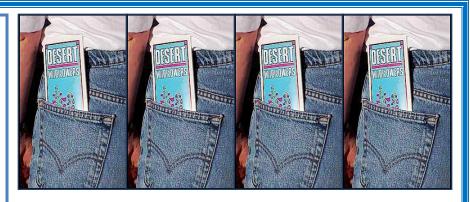
John Poole's BACK POCKET



May 24, 2013

A Thought for Today: The dead soldier's silence sings our national anthem. - Daniel Webster

Memorial Day

We are fortunate to live in a community full of people who serve. All of us have friends, neighbors and often family members who have distinguished themselves in the armed forces; rescued and protected us as police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians, doctors and nurses; and volunteered to care for those who need help. If our kids have never had direct experience with loss, need or danger, they may not realize that they are surrounded by heroes.

This weekend, as we open pools, enjoy backyard barbecues and launch the summer season, let's not forget to honor the sacrifices that made it possible for most of our children to grow up in a country where fear and sorrow are the exception, not the rule. Memorial Day gives us the chance to renew our gratitude to those who gave their lives for our way of life and to the families they left



behind. "Freedom isn't free" is a great lesson to pass on as the next generation approaches maturity.

When we come back to school next Tuesday, there will be only 14 school days left in the 2012 – 13 school year! If you have an eighth grader in the family, please be sure his or her RSVP is in for the dinner dance on June 7. We're hoping every member of the JPMS class of 2013 will be able to attend.

Exams begin on June 7. That means we are down to the last eight school days for finishing up this term's work. Your support is a tremendous help in making sure our students keep up their good work right through the end of the year. There will be culminating activities, review packets, and final projects all happening in those last few days, so there should be plenty of school work to keep the students busy.

Part of winding down the year is taking home personal belongings and returning materials lent by the school. Please be on the look out for library books or other school items that may be forgotten at home. And one week from today, Friday, May 31, we'll be conducting a preliminary locker clean-out. Why not tuck a plastic bag in the back pack this weekend in case your child's locker is still full of winter gear and old papers!

I'd like to extend heartfelt thanks to all our families who serve, especially on Memorial Day but every other day, too. You make our community and our country great. - 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!

| Antonnia Atkins | | | |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| James Dutton | | | |
| Guy Norton | | | |

Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo Stephanie Leitner Jose Roque James Dutton Maureen Miller Kira Wathen



Prize-Winning Artist

Congratulations to **Ali Ransom** for receiving an Honorable Mention in the Clean Air Partners poster contest.

The theme for the poster contest was "It's the Air We Breathe, Keep It Clean!"

The title of Ali's poster was "See both options in my eyes - Make a choice - Save our lives!" Ali's poster was recognized out of 471 entries!

Courtroom Drama Comes Alive

On Tuesday, May 21, several 8th grade English classes had the opportunity to participate in a classroom forum with an experienced attorney. Mr. Gross, a community member and JPMS parent, shared his inside view of both the local and state legal systems in Maryland.

Mr. Gross addressed student questions and helped them gain a deeper understanding of the law. This discussion was presented in conjunction with the class reading of the play, "Twelve Angry Men."

Many thanks to Mr. Gross for volunteering his time to enrich the lives of our students! Our PRIDE shows in many ways!



Learning by Doing: A Visit to the Bay

By Melanie Staszewski

On Tuesday, May 21, selected leaders from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade and I went on a research boat called the *Susquehanna*. The day sort of went like this.

First, we boarded the boat and went over our "missions" for the day. They were things like "Do a Biological Survey"



and "Identify Birds". We left the dock to match birds to the ones on our Bird ID sheets. Soon enough, we stopped to use maps of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to find where we were on them and answer other



Based on our research, we gave the watershed a B- due to the high nitrates we measured in the Anacostia. We wrapped up our day by looking at monuments while on the boat. On



questions.

We took off again until we reached the area next to the DC water treatment plant, where we stopped again. We tested the water there for nutrients, phosphate, and pH. We took off again soon after to a spot in the Anacostia River, further away from the treatment plant. We tested the water again, and then compared the results of both areas. After comparing our results, we used a massive net to catch some fish (putting them back once we were finished identifying and touching them). Some people held the fish, and a few even kissed them!



the ride back, many of us drove the boat, which was awesome! Also, many of us stuck our arms over the rails on the side of the boat and got **completely soaked**! Some people were wet from their hair to their toes through their shoes!

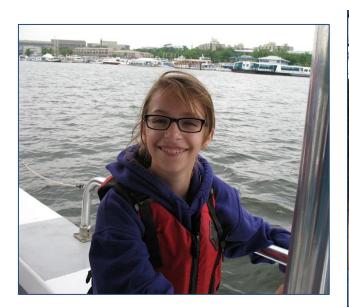
When we reached the dock again, we took a group photo of us on the boat before we got off. It was a long bus ride back, but it was worth it!













Thanks to Mrs. Yesnick for organizing the trip and to Mrs. Auel for taking these great pictures!

8th Grade Technology Students Build & Test Remote Control Subs

Sharing the Sea Perch Experience

By Hunter Riegert

This year in Mr. Grotenhuis' technology class we worked on a project called Sea Perch. The project involved our building miniature submarines and going to a naval base and testing them.

We separated the construction process into three sections: structural, mechanical, and electrical. The first section, structural,



worked on the submarines body by cutting PVC pipes to the correct size and then connecting them together. The second section, mechanical, involved wiring three motors with propellers and making them waterproof. The final section, electrical, was the building of the remote control by soldering the parts to a circuit board.

Then we applied cargo netting and weighting and tested them in water. When we went on the field trip to the





Naval Surface Warfare Center, we took a tour of the base and saw the submarine model shop before testing our units in water with a simulated mission.

(Note from Mr. G.: Testing went well and all the subs performed their underwater maneuvers successfully!)





Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

Students prepare, act, and reflect with approved service organizations.

- Documentation of service performed during the second semester is due to the school SSL coordinator by the "First Friday in June" (June 7, 2013). Senior hours are due earlier.
- Middle school students who successfully participate in Outdoor Education in Grade 6 and pass English in Grade 7 and US History in Grade 8 with full participation in the SSL aspects of those courses will be awarded 10 SSL hours for each year on the final report card.
- High school students who successfully pass the second semester of National, State, and Local Government and fully participate in the SSL aspects will be awarded 8 SSL hours on the final report card.
- Documentation of service performed during the second semester is due to the school SSL coordinator no later than the "first Friday in June" (June 7, 2013). Don't miss this deadline!
- SSL hours are awarded to MCPS students by adult supervisors (not relatives) who represent approved, official, nonprofit, tax exempt organizations. All SSL must occur in public places. No SSL in private residences.

Do you want to earn SSL hours doing something fun while



supporting this cutie?

Come help out with the Family Day and Fundraiser to benefit the Cure JM Foundation (see www.curejm.org)

- Saturday June 1st at Whalen Commons
- Set up 8:00 -10:00 AM; Clean up 1:00 4:00 PM
- Events and games from10:00 AM -1:00 PM.
- You can run carnival games like bean bag toss, ring toss, can toss, bake sale, face painting, etc.
- You have an opportunity to earn 8 SSL hours!!
- Call Kim Emery 240-750-4497 or email @ kemery01@verizon.net.

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 from the website www.mpcsssl.org, <u>OR</u> 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.

SSL Office: 301-279-3454

SSL Fax: 301-517-8166

PE Uniforms Will Have a New Look Next Fall

Order Yours Now to Start the School Year with the Right Size

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to John Poole Middle School Physical Education program. The following information has been prepared to give you a head start on what is needed for Physical Education classes.

All students should have the following materials:

- 1. black or royal blue gym shorts and gray or royal blue T-shirt. These should be marked with the student's name with a permanent marker.
- 2. sneakers with laces. Shoes that slip on are not permitted.
- 3. sweatshirts and sweatpants (any color). These will be needed when cooler weather begins.

If you would like to purchase a JPMS uniform, we are taking orders until May 31, 2013. The PE Uniform that we have had for many years has finally been redesigned. The shorts are still mesh but now have a solid liner and are royal blue in color with the JPMS logo and paw print in charcoal gray and white on the leg. The new t-



shirt, a "dri-fit, moisture wicking" material, is charcoal gray in color with the JPMS logo and a paw print in royal blue and white. The cost is still \$25.00 for the full uniform. Pre-ordered uniforms will be delivered to your student the first week of school in August 2013.

Reasons for recommending a student change into the clothing for PE classes include:

- 1. Reduce competition between students when selecting sportswear for PE class.
- 2. Distinguish between students' school clothes and their physical education attire; it is often difficult to make this distinction.
- 3. Provide attire that is very comfortable and allows students to move freely during class.
- 4. Promote good personal hygiene.

The completed order form must be turned in to JPMS by Friday, May 31, 2013. Make checks payable to John Poole Middle School and include your child's name at the bottom of the check.

WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR STUDENT A UNIFORM ON TIME IF THE ORDER IS LATE !!!

Order forms may be dropped off in the main office at JPMS or sent to John Poole Middle School, Attn: Kim Gerrie / 17014 Tom Fox Avenue / Poolesville, Maryland 20837. If you have any questions please contact me via phone (301-972-7979 ext. 144) or by e-mail <u>Kimberly S Gerrie@mcpsmd.org</u>

JPMS TIMBERWOLVES PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM SALE

Student's first and last name:_____

Parent/Guardian(s) name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address:_____

Please indicate below how many items of each size you would like to purchase.

| ITEM | PRICE | Youth L | Adult S | Adult M | Adult L | Adult XL |
|---|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Gray JPMS T-Shirt | \$10.00 | Not Available | | | | |
| Royal Blue Mesh Shorts w/ JPMS logo | \$15.00 | (Size 14- 16 6.5" Inseam) | (28-30 Waist 8" Inseam) | (32-34 Waist 8" Inseam) | (36-38 Waist 8" Inseam) | Not Available |

| Total # of items ordered | Total Paid \$ | Cash/Check # |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
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Orders must be received by Friday, May 31st to be guaranteed delivery the first week of school.

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!

There will be no PTSA meeting in May. Our next and final meeting for the year will be held June 11 at 6:30 PM in the media center. See you there!

We are still looking for parents to head committees or serve as a PTSA officer next year. 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 6:00 –10:00 PM

May we borrow a few items to help make this event extra special for our kids?

Here's what we need for the dance:

- Strands of mini lights (Christmas lights) in white or solid colors. We need lots and lots of lights.
- Patio umbrellas with stands. We would like to have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 8 umbrellas.
- Large (3 feet or higher) artificial tropical plants. We need lots of plants.
- We will pick up your contributions and deliver them back to you after the dance. Call or e-mail Charlotte Roberts at 301-349-5125 or robertsch@saic.com Thanks!

Getting Ready for Summer...

Thinking About Smart Phones?

Once school is out, family patterns change, child care can get more complicated, and regardless of when the birthday falls, kids generally feel a year older when the school year ends. These and other factors can make smart phone communication a bigger part of family life than it was while school was in session.

Perhaps this is a good time to have another conversation with your child about your expectations for him or her phone and social media use. Many families work out a contract that makes clear what the parents will and will not allow. If you like that idea, here are some details you might consider including:

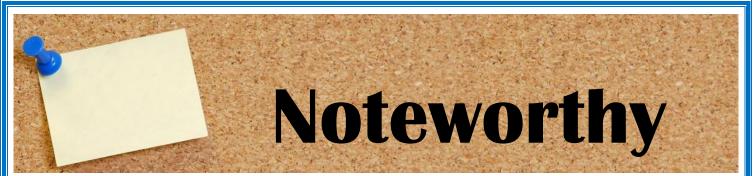
- I will never give out personal details that would identify who I am, such as my name, address, phone number, school or photographs.
- I will tell a parent if I see any bad language or pictures on the Internet, or if anyone writes me anything
 I don't like.
- I will not reply to any messages or posts that are suggestive, obscene, aggressive, or distressing. I will show them to my parents.
- I will not use bad language online; neither will I take part in arguments or fights online.
- I will not text, post or email anything that I would not be comfortable saying in person.
- I will not accept any offers of money or presents, even free offers.
- I will never order anything online or give out credit card details.
- I will not visit websites or use social media that I have agreed with my parents are off-limits.
- I will keep all my passwords private, except from my parents.
- I will not open email from strangers, because I could be opening the door for harmful viruses or spyware.
- I will never share electronic pictures of myself or my friends that I would not want my parents to see.
- I will not use anonymous messaging to hide my identity. If I don't want to take responsibility for my actions, I shouldn't be doing them.

We all know that independence and privacy are very important to young teens, but most kids still feel safer when you set clear limits. If you would like to read more about making decisions about your child's use of technology, here are some useful links:

<u>http://www.webwisekids.orq/pdf/CellPhoneSafetyTipsforParentsTeens.pdf</u> <u>http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/your-child-technology/10-tips-cell-phone-safety</u> http://www.commonsensemedia.org/advice-for-parents/cell-phone-tips

Of course, there are some wonderful apps, games and websites out there that can provide technologyrelated fun while kids are out of school. Here is a list of some options you might want to check out along with reviews of their content and the ages for which they are appropriate:

http://www.commonsensemedia.org/guide/digital-fun-for-creativekids?utm_source=052313_Parent&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly



Student Obligations in the Cafeteria

This week we stopped loaning money and started collecting money owed to the cafeteria. The cashiers in the have already told students if they owe money, so the quickest way to find out if your child has a negative balance is to ask him or her. If you're still not sure, you can call our cafeteria at 301-407-1037 or email the cafeteria manager at Kelly_a_moreland@mcpsmd.org.

You may find that your child needs a little money to make it through to the end of the year, or you may find there's a small outstanding loan to take care of. Our goal is to end the year with every account having a zero balance. If there is still money in your child's account on June 15, however, it will transfer over for next year – even to the high school.

Thanks for helping us end the year with our finances in order!

New Search Feature on School Websites

A new search feature will be launched on all MCPS school websites in the upcoming weeks. A search box will be located on the upper-right corner of our school's homepage and will help you quickly find important information on our website. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback on this new search function, please email <u>webmaster@mcpsmd.org</u>.

Nueva función de búsqueda en sitios de la escuela

Una nueva función de búsqueda se pondrá en marcha en todos los sitios de internet de las escuelas de MCPS en las próximas semanas. En la esquina superior derecha de la página principal de nuestra escuela se encontrará un cuadro de búsqueda que le ayudará a encontrar rápidamente información importante sobre nuestro sitio de internet. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta o le gustaría enviarnos sus comentarios sobre esta nueva función de búsqueda, por favor envíenos un correo electrónico a <u>webmaster@mcpsmd.org</u>.

MCPS Give BACKpacks Campaign

The MCPS Give BACKpacks campaign is under way and needs your help to raise funds to purchase 50,000 backpacks filled with school supplies for MCPS students in need. The Give BACKpacks drive will support families that are struggling financially and cannot afford basic necessities like school

supplies. A backpack filled with school supplies only costs \$10, and donors will have the option to sponsor an individual student, a classroom, a grade level or an entire school. Additional information will be posted at <u>www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org</u> in the coming weeks.

Campaña de Entrega de Mochilas de MCPS en Marcha

La campaña de entrega de mochilas de MCPS está en marcha y necesita su ayuda para recaudar fondos para comprar 50.000 mochilas llenas de útiles escolares para estudiantes de MCPS en necesidad. La campaña de entrega de mochilas apoyará a las familias que tienen dificultades financieras y no puede costear las



necesidades básicas, como útiles escolares. Una mochila llena de útiles escolares sólo cuesta \$ 10, y los donantes tendrán la opción de patrocinar a un estudiante en particular, un aula, un nivel de grado o toda una escuela. Información adicional sera publicada en <u>www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org</u> en las próximas semanas.

County Council Approves Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget

The Montgomery County Council approved a \$2.23 billion Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 operating budget for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) on Thursday, May 23. The budget represents a 2.6 percent increase over the current year, the minimum increase allowed by state law. The budget will allow MCPS to manage its continued enrollment growth, re-energize efforts to narrow achievement gaps, and prepare for the future. The budget also will allow the district to invest in key areas, such as mathematics instruction, middle schools, professional learning for staff and the restoration of some positions that have been eliminated over the past several years. The Board of Education is expected to approve a final budget for FY 2014 on June 13.

Diputación aprueba en el año fiscal 2014 Presupuesto

El Consejo de Educación del Condado de Montgomery aprobó un Presupuesto Operativo de \$2.23 mil millones para el Año Fiscal 2014 para Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) el jueves, 23 de mayo. El presupuesto representa un aumento del 2.6 por ciento sobre el año en curso, el mínimo incremento permitido por la ley estatal. El presupuesto permitirá a MCPS gestionar su crecimiento en la matricula continua, revitalizar los esfuerzos para reducir las brechas de rendimiento y prepararse para el futuro. El presupuesto también permitirá que el distrito invierta en áreas clave, como la enseñanza de las matemáticas, las escuelas secundarias, el aprendizaje profesional para el personal y la restauración de algunas posiciones que han sido eliminadas en los últimos años. Se espera que el Consejo de Educación apruebe un presupuesto final para el año fiscal 2014 el 13 de junio.

Superintendent's Book Club

Parents, staff and community members participated in Superintendent Joshua P. Starr's second Book Club event of the school year on Tuesday, May 21. The event focused on the book *Cage-Busting Leadership* by Frederick Hess. Dr. Starr was joined by Dr. Hess; Marc Cohen, principal of Seneca Valley High School; Bonnie Cullison, delegate in the Maryland General Assembly and vice president for programs of the NEA Foundation; and Ronnie Galvin, executive director of IMPACT Silver Spring. You can watch video of the event at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/bookclub.aspx.

2013 MCPS Back-to-School Fair

Save the date! Plan to kick off the 2013-2014 school year at the MCPS Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. The fair is a great way for families to learn about school system programs and services while enjoying entertainment, children's activities and much more. Free transportation will be provided from 12 locations

throughout the county. Please note that this year, backpacks will not be given out at the fair, but will be sent to schools for distribution to students in need. Visit <u>www.mcpsbacktoschoolfair.org</u> over the summer for updates.

2013 Back-to-School Set Fair de 24 de agosto

Reserve la fecha! Planee dar inicio al año escolar 2013-2014 en la Feria de Regreso a la Escuela de MCPS el Sábado, 24 de agosto de 11 a.m. a 2 p.m. en el Centro de Servicios Educativos Carver, 850 Hungerford Drive, en Rockville. La feria es una gran manera para que las familias aprendan acerca de los programas y servicios del sistema escolar mientras disfruta de entretenimiento, actividades infantiles y mucho más. Se proporcionará transporte gratuito en 12 ubicaciones a lo largo del condado. Tenga en cuenta que este año, las mochilas



no se entregarán en la feria, sino que se enviarán a las escuelas para su distribución a los estudiantes que más lo necesitan. Para actualizaciones durante el verano, visita <u>www.mcpsbacktoschoolfair.org</u>.

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

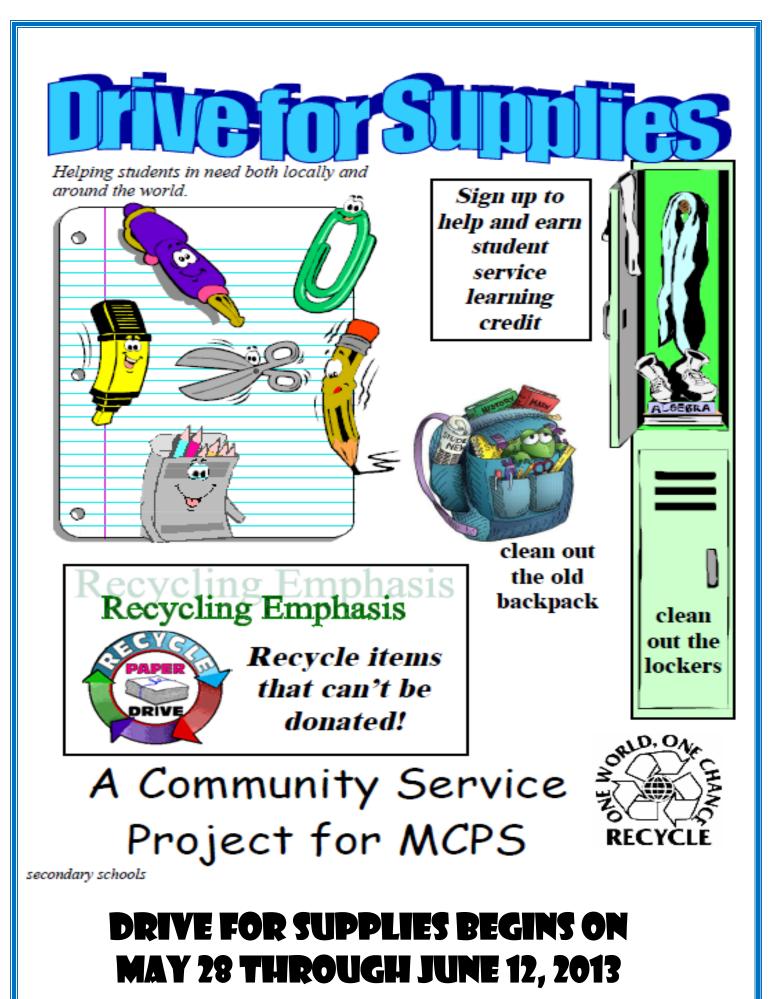
- P.T. Cleaners will Donate to Schools on Monday, 10 Jun
- Customers will put a sticker on a board for their favorite schools
- Every order has a right to vote
- A sticker will be given when you pick up your order

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



Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



- May 24 Summer School Registration Due
- May 27 Holiday, Memorial Day (No School)
- May 28 Algebra HSA Make-ups Drive for Supplies Begin
- May 29 All Library Books Due and Preliminary Book Check in all classes
- May 30 Yearbooks Distributed

Spring Concert (7:00 p.m.)

Last Day for Activity Buses

- May 31 Preliminary Locker Cleanout
- June 3 Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)
- June 4 Incoming 6th Grade Orientation (7:00 p.m.)
- June 6 Last Day for Backpacks

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

| June 6 | Review Day – Exams |
|---------|-------------------------|
| June 7 | Exams - Periods 2 and 6 |
| June 10 | Exams – Periods 1 and 5 |
| June 11 | Exams – Periods 4 and 7 |
| June 12 | Exams – Period 3 |
| June 13 | Final Exam Makeup Day |

Don't Forget to Register for 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.



Go Falcons!



May 30 – Senior Breakfast, required rehearsal and picnic 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Graduation at Mount St. Mary's MAY 31, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

POMPON TRYOUTS



2013 - 2014

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 4 – 3:30 to 5:00 PM

Wednesday, June 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 PM

Thursday, June 6 – 3:30 to 5:00 PM

TRYOUTS - PHS New Gym

Friday, June 7, 2012

3:30 to 6:00 PM

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

You will need to read the Poms Tryout Packet and sign the last page. Tryout packets are posted on the PHS Athletics website, or you can pick one up in the Main Office: http://www.poolesvilleathletics.org

> Contact Coach Tanya Ventura with any questions: <u>Tventul@students.towson.edu</u>

Call John Poole!

Main Office301-972-7979Counseling301-972-7980Cafeteria301-407-1037Health Room301-407-1029



And Ask for...

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

JPMS Timberwolves live with P urpose R espect I ntegrity D edication E ffort



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