karen Micheals, 19723 Selby Ave, Poolesville, MD 20837 before June 1. Thank you!



Lady Timberwolves Finish a Great Soccer Season

The girls' soccer team finished their season Tuesday with a 2-1 victory against Baker Middle School. **Hailey Khalil** scored both goals of the game, increasing her season total to 8. **Allie Nevius** and **Casey Hawkins** assisted on her two goals. Once again, **Kristen Darragh** was outstanding in goal. She made several point blank saves in the second half to stop Baker from rallying back. **Carly Kenly**, **Lilli Pederson** and **Kristen Hepburn** played stout defense while **Jessie Martinez**, **Alison Huber** and **Breanne Hall** played great in support through the midfield. This victory upped the Lady Timberwolves record to 4 and 1. Way to go and congratulations on an excellent season!!

2012 Girls Soccer Team

Keila Alfaro	Delaney Cecco	Kristen Darragh	Breanne Hall	Casey Harkins
Kristen Hepburn	Alison Huber	Carley Kenly	Hailey Khalil	Jessie Martinez
Sophia Mense	Alessandra Molina	Allie Nevius	Lilli Pedersen	Bailee Smith
Danielle Torres	Rebecca Wallace	Emily Yin	Madi Peyton (Mgr)	Trey Willis (Mgr)



Announcing –

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>

Calleva Creates Scholarships to Honor George Kephart

The George Kephart Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide free Calleva summer camp to children in our local community who otherwise could not afford to participate in summer camp. Kephart Scholarship recipients can choose between the Growing Green (farming) and Building Green (sustainable building) programs, which occur on Calleva Farm in Dickerson. Both programs are part of the working farm operations, and children have loads of fun while learning about traditional, sustainable methods for farming, water conservation, building with reclaimed and reusable materials, and alternative energy as they take on and complete creative, engaging projects. They also get to help take care of the animals and just enjoy bright, summer days on a beautiful farm and woods. For more information, contact Mrs. Arnold in the Counseling Office = 310-972-7980.

Don't Forget This Weekend's G8 Summit at Camp David Will likely Disrupt Traffic on Routes 70 and 270 Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19. Plan for Delays!

The Blake High School Musical Theatre Institute

presents

A Musical Show Experience

for Students in Grades 5 - 9

July 2– 27, 2012

Added/Second Session of

AUDITIONS: June 2nd



Information

on the Blake HS Website or at
www.blakestagecompany.org or
Michel_D_D'Anna@mcpsmd.org

Audition Times: 2-4 pm on Saturday June 2nd

Performance Dates: July 26 and 27 at 7:30 pm

Daily Classes from 9 am – 3 pm

Institute Features

Training in Musical Theatre

Acting, Vocalizing, Dance

Stage Design, Performance Skills

Institute Staff

Professional Instructors

Audition Requirements

A comedic or dramatic monologue of 60 seconds

An upbeat song or ballad in your vocal range

We will have materials for those who need
assistance.

Institute is just as good for Beginners as well as
Advanced Students

Institute Participation

Open to students from public and private
schools entering Grade 6-9 in the fall

Low Tuition Rate

NOTE: Depending on role requirements, alternative
musicals may be substituted to accommodate the
casting of this musical experience.

Montgomery College Summer 2012 Youth Programs

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

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

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

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!!

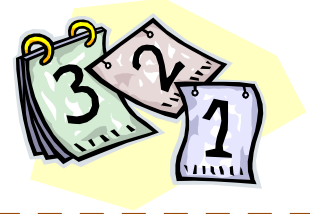
Saturday, May 19
1:00 PM to 6:00
PM

Whalen Commons
Rain or Shine



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

Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

Here are some end-of-year dates to keep in mind as we head toward the close of the 2011 – 2012 school year.

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| May 18: | All library books due
Last day students may charge lunch. Please clear any outstanding balance on your cafeteria account! |
| May 23: | Algebra High School Assessment |
| May 24: | Preliminary locker clean-out. Start taking home personal possessions and donate extra school supplies to the Drive for Supplies

Last day for activity buses |
| May 28: | Memorial Day holiday |
| May 29: | Book Check Day – students bring all books to class |
| May 30: | PHS graduation |
| June 1: | Last day to submit SSL hours for second semester |
| June 4: | Review Day; last day to bring back packs to school |
| June 5: | Exams periods 3 & 7 |
| June 6: | Exams periods 2 & 5 |
| June 7: | Exams periods 4 & 6 |
| June 8: | Exam period 1 and make-ups

Grade 8 Awards Assembly

Final locker clean-out: Last Day for Locker Access

8 th Grade Dance |
| June 11: | Class Activities |
| June 12: | Last day for students

8 th grade orientation at PHS |

**The End
Is Near!**

Coming in next week's Back Pocket –

Red Ribbon Week photos!

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Evening of the Arts: Wednesday, May 23, 5:00 PM

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

Check out PHS on WUSA Channel 9 News:

[Poolesville High School Students Help Disabled Men and Women](#)

POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

POMPON TRYOUTS 2012 – 2013

PHS Pompons are a dedicated group of exceptional academic/athletic students who support and represent Poolesville High School's outstanding reputation.

CLINICS – PHS New Gym

Tuesday, June 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 PM

***Wednesday, June 6 – 3:30 to 5:00 PM**

Thursday, June 7 – 3:30 to 5:00 PM

TRYOUTS – PHS New Gym

Friday, June 8, 2012

3:30 to 6:00 PM

Tryouts begin at 4:00 PM....SHARP

There are no alternative dates for tryouts. No exceptions.

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

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**