

John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



June 1, 2012

A Thought for Today:

Music is the voice that tells us that the human race is greater than it knows.

- Napoleon Bonaparte

Looking Forward – Looking Back

June already! Poolesville High School had a lovely graduation ceremony at Mount Saint Mary's this week, reminding us that even our 6th graders (the class of 2018) have more than half their years of public school behind them. Last night's wonderful concert at JPMS displayed the tremendous growth these young musicians have made this year. Attention to lessons and the long hours of practice have paid off in greatly enhanced skills and the evident enjoyment our kids took in sharing their work with an appreciative audience. It has been a good year.

Today, a bus load of students from all grade levels attended the Green School Summit at Sandy Point. This exciting day was highlighted by our school's being awarded our official recertification as a Maryland Green School. I am very proud of the way JPMS takes to heart the responsibility of learning about and maintaining our environment. If you have not yet had a chance to check out the Green School recertification application on our website, there is a brief slide show at our home page and the entire document is posted at this link: <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/departments/science/FINALJPMS%20Green%20School1.pdf>. It's an engaging presentation full of pictures that documents the work we have done over the past four years to earn our Green School designation.

The remaining **SEVEN** school days are tightly packed with important events – vacation is not here yet! Exams lie ahead, and the high school credit classes cannot be down-played. State law says that middle school students can only receive credit for a high school class if they receive passing grades and they pass the second semester exam. That means that even a student who got A's all year long in a credit-bearing class but blew off the final exam, receiving an E on the test, *has to take the entire class – both semesters – over again in order to earn credit*. All exams require preparation, a good night's sleep and an attitude dedicated to doing your best, but students who take Algebra, Geometry or Spanish, all of which are high school credit-bearing classes, need to take those exams especially seriously.

Looking even farther ahead, summer reading and math activities are now posted on our website, and the summer reading packet, which is the same for all grades, is appended at the end of this issue for your convenience. Thanks!

Second Semester Exam Schedule

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

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!



Alex Dahlen

Analise Karns

Estephan Lavanderos

Lev Malkenin

Sam Ritter

Austin Smith

Paul Szafranski

Juliana Vrolijk

Kyle Wilkins

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.

Student Leaders of the Pack for May received their certificates at a ceremony this morning. Parents were invited to attend, a light breakfast was served, and photographs were taken of each award winner for display in the school lobby.

This is the last group of Leaders of the Pack honored this year. Their pictures will remain posted all summer to greet the new students during July orientation and to open the school year next August.

Congratulations to these great kids! We are very proud of the May Leaders of the Pack!



6TH GRADE

Purpose – **Dottie Ballman**

Respect – **Jay Colmes**

Integrity – **Maddison Magaha**

Dedication – **Cassandra Campbell**

Effort – **Trevor McFall**

7TH GRADE

Purpose – **Austin Nichols**

Respect – **Bella Garner**

Integrity – **Claire Jensen**

Dedication – **Antonnia Atkins**

Effort – **Sam Lee**

8TH GRADE

Purpose – **Ivy Kerubo**

Respect – **Ricky Day**

Integrity – **Taylor Behrens**

Dedication – **Jami D'Amelio**

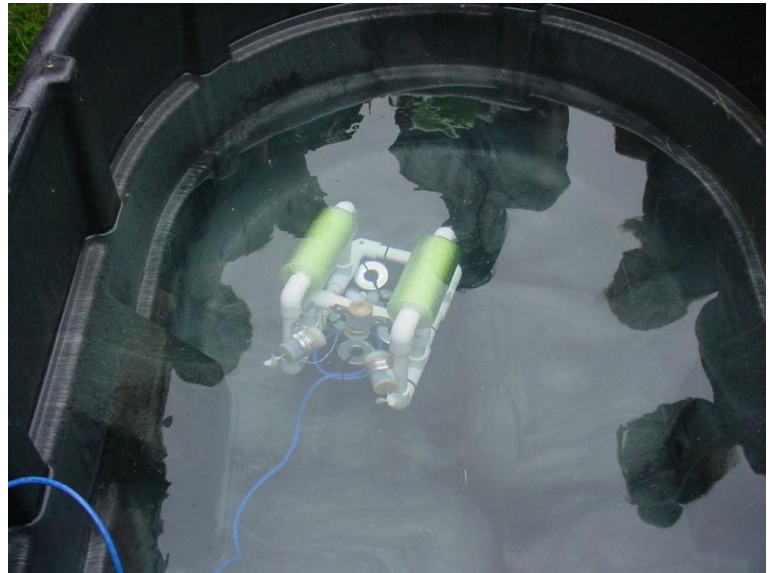
Effort – **Heather Cross**

**Congratulations to all our
2011 – 2012
Student Leaders of the Pack!**

Sharing the Sea Perch Experience

By Jason Kuldell

This year in Mr. Grotenhuis' technology class we built small submarines that were given to us by the Navy. We put together the structure, assembled the motors, and even built the remote control. The build was split into three sections: structural, mechanical, and electrical, to represent three types of engineering. It was a lot of fun and we learned a lot too. We were able to take our submarines to the Naval Surface Warfare Center to test them. We had a competition and took a tour of the base. They had many massive tanks of water that they used for testing models. It was a great experience and I would gladly do it again.



Pictures from Antietam

Our 8th grade US History students had a beautiful day for their field trip to the Antietam battlefield, site of the single bloodiest day of combat in US history. More than 23,000 lives were lost in this encounter, also known as the Battle of Sharpsburg. Today, it's a lovely place to explore and learn from the park docents who bring the scenery to life with on-site descriptions of the battle and demonstrations of Civil War era weapons.

Thanks to Mrs. Hilton for sharing her photos!



Music Students Attend Festival in the Park

It was a fun-filled day of music and adventure at Hershey Park. Thanks to Ms. Sprague for sharing her pictures!



Being Responsible Residents of the Chesapeake Bay's Watershed

Members of our Environmental Science class took advantage of a sunny morning this week to repaint and label the storm drains around our parking area and tend recently planted gardens. Look what a good job they did!

Thanks to Mrs. Yesnick for sharing her pictures.



Drive for Supplies

By: Georgia Micheals

The 8th grade has a special project to collect school supplies for under-privileged kids in MCPS. The *Drive for Supplies* project serves many functions. *Drive for Supplies* collects used but still usable school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, notebook paper, glue, rulers, notebooks, etc. Last year *Drive for Supplies* collected 15,021 pounds of materials across MCPS and benefited 65 families.

There will be boxes in each Social Studies classroom as well as other places in the school. Final locker clean out will be on June 8th. Contribute to helping others.



Plan Ahead: Order Next Year's PE Uniform Now

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your child has lost or outgrown this year's PW uniform, the following information will give you a head start on what is needed for PE classes in the fall.

All students will need the following materials:

1. Black gym shorts and gray 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 June 8, 2012. The PE Uniform consists of 100% cotton, pre-shrunk, gray T-shirt with JPMS two-tone logo on the front and black mesh shorts with JPMS two-tone logo on the leg. The cost is \$25.00 for the full uniform. Pre-ordered uniforms will be delivered to your student the first week of school in August 2012.

Reasons for recommending a student change into black and gray clothing for PE classes include:

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

The completed order form must be turned in to JPMS by Friday, June 8, 2012. 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 mailed to:
John Poole Middle School, Attn: Kim Gerrie / 17014 Tom Fox Ave. / Poolesville, Maryland 20837

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Gerrie via phone (301-972-7979 ext. 144) or by e-mail [Kimberly S Gerrie@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly_S_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org). Thanks!



JPMS
TIMBERWOLVES
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
UNIFORM SALE

Students first and last name: _____

Parent/Guardian(s) name: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

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	Adult XXL
Gray JPMS T-Shirt	\$10.00	Not Available					
Black Mesh Shorts w/ JPMS logo	\$15.00	(Size 14-16 6" Inseam)	(28-30 Waist 7" Inseam)	(32-34 Waist 7" Inseam)	(36-38 Waist 7" Inseam)	(40-42 Waist 7" Inseam)	(44-46 Waist 7" Inseam)

Total # of items ordered _____ Total Paid \$ _____

Cash/Check # _____

Orders must be received by Friday, June 8th to be guaranteed delivery the first week of school.

For Staff:

Received order on : _____ Ordered Filled on: _____

Delivered: _____

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME and JOIN the PTSA

It is always worthwhile and never too late to
join John Poole Middle School's PTSA.

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

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

Congratulations to Our Officers for 2012 - 2013!



So many wonderful volunteers have generously given of their time this year to make our school the best experience it can be for our kids. We are blessed to have a supportive community and caring, creative families. The work you do is outstanding and tremendously important. Thank you!

**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 were mailed home with details on how to RSVP.



The Deadline for Registering for Summer School at JPMS Has Passed!

If your child was invited to come to summer school, don't miss out on this important opportunity to build skills for the coming school year.

Make sure your child is enrolled – call us today! 301-972-7979



Announcing –

Yearbooks

Buy your yearbooks today!! Yearbooks can be purchased before or after school in the front of the building from Mrs. Aulls. The cost of the yearbook is \$32. Checks can be made payable to John Poole Middle School. Contact Mrs. Aulls at kelly_m_aulls@mcpsmd.org with any questions.

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 - 301-972-7980.

Montgomery College Summer Youth Programs

There are still openings for students in grades K - 12 held on all three campuses, Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring. We offer over 200 exciting full- and half-day courses that cover a wide range of topics, like art, music, science, math, writing, sports, robotics, study skills, engineering, wood working, technology, and more).

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!!

For registration information, access the Montgomery college Summer Youth Programs website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummerbrochure.html> or contact YOUTH PROGRAMS office at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

Next week is the final *Back Pocket* of this school year.

Don't forget to check out our June 8 issue for awards and pictures galore!

2012 SUMMER BACKPACK JOURNALISM ACADEMY



WHAT IS IT?

Backpack Journalism is a form of broadcast journalism where the individual is the reporter, camera operator and editor! These individuals have the ability to get into their neighborhoods and communities to find stories that matter to them. These reporters are vital to getting the word out in Montgomery County! Here at Montgomery Community Media we are helping more and more backpack journalists to tell their stories. We strive to have a community atmosphere and backpack journalists are important to us.

WHAT TO EXPECT!

This program is open to all 6th –12th grade students in Montgomery County. Students will have four(4) four-hour classes teaching the basics of Backpack Journalism. Students will learn story composition, shooting and editing. Students will be able to use their segments in MCM's *Backpack Beat* TV program and be a part of other programs that air on The Montgomery Channel and Access 19.



SPACES ARE LIMITED

3 Sessions Offered

June 18th—29th (9-12)

July 2nd –13th (6-9)

July 16th—27th (9-12)

Each session includes snacks, training materials, hands-on experience & a DVD copy of the completed show

ALL FOR \$225!

NOW ONLY \$150 UNTIL JUNE 1st



Visit
www.mymcmmedia.org/backpack
For more information



Welcome to John Poole Middle School!



*You are cordially invited to our
Pre-Summer Sixth Grade
Parent Orientation*

**Tuesday, June 5, 2012
6:30-7:30 pm
All Purpose Room**

*Please take this
opportunity to tour the
school, discuss the changes
in middle school, summer
expectations, learn about
SSL requirements and
more!*

Good Afternoon,

John Poole Middle School Summer Orientation for 6th Grade!



**Summer Orientation
For Incoming
6th graders**



**Thursday July 26th
9:00-11:00**

**or
1:00-3:00 pm
Media Center**

**Call for Questions
At 301-972-7980
or 301-972-7979**



- Locker combination races!
- Scavenger Hunt
- Meet other students

Congratulations to the JPMS staff for earning the top prize in the MCPS Walk this Way Challenge! By committing to walking every day, our team has won a \$5000 grant to be used in our school for PE equipment or to promote employee wellness!

You may have seen one oversized check in our office already this spring – that was for winning the MCPS on the Move Challenge. Combined with the \$5000 grant just awarded, JPMS has earned \$12,000 in support for staff and student wellness. Mrs. Earle and Mrs. Hanks led both initiatives, making a tremendous contribution to our school.

At JPMS we may be small, but we are powerful!

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



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| 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 |
| | Pre-Summer Sixth Grade Parent Orientation, 7:00 |
| 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!**

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Exams at PHS

Tuesday, June 05
Final Exam Review Day

Thursday, June 07
Final Exams--Periods 3 and 4

Monday, June 11
No 8th period
Final Exams—Period 1

Wednesday, June 06
No 8th Period
Final Exams--Periods 1 and 2

Friday, June 08
Final Exams--Periods 5 and 6

Tuesday, June 11
Final Exams—Make-ups

PHS POMPON TRYOUTS 2012 – 2013

PHS Pompons are a dedicated group of exceptional academic/athletic students who support and represent Poolsville 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.

Congratulations, PHS!
once again recognized by *Newsweek*
and the *Washington Post* as one of
America's Top High Schools!

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**

John Poole Middle School Summer Reading 2012



Why do we have summer reading requirements?

Summer reading has been an expected practice in Montgomery County Public Schools since 1998. Research suggests that reading, like most skills, improves with practice. Additionally, reading is a life-long skill essential to success in academic, civic, and personal circles. Therefore, consistent with our systemic goals of preparing students for success both during school and after graduation, we at John Poole continue to expect students to read during the summer.

Overview of summer reading at John Poole

Summer reading at JPMS is meant to be both fun and educational. To that end, you will **read two books of your choosing. One book will be fiction; the other book should be non-fiction.** Both books need to be age-appropriate and approved by parents/guardians. **Thoroughly complete one organizer for each book, and obtain your parents/guardians signature to confirm that you have read the book. The due date for the summer reading organizers is Friday, September 7, 2011.** Students who transfer into JPMS during the summer are also expected to have met the expectations for summer reading.

Where can I get help in choosing my books?

Our goal is to encourage you to read! By giving you the choice of books, we hope you will be more invested in reading and in the accompanying activities. Although we are asking you to read and respond to two books, you might also enjoy reading magazines, newspapers, parent-approved websites, joke books, graphic novels, short stories, poems, etc. You may look for appropriate books in several places, including searching websites and authors listed on a separate page in this packet. You are not *required* to read a book by any of these authors; the list is simply a starting point.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Boucher
Principal

Jane Lindsay
English Resource Teacher

Joy McIntyre
Media Specialist

John Poole Middle School Summer Reading - Suggested Author list

Avi	Robin McKinley
Louisa May Alcott	Patricia McKissack
Lloyd Alexander	Carolyn Meyer
T.A. Barron	Ben Mikaelson
Joan Bauer	Walter Dean Myers
Meg Cabot	Beverly Naidoo
Matt Christopher	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Sook Nyul Choi	Jenny Nimmo
Sandra Cisneros	Garth Nix
Eoin Colfer	Scott O'Dell
Caroline Cooney	Linda Sue Park
Susan Cooper	Katherine Paterson
Sharon Creech	Richard Peck
Christopher Paul Curtis	Gary Paulsen
Roald Dahl	Rodman Philbrick
Peter Dickinson	Tamora Pierce
Thomas Dygard	Philip Pullman
Nancy Farmer	Ann Rinaldi
Jack Gantos	J.K. Rowling
Jean Craighead George	Ann Schraff
Patricia Giff	Darren Shan
Michael Crichton	William Sleator
Margaret Haddix	Gary Soto
Mary Downing Hahn	Elizabeth Speare
Virginia Hamilton	Lemony Snicket
Karen Hesse	Zilpha Keatley Snyder
Will Hobbs	Jerry Spinelli
Anthony Horowitz	R.L. Stine
Brian Jacques	Mildred Taylor
Robert Jordan	J.R.R. Tolkien
Kathryn Lasky	Megan Turner
Tanith Lee	Mark Twain
Ursula Leguin	Cynthia Voigt
Madeleine L'Engle	Bill Wallace
C.S. Lewis	Robert Westall
Janet Lisle	Ruth White
Paul Landon	Jacqueline Woodson
Jack London	Laurence Yep
Ann Martin	Jane Yolen
Carol Matas	

If you'd like more information on Montgomery County Public Schools Summer Reading program, you may access the following website:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/>

The following websites also offer ideas for books:

Coretta Scott King Book Awards

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/emiert/cskbookawards/recipients.cfm>

The Reading Corner

<http://www.carr.org/read/>

Teachervision.com: Summer Reading Lists

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/>

Education World

http://www.education-world.com/summer_reading/

International Reading Association: Booklists

http://www.education-world.com/summer_reading/

Carol Hurst's Children's Literature

<http://www.carolhurst.com/index.html>

Young Adult Library Services Association Booklet

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook.htm>

American Library Association/Great Web Sites for Kids

<http://www.ala.org/gwstemplate.cfm?section=greatwebsites&template=/cfapps/gws/default.cfm>

Scholastic: <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading>

Books for girls: <http://www.readergirlz.com/>

James Patterson's Read Kiddo Read: <http://www.readkiddoread.com/home>

Sync (Youth Adult Literature on Audio): <http://www.audiobooksync.com/free-syn-downloads/schedule-of-free-downloads/>





FICTION Title _____

Student name: _____

Author _____

Parent signature: _____

of pages _____

Date: _____

What I liked...

**What I would
change...**

Favorite Quote: “ _____

_____”

Reason why I chose this quote: _____

I (would/would not) recommend this book because



NON-FICTION Title _____

Student name: _____

Author _____

Parent signature: _____

of pages _____

Date: _____