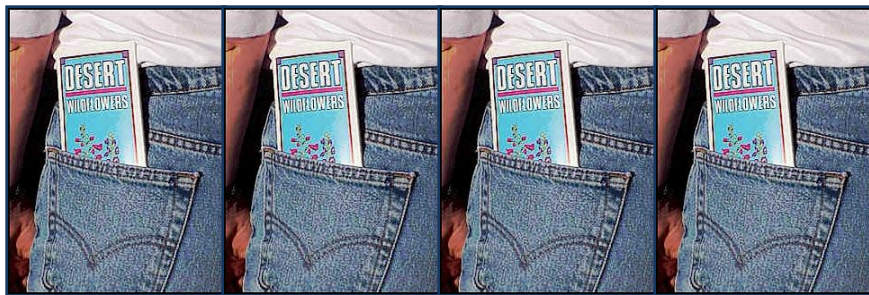


John Poole's BACK POCKET



September 21, 2012

A Thought for Today:

The goal is to transform data into information, and information into insight.

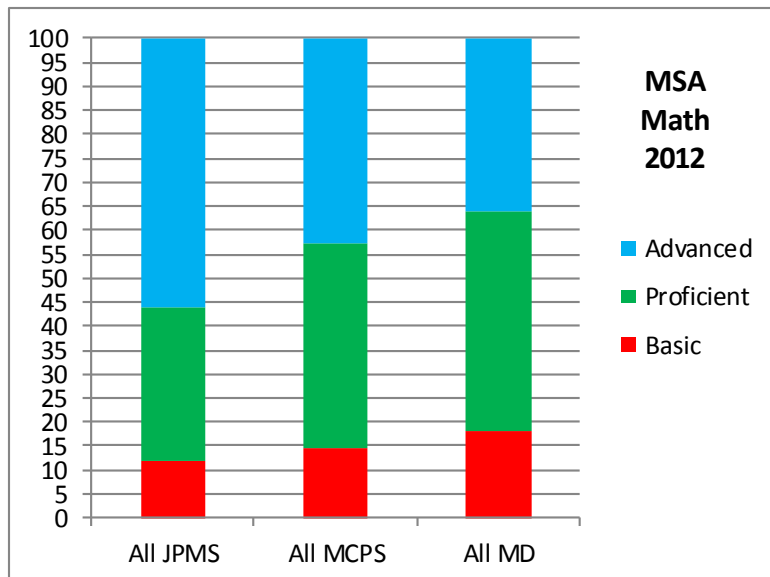
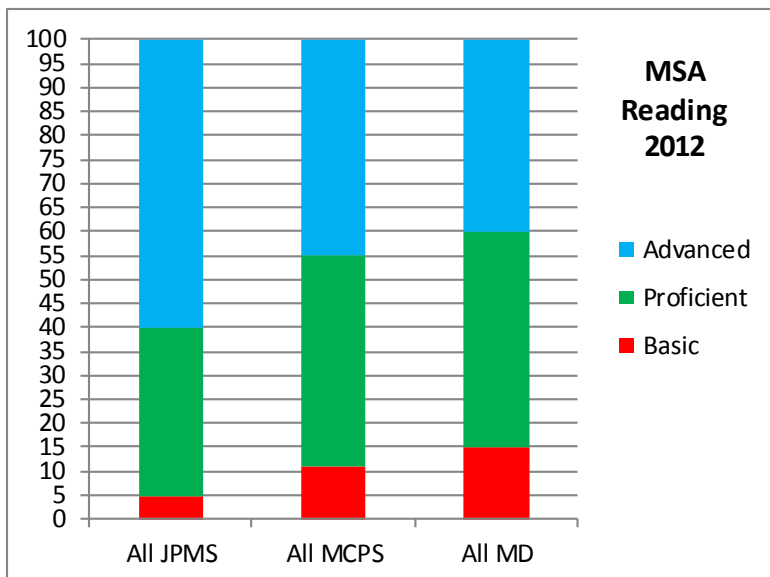
- Carly Fiorina

Let's Have a Data Chat

If you were able to come out on Back to School Night last week, you saw some pretty impressive graphs comparing JPMS performance to other MCPS schools and the state of Maryland. I want to show you those graphs again, partly because you can really get a look at them when they are in print instead of on a PowerPoint slide, and partly because the assessment structure for public schools in Maryland is in the process of changing, and we all need to understand what that means.

First, the shameless bragging. Our students really did a great job on last year's MSA! I always encourage data-conscious parents to visit two website where comprehensive school data are presented in clear and well-explained formats. One is <http://mdreportcard.org/> and the other is <http://mdk12.org/>. The numbers are the same at both locations, but the options for how they are presented and displayed are a little different, and most folks prefer one site over the other. I use them both.

This year, it was very frustrating to look at our data online, because both sites must follow rules that protect privacy by withholding exact numbers when student groups are very small (fewer than 5) or when percentages exceed 95%. The idea is that, in both cases, individual students can be located in the data set if there are only a few members. When these circumstances occur, the actual numbers are replaced with an asterisk. Our 2012 data charts are riddled with * after * - partly because some of our student groups are quite small, but also because many of our



student groups achieved 95% or better. Rather than show you charts that are missing numbers, I decided to share our whole school data in which the numbers were large enough that we could avoid the asterisks.

Clearly, John Poole is a leader in MCPS and the state. You sent us wonderful kids; our excellent elementaries prepared them well; and JPMS staff gave them great instruction, too. The pay-off is that our kids are ready to take advantage of the fabulous opportunities available at Poolesville High School where they will be able to hold their own among top students selected from all over the upper county.

This is the last year, though, that our data will be presented in the format that has become familiar over the past decade. When Maryland received the No Child Left Behind waiver last year, our accountability measures changed. Instead of AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) being determined by a math or reading target that remained consistent for every school and every student group in the state, new targets have been set for individual schools and individual student groups. In other words, the target for Hispanic students at JPMS will be different from the target for African American students at JPMS *and* different from the target for Hispanic students at other middle schools, each of which will have its own targets based on previous performance. Obviously, the targets set for John Poole (officially called AMOs – Annual Measurable Outcomes) will be higher than most others in the system and the state.

All of these varying AMOs will be analyzed for each school in terms of progress from previous years and closing of achievement gaps among student groups. It's a pretty complicated analysis, but it will end up with each school's receiving a numerical rating called the School Progress Index (SPI). The SPI will lead to all schools' being placed in one of five Strands. Strand 1 is for schools that meet and exceed the academic standards for all students. Strand 5 is for the lowest achieving schools where differentiated services are required so that the school can improve. Obviously, JPMS is aiming for Strand 1.

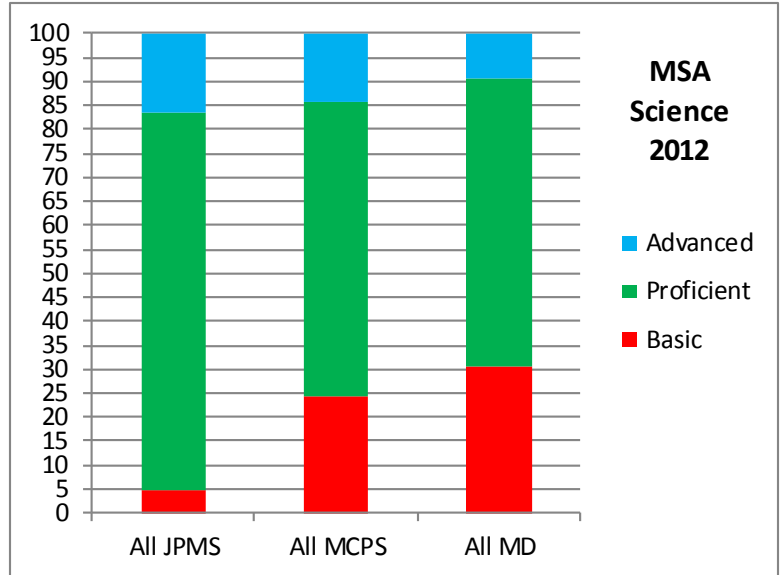
Another complicating factor is that our assessments are changing at the same time as these accountability processes are. This spring, we expect all students to take the MSAs for the last time; new tests are being written to align with the Common Core State Standards that Maryland is adopting (along with most other states in the US.) If the process rolls out according to its announced timeline, the tests we take in 2014 will be all new. These as-yet-unfinished tests are being written by PARCC – the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. Of course, we are all anxious to get a look at them!

Meanwhile, we continue to prepare for MSA 2013, but even these old familiar tests are changing some! Previously, some of our special education students took a Modified MSA that was adapted to their learning needs. This spring, all students will take the same, unmodified MSAs.

Are you beginning to feel a little dazed and confused? Certainly school staffs everywhere are in the same boat. We are trying to keep ahead of the game by learning as much as we can about what's changing and by maintaining our commitment to excellent instruction for every student. Let the trends in public policy swirl around us; we are still going to provide the best teaching and learning environment we can at JPMS.

If you are interested in following the developing assessment picture, you may want to explore the explanations available at <http://mdreportcard.org/> and <http://mdk12.org/>. You can learn about the Common Core State Standards at <http://www.corestandards.org/>, and <http://www.parcconline.org/> is all about the PARCC assessments.

Of course, I'll be passing on information as it solidifies, too. No matter what the future brings, I am happy that our school will be building on a foundation of academic and personal excellence. – 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!



Hannah Bush

Lydia Caballero

Julia Corfman

Bryce Davis

Stefan Fessenden

Nathan Hall

Elena Lavanderos

Theresa Nardone

Maria Trucios Villarreal

What Exactly is Blue Ribbon Week?

A few years back, John Poole began the important work of addressing bullying among the population that national statistics tell us is most affected by this negative behavior: middle schoolers. Red Ribbon Week had been observed in US schools since 1985 as a time to raise awareness about substance abuse; Blue Ribbon Week was designed by our counselors to be a similar campaign against bullying. The color Blue was chosen because it is one of John Poole's school colors.

Originally, Blue Ribbon Week was scheduled for the early spring, since the national dates for Red Ribbon Week fall in October. After we saw that our students responded positively to lessons about how important it is to be sensitive to the feelings of others, we decided to switch the time frames for the two ribbon weeks. Putting Blue Ribbon Week in the fall when we are beginning a new school year helps us bring the school community together and lays the groundwork for continuing activities promoting positive relationships that will occur all year long. Likewise, the substance abuse lessons are especially appropriate in the spring as our kids focus on moving up to more sophisticated roles for the summer and the next school year, and risky behavior can seem very grown-up and appealing.

Since those first Blue Ribbon activities, the issue of bullying has moved into prominence across our country, and the program at JPMS has grown with it. JPMS joined with Monocacy Elementary, Poolesville Elementary and Poolesville High School three years ago to bring a cluster-wide focus to the issue, and we continue to collaborate in the Poolesville PRIDE committee to promote civility and combat bullying throughout our community.

Next week, all our schools will feature age-appropriate Blue Ribbon Week lessons and activities; we are a united cluster. We decorate our schools in Blue Ribbons and ask businesses and homes all over Poolesville to display their support as well. If you would like to join us, print the following page of this newsletter and display it in your window or on your door.

Of course, showing a poster or wearing a special outfit won't make bullying disappear all on its own, any more than walking 60 miles will cure cancer. What it will do, however, is raise awareness and give young people a guide for defining who they are and what they stand for.

The **I** in Timberwolf PRIDE stands for **Integrity**. We teach our kids that having integrity means knowing what you believe in and living your life in accordance with your beliefs. That's what participation in Blue Ribbon Week is all about.

Be a Hero — Make a Difference

**WE SUPPORT
POOLESVILLE CLUSTER SCHOOLS**

**BLUE RIBBON
WEEK**

**PROMOTING CIVILITY AND
RESPECT AMONG ALL AGES.**

**BE A HERO-
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**HELP
EVERYONE
RESPECT
OTHERS**



SEPTEMBER 24 - 28 2012

Poolesville Day 2012 – fun for all!



Thanks to Ms. Sprague and
Mrs. Turner for sharing their photos!



Nominate Your Favorite Teacher

You might win an iPad



Each year, The Gazette runs a special recognition program for our community's favorite teachers. Students who are currently enrolled in a public or private school in Montgomery, Prince George's, or Frederick counties may nominate any teacher they would like to honor, as long as he or she is currently employed as a teacher in a public or private school in one of those three counties.

You need to go online to fill out a form in order to nominate your favorite teacher. For each teacher you nominate, you will be directed to an online page where you may enter into a sweepstakes to win an iPad. The sweepstakes winner will be selected on or about October 10.

Once all nominations are in, The Gazette will choose up to 10 finalists at the elementary, middle and high school levels for each county--Montgomery, Prince George's and Frederick. They will select these finalists based on the most compelling nominating essays. Grammar, spelling and punctuation count! Finalists will be posted on FavoriteTeacher.Net on or about October 25, 2012.

From October 25-November 9, 2012 (dates subject to change), everyone can vote from among the finalists to choose the winners. You do not have to be a student to vote.

The teachers who receive the most votes will win the title "My Favorite Teacher" and prizes to be determined. There will be one winner in each county at each level--elementary, middle and high school. In the event of a tie, The Gazette will choose the winner, at its sole discretion, based on the quality of the nominating essays.

If you would like to nominate a teacher, you must complete the form at this location before midnight on Monday, October 8: http://ww2.gazette.net/teacher/teacher_entry.php?county=MC

PBIS Recycling Fundraiser

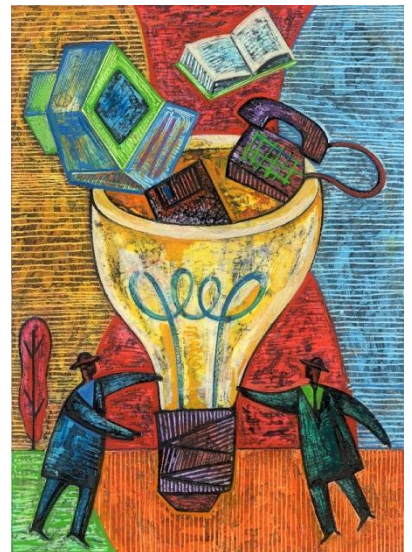
PBIS will be conducting our recycling fundraiser again this year. Thank you for making last year's drive a great success!

This fundraiser helps us raise money for our Positive Behavior Program and protects the environment through the donations of your used consumer electronics. Your used items are recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. One hundred percent of the proceeds help fund PBIS.

We are collecting the following items:

Cell Phones	Laptop Computers	Digital Cameras
Inkjet Cartridges	Electronic Book Readers	Radar Detectors
Digital Video Cameras	Handheld Game Systems	MP3 Players

Please drop off any of the above items you would like to recycle. There is a bin for cell phones, inkjet cartridges, and other small electronics in the school's foyer. Larger items can be dropped off in the office. We greatly appreciate your support!



Homework Club

The Homework Club is a valuable resource that allows students to complete many of their assignments. This opportunity is a quiet place where students can go to work on homework assignments in a focused and structured school setting. Students will bring home a contract to be signed and returned to school. The Club meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Media Center from 2:30- 4:00 pm, starting on September 11, 2012. Attendance is an important indicator of student commitment and will be taken daily.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Hardy, Homework Club Coordinator at 301-972-7978.

A Great Way for Kids to Learn About the Civil War

Visitation Academy in Frederick is marking the Civil War sesquicentennial this weekend with a host of educational exhibits and interactive activities for all ages from early childhood to adult.

Founded in 1846, the academy served as General Hospital Number 5 during the Civil War, so many of this weekend's activities will be related to medicine in the 19th century. Featured events include:

- Historical re-enactments and a Civil War encampment
- Medical displays that contrast procedures in 1862 to 2012 and show how the Civil War influenced modern medical practices
- Tours of Visitation Academy's historic buildings
- Entertainment by a Fife and Drum Corps and period music
- A Teddy Bear Hospital where you can learn to bandage and make a sling
- Opportunities to try on period clothing and learn the vital role women played in caring for the wounded

All activities are free. Refreshments will be available, including sandwiches, salads, drinks and authentic period candies.

Visitation Academy is located at 200 E. Second Street, Frederick, MD. This weekend's events will take place on Friday, September 21, from 5:00 – 9:00 PM and on Saturday, Saturday, September 22, from 1:00 -4:00 PM.

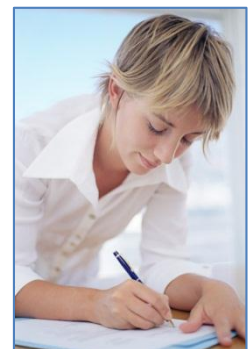
SSL Opportunities

Did you earn SSL hours this summer?

Don't let your summer hours get forgotten in a drawer or closet somewhere.

Get your SSL sheets completed with

- sponsor signature
- description of activity
- personal reflection answering all questions in full sentences
- Completed personal information including
 - ✓ first period teacher
 - ✓ student number



All hours are due on Friday, September 28th. This is a county deadline! SSL sheets can be handed into the main office, counseling office or directly to Mrs. Arnold.

1. September 29th is a "Day to Serve"

Governor O'Malley has declared that September 29 is a Day to Serve across our state. Here in Poolesville, members of the community have joined local churches in organizing a food drive for WUMCO (Western Upper Montgomery County Help) in response to the governor's declaration. What a wonderful way to make a difference right here in our community!

Community members, including students, who volunteer to help pick up food in their neighborhoods can ensure the food drive's success. You would first drop off flyers to the doors of your neighborhood or people on your street stating that you will be picking up food on September 29th for this cause. Participants will then place the food outside on their porches for you to collect. To volunteer (and earn SSL hours) contact Melissa: melbybing@gmail.com.

2. World of Montgomery Festival

KID Museum (Kids International Discovery Museum) is organizing an International Village at the World of Montgomery Festival on **October 21, 2012 from 12:00 - 5:00pm**. The Festival is an annual event organized by Montgomery County with the mission of celebrating, exploring and sharing the diverse cultural heritages of County residents. The International Village will highlight prominent cultures of the people who have come to Montgomery County from around the world.

This year's International Village will focus on four countries El Salvador, Ethiopia, India and China. Not only can you learn about these foreign lands and societies, but there will also be a variety of entertainment including a film festival, cooking demonstrations and many other activities for the whole family.

Students can earn SSL hours by helping with the International Village.

Before the festival, students can help by creating and distributing posters and flyers or by helping to organize displays and activities.

On October 21, students can hand out programs, maps of the International Village and Passports for kids. There will also be opportunities to set up, clean up, and staff the various displays and activities.

More information is available at: <https://volunteer.truist.com/mcvc/org/opp/10532974332.html>

3. Community Service Day 2012

Make a difference in your community during Montgomery County's 26th Annual Community Service Day on Saturday October 27th. Look for projects the whole week of October 22nd-28th.

This is a great way for students to receive Student Service Learning (SSL) hours. Check the Community Service Day website for great volunteer opportunities or plan a project of your own. Support a cause that is important to you. Lead a cleaning project at your school or start a collection drive. See volunteer opportunities or register your project at www.montgomeryserves.org/community-service-day-2012

4. Work for the 2012 General Election

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking school-age students, grades 6-12, to serve as Election Day student aides during the 2012 Presidential General Election, Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Students and their guardians must attend mandatory training to serve on Election Day and, if applicable, to receive Student Service Learning (SSL) credits. Students are placed in neighboring precincts according to their home addresses. This initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action. This program is available to all students within a public, private, independent, religious or home-school setting located in Montgomery County. U.S. citizenship is not a pre-requisite to participate. Students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply.

Click Here To Register: <https://www4.montgomerycountymd.gov/BoardOfElections/registerGuardianFv.seam>

EpiPen Use for Severe Allergic Reactions – a new law

A new Maryland law (*Epinephrine Availability and Use*) requires all school districts in Maryland to establish a policy that authorizes school personnel to administer auto-injectable (EpiPen) epinephrine to a student who is determined to be, or perceived to be, in anaphylaxis, a sudden, severe life-threatening allergic reaction. Under this policy, EpiPens must be administered regardless of whether the student has a known severe allergy that causes anaphylaxis, or has a prescription for epinephrine. As part of the mandated requirements, training will now be provided to all staff members on the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, and training will be provided to selected staff members in every school on the procedures for administering EpiPen auto-injectors to students suffering from anaphylaxis. Please contact the Department of Student Services at 301-279-3192 for more information.

Uso de "EpiPen" Para Reacciones Alérgicas Graves

Una nueva ley de Maryland *Disponibilidad y Uso de Epinefrina*, requiere que todos los distritos escolares en Maryland establezcan un reglamento que autorice al personal escolar administrar epinefrina auto-inyectable (EpiPen) a un estudiante que se haya determinado o se haya percibido que está en estado anafiláctico, que es una reacción alérgica súbita, grave y que pone la vida en riesgo, se haya o no identificado que el estudiante tenga anafilaxia o que tenga una receta para epinefrina. Como parte de los requisitos del mandato, ahora se proveerá a todo el personal capacitación para conocer las señales y los síntomas de anafilaxia, y personal determinado recibirá capacitación en todas las escuelas sobre los procedimientos para administrar auto-inyectores de epinefrina a estudiantes que padecen de anafilaxia. Por favor comuníquese con Departamento of Student Services, llamando al 301-279-3192 para más informes.

How to Receive Emergency Information from MCPS

MCPS parents can receive emergency information from the school system in a variety of ways including *MCPS QuickNotes*, Alert MCPS, Twitter, the MCPS website, MCPS TV, and a recorded telephone information line. Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency for more information on how to keep in touch with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and stay informed in times of emergencies.

Cómo Recibir Información de MCPS en Emergencias

Los padres de estudiantes de MCPS pueden recibir información del sistema escolar en casos de emergencia de varias maneras incluyendo *MCPS QuickNotes*, Alert MCPS, Twitter, el sitio de Internet de MCPS, MCPS TV y la línea de información con mensajes grabados. Por favor visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency para más información sobre cómo mantenerse en contacto con Montgomery County Public Schools y para mantenerse informado en momentos de emergencia.



BE A HERO!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Blue Ribbon Week
September 24-28th



Help

Everyone

Respect

Others

Day/Date Activities

Sept 24th Blue Day

Everyone wear blue

Sept 25th Tuesday Twin Day

Dress to match

Celebrate our similarities

Sept 27th Stick Up for Others Day

Dress in colors, symbols or shirts that
represent things you support

Sept 28th Freaky Friday

Stamp Out Bullying

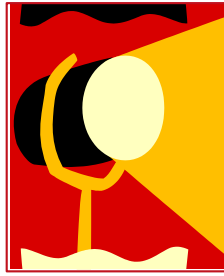
Dress unmatched clothes

Respect our differences

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...

Our next PTSA meeting

Tuesday, October 9

6:30 pm
in the Media Center.

Mark your calendar now!

Volunteer Your Time and Join the PTSA!

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!

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/4.%20PTSA%20Membership%20Form.pdf>

Attention 8th Graders!

The PTSA will once again be sponsoring Magnet Classes offered to JPMS students. This is a great opportunity to prepare for magnet testing. Information will be sent to 8th grade parents in the next couple of weeks to confirm specific dates for these classes.

The class size will be limited, so interested families should respond as soon as possible after receiving the information.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Arnold or contact Dreama Hemingway at ddmoney001@yahoo.com.



Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser

Proceeds from the sale will fund activities for students including field trips, academic awards, cultural events, and much more!

**Sale Ends
October 12th**

No Sales Tax Is Charged

Questions: Please contact Emily Pavlick at emilypavlick@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



Welcome back JPMS students and parents!

It is our goal to provide activities to meet the desires of all students. If you have any suggestions for programs or interests, please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at [Winessa R Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org). Some of the programs offered this year are Books and Boxing, Babysitting Club, Jewelry Making, Zumba Class, Scrapbooking, Game Room, Book Club and much more. Keep checking the *Back Pocket* for upcoming classes.



Kids College

Montgomery College YOUTH PROGRAMS is offering Enrichment and advancement courses for students in grades 4 – 12. These courses, held on the Rockville and Germantown campuses, cover a wide range of topics including:

Algebra II
Geometry
Fundamentals of Drawing
Art Adventures

Art Extravaganza
Financial Fitne\$\$ for Teens
My Money MatterZ
Computer Programming
Keyboarding for Computers

SOS for Middle School Students
Teen Fiction Writing (online)
Cartooning, Comics, and Manga
Writing Club for Creative Teens

Courses fill quickly, so register now!

For additional information, contact the Youth Programs office at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917. For brochures or registration forms, visit <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthpdf/kidscollege.pdf>

Asistencia en Español Disponible

Stay Connected

The new *Stay Connected* website serves as a one-stop shop for all the tools that students, staff, and parents may use to stay informed and connected with MCPS. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/stayconnected/ for more information.

Spanish Speakers Needed

The Board of Elections is seeking registered voters with Spanish speaking fluency to serve as election judges. If you are interested, you can access the election judge questionnaire at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/elections/ElectionJudge/2012qonlineapplication101411.pdf>



New Season of Homework Hotline Live!

The new season of the MCPS TV program Homework Hotline Live! (HHL) kick off on Wednesday, September 12. HHL offers students in Grades K-12 free homework assistance from MCPS teachers. Students can call, send text messages, or email questions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Questions received by phone are answered between 4 and 6 p.m.; all other questions are answered up until 9:00 p.m.

Students can ask questions by:

- Making a phone call to 301-279-3234
- Visiting the HHL website <http://askhhl.org>
- Sending a text message to 724-427-5445
- Sending an email to question@AskHHL.org
- Posting a message to Facebook (Like Homework Hotline Live)
- Posting a "tweet" to Twitter (@askHHL)

Homework Hotline Live! can be viewed on MCPS-TV (Comcast 34, Verizon 36, RCN 89) and on the Web at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/

¡Nueva Temporada de "Homework Hotline Live"!

La nueva temporada del programa *Homework Hotline Live!* de MCPS TV se lanza el miércoles, 12 de septiembre. HHL ofrece a los estudiantes de los Grados K-12 ayuda gratis de maestros de MCPS para hacer las tareas. Los estudiantes pueden llamar, enviar mensajes de texto o hacer preguntas por correo electrónico los martes, miércoles y jueves, de 4 a 9 p.m. Las preguntas recibidas por teléfono se responden entre las 4 y las 6 p.m.; todas las demás preguntas se responden hasta las 9 p.m.

Los estudiantes pueden hacer sus preguntas:

- Por teléfono, llamando al 301-279-3234
- Visitando el sitio de Internet de HHL, <http://askhhl.org>
- Enviando un mensaje de texto al 724-427-5445
- Enviando un mensaje electrónico a question@AskHHL.org
- Poniendo un mensaje en Facebook (Like (Me Gusta) Homework Hotline Live)
- Enviando un "tweet" a Twitter (@askHHL)

Homework Hotline Live! (¡En Vivo—Línea Telefónica Para Ayuda con las Tareas!) se puede ver por MCPS-TV (Comcast 34, Verizon 36, RCN 89) y por Internet en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/

Walk to School Day is October 3

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October. Today, thousands of schools across America – from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico – participate every October.

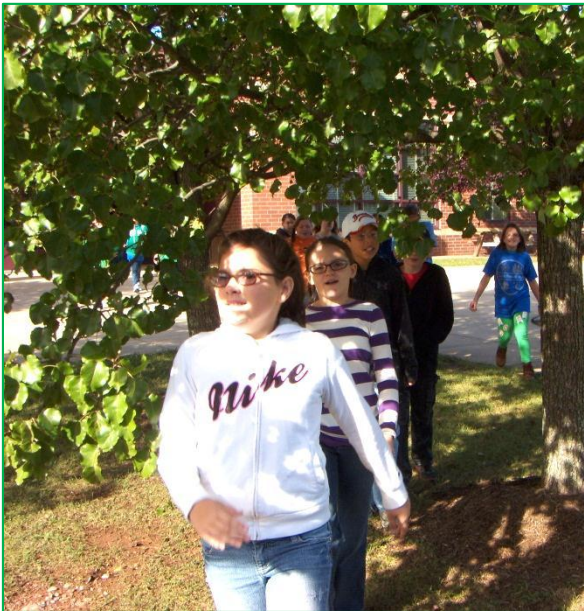
Walk to School Day 2012 is scheduled for October 3.

Here are some reasons to support walking and bicycling to school:

- **It's Fun!**
- **Healthier Habits**
- **Cleaner Environment**
- **Promoting Safety**
- **Community Benefits**



6th Graders Went to Outdoor Ed on Wednesday...



Thanks, Mr. Boettner, for taking pictures of their departure.



Stay tuned for
more Outdoor
Education
pictures in
next week's
Back Pocket!



Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



September 24-28	Blue Ribbon Week Monday: Wear Blue. Show our school colors Tuesday: Twin Day. Celebrate what we have in common Thursday: Wear colors, symbols or shirts of things you support Friday: Respect our differences. Dress in mismatched clothes
September 26	Yom Kippur (No School for Students and Teachers)
September 27&28	Vision and Hearing Testing
September 28	Early Release Day (students dismissed at 11:50 a.m.) Last day to submit summer SSL hours
October 5	Interims Mailed
October 8	Columbus Day / Open House at JPMS
October 10	Parent meeting with Ms. Bradshaw, PHS Magnet Coordinator (7:00 PM)

Activity buses are provided Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, except on early dismissal days or the day before a holiday. Buses leave JPMS at 4:00 p.m.

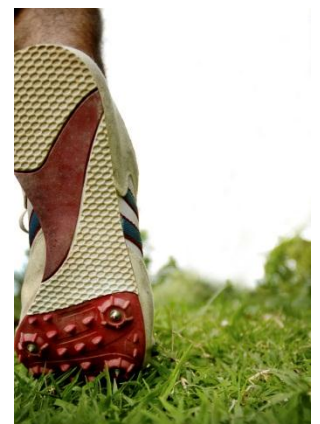
Fall Sports Schedule

Softball Schedule

October 2	Boys play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 2	Girls play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (3:15 p.m.)
October 9	Boys play King at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 9	Girls play King at King (3:15 p.m.)
October 16	Boys play Clemente at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 16	Girls play Clemente at Clemente (3:15 p.m.)
October 18	Girls play Kingsview at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 18	Boys play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)
October 24	Girls play Ridgeview at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 24	Boys play Ridgeview at Ridgeview (3:15 p.m.)

Coed Cross Country Schedule

October 2	Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 9	JPMS at King (3:15 p.m.)
October 16	Clemente at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 18	JPMS at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)



PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



PHS Magnet Calendar – more information is available at the PHS Website.

Magnet Information Night	Monday, October 8, 2012	5 pm: A – M 7 pm: N – Z	PHS Auditorium
Application Form Available	Mid to Late September 2012		
Application Deadline	Friday, November 2, 2012	Hand delivered by 3 pm or Postmarked	

Athletic Schedule (partial)

Cross Country: 10/2/2012 3:30 PM (A) vs. Magruder and Northwest

Boys Varsity Football: 9/21/2012 6:30 PM (A) vs. Walter Johnson
 9/28/2012 6:30 PM (H) vs. South Hagerstown
 10/5/2012 7:00 PM (A) vs. Pikesville
 10/12/2012 6:30 PM (H) vs. Kennedy

Girls Varsity: 9/24/2012 7:00 PM (H) vs. Seneca Valley
 10/2/2012 7:00 PM (H) vs. Gaithersburg
Soccer 10/4/2012 5:00 PM (A) vs. Damascus
 10/8/2012 5:00 PM (H) vs. Northwood

Boys Varsity Soccer: 9/24/2012 5:00 PM (H) vs. Seneca Valley
 10/2/2012 3:30 PM (A) vs. Gaithersburg
 10/4/2012 7:00 PM (A) vs. Damascus
 10/8/2012 7:00 PM (H) vs. Northwood

Golf: 9/24/2012 3:00 PM (A) Magruder, Rockville, and Sherwood at Poolesville GC
 10/1/2012 9:00 AM (A) MCPS Coed District Tournament at Poolesville GC
 10/3/2012 12:00 PM (A) MCPS Girls District Tournament at Poolesville GC

Girls Varsity Tennis: 9/21/2012 3:30 PM (H) PHS vs. Walter Johnson High
 9/24/2012 3:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Gaithersburg High
 9/28/2012 3:30 PM (H) PHS vs. Einstein High
 10/4/2012 3:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Northwest High

Girls Varsity Volleyball: 9/27/2012 6:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Churchill High
 10/3/2012 6:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Kennedy High
 10/5/2012 6:30 PM (H) PHS vs. Walter Johnson High



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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