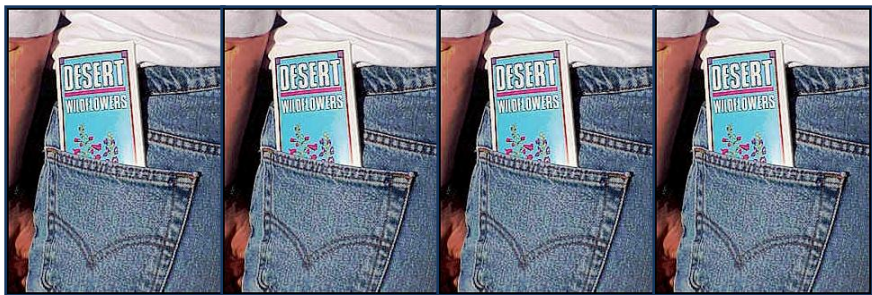


# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



**November 9, 2012**

## **A Thought for Today:**

**The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude.**

**- Jeff Miller**

**Thank you to our honored Veterans and Active Duty Military for their heroic service to our country, and thanks to their families whose sacrifices make it possible for all our families to live in freedom.**

**We celebrate you on Veterans Day,  
but our respect and appreciation are  
real every day of the year.**



## **Poolesville Cluster Makes an Appearance on a National Stage**

Last week, Poolesville PRIDE, our cluster-wide team working to promote civility and eliminate bullying in our community, gave a presentation at the national conference of the Character Education Partnership in Washington. JPMS' own Peg Arnold and I joined with elementary counselors Janet Beaudoin (MES) and Jennifer Evans (PES) as well as PHS counselors Barbara Martin and Melissa Nagy to share our experiences developing our program as a collaboration among all our schools and members of the Poolesville community.

We were very well-received in a break-out session that was so full the conference organizers had to close admission, but the real stars of the presentation were the PHS students **Ryan Mallinger** and **Meaghan Harkins**. These great kids told about how they had helped to organize the HERO Club at the high school and then reached out to younger students at JPMS and the elementaries with the message that all of us need to Help Everyone Respect Others.

I am so very proud that Poolesville is a national leader in this important work. Poolesville PRIDE is always looking for interested parents, businesses and neighbors who want to help. The next meeting is at 1:00 PM on November 15 at Monocacy Elementary School. Please join us!

**- 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!



**Gwen Boe**

**Jay Colmes**

**Nelson Nichols**

**Gabriella Brooks**

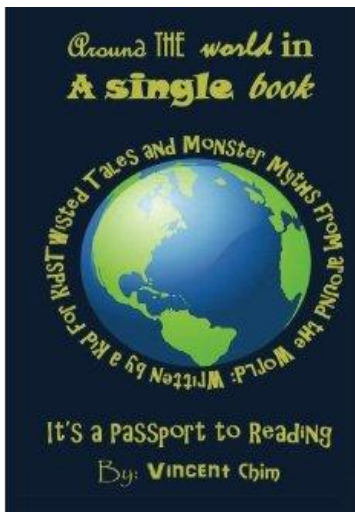
**Elias Garcia**

**Thomas Oram**

**Jessica Carey**

**Kevin Manakkunnel**

**Natali Portillo**



## JPMS Student Author Publishes His First Book

Sixth grader Vincint Chim has written a book of folk tales and myths from around the world, and it's on sale at Amazon.com! This charming collection is great for middle school students and younger. The cost is only \$5 – all of which will go to feeding Vincent's college fund. Want to check it out? Here's the link: [http://www.amazon.com/Around-World-Single-Book-Twisted/dp/1479265608/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?ie=UTF8&qid=1351455033&sr=8-4&keywords=Vincent+Chim](http://www.amazon.com/Around-World-Single-Book-Twisted/dp/1479265608/ref=sr_1_4?ie=UTF8&qid=1351455033&sr=8-4&keywords=Vincent+Chim)

**Congratulations, Vincent!**

## Buy a poster – frame it yourself!

With the holidays right around the corner, you just can't beat the prices offered through our poster sale, and the high-quality frames are a great way to display your poster professionally. We were all

impressed by the sample frames that came in last week – sturdy, easy to use, and very attractive. The link is available on the poster order form; order your frames online and enter the code JPMS at checkout. Your frames will be delivered here at school with no delivery charge.



GREG KINNEAR STEVE CARELL TONI COLLETTE PAUL DANO WITH ABIGAIL BRESLIN AND ALAN ARKIN

"THE FUNNIEST LAUGH-OUT-LOUD AUDIENCE  
AT THE SUNDA"

# Hollywood Comes to JPMS!

Thanks to our  
good friends at

**Kentlands Stadium 10 Theaters**  
we have a treasure trove of authentic  
movie posters to sell over the next few  
weeks!



posters from movies for all ages!

Because these are actual posters sent  
to the theater for publicity, we have  
hundreds of movies to choose from,  
and both regular-sized movie posters  
and giant banners are available.

There are duplicates of many movie  
posters, but only one of others, so  
purchase will have to be first come,  
first served.

**\$5 for regular posters**  
**\$10 for large paper posters**  
**\$30 for huge canvas banners**

Browse the catalog of posters online at  
our website. You can begin sending in  
your orders on

**Monday, October 29.**



**KENTLANDS  
STADIUM 10**

<http://www.kentlandsstadium8.com>

# John Poole Middle School Movie Poster Order Form

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Movie #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: ☐ regular (approximately 27" x 40") \$5  
☐ large paper (see database for size) \$10  
☐ large canvas banner \$30

Name of Movie #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: ☐ regular (approximately 27" x 40") \$5  
☐ large paper (see database for size) \$10  
☐ large canvas banner \$30

Name of Movie #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: ☐ regular (approximately 27" x 40") \$5  
☐ large paper (see database for size) \$10  
☐ large canvas banner \$30

Name of Movie #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: ☐ regular (approximately 27" x 40") \$5  
☐ large paper (see database for size) \$10  
☐ large canvas banner \$30

## Looking for a frame to go with your poster?

Ligon to : [http://snapframesdirect.com/Snap-Frames/Movie\\_Poster\\_Frames\\_SALE.html?gclid=CMmazfXtmbMCFQSf4AodJzIAuw](http://snapframesdirect.com/Snap-Frames/Movie_Poster_Frames_SALE.html?gclid=CMmazfXtmbMCFQSf4AodJzIAuw)

When you order a frame, use the code JPMS. Your frame will be shipped at no charge to JPMS where we will send it home with your child or hold it for you to pick up.

**Free shipping for you – a bonus for JPMS!**

Total amount

enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to JPMS.

For Office Use Only  
Received

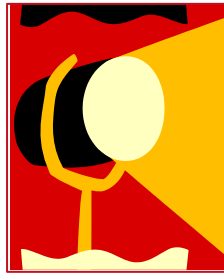
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# Your PTSA –

*“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... Supporting Our Neighbors

The PTAs at both our wonderful elementary schools are holding fundraising events as we head into the holidays. These are great ways to support our community. Information is provided below.

## Volunteer Your Time and Join the PTSA!

Please contact Lori Kocur at [kocurs@verizon.net](mailto: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>

## Yankee Candle was delivered on Wednesday, November 7!

**Please come to 18008 Bliss Drive (in Brightwell Crossing) to pick up your order at one of the following times:**

- Wednesday afternoon between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm**
- Thursday between 7:30 am and 11:30 am**
- Thursday between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm**

**Any questions, please call Emily Pavlick at 301-793-9915. Thanks everyone!!**

## It's Monocacy Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair Time!!

Scholastic Fall Book Fair at Monocacy Elementary School is a great way to stock your bookshelves, find holiday gifts and raise money for MES!

**November 27 - November 30**

**Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Friday Evening 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**




# Great Holiday Shopping at Poolesville Elementary!

Poolesville Elementary PTA will be sponsoring a **HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP** on Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Sunday, December 2, 2012, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, at PES.



We have over 2,000 NEW retail items for infants, boys, girls, teens, moms, dads and grandparents. This is not your average school holiday shop. Items include, but are not limited to, autographed Washington Nationals baseballs; Vera Bradley; jewelry; tools; toys; games; clothes; pashminas; binoculars; hunting clothing; NFL memorabilia; Holiday products and much, much more. There will be a silent auction for larger items and a bake sale to enjoy while you shop.

All proceeds from the Holiday Shop go directly to our “Poolesville Helping Hands Fund for Children”. This fund allows students with a financial need to go on field trips, receive school supplies and participate in school activities that they would not be able to afford.

Montgomery County  
Public Schools 

## Community Opportunities

### Neighbor to Neighbor

MCPS has launched a new community engagement initiative called “Neighbor to Neighbor”. The Neighbor to Neighbor project provides you with the resources to host and moderate a self-guided, small-group discussion on important topics in MCPS. The goal of this project is to provide feedback to the school system about issues that are important to you. These discussions may be held during a variety of times and places, such as during a PTA or other parent meeting, in a community member’s home, or as part of a civic or community organization meeting. The first discussion will center on what the MCPS community values in the MCPS operating budget. The Neighbor to Neighbor website includes an online toolkit that serves as a step-by-step guide. It includes a short video and documents that provide an overview of the operating budget. It can be accessed at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/neighbor-to-neighbor/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/neighbor-to-neighbor/).

### Vecino a Vecino

MCPS ha lanzado su nueva iniciativa para participación de la comunidad, llamada "Vecino a Vecino". El proyecto de Vecino a Vecino le proporciona recursos para que usted organice y modere una conversación en grupo pequeño guiada por usted acerca de temas importantes en MCPS. El objetivo de este proyecto es proveer comentarios/sugerencias al sistema escolar acerca de temas que son de importancia para usted. Estas conversaciones pueden realizarse en distintos momentos y lugares, como ser durante una reunión de la asociación de padres y maestros (PTA, por sus siglas en inglés) u otro tipo de reunión de padres, en la casa de

un miembro de la comunidad, o como parte de una reunión en una organización cívica o comunitaria. La primera conversación se centrará en lo que la comunidad de MCPS valora en el presupuesto operativo de MCPS. La página de Internet de Vecino a Vecino incluye una serie de herramientas en línea que sirven como una guía paso a paso. Se incluye un video corto y documentos que proveen un panorama del presupuesto operativo. Se puede obtener acceso ingresando a [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/neighbor-to-neighbor/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/neighbor-to-neighbor/).

## Community Conversation with the Board of Education

**The Board of Education** invites you to attend its *Community Conversation* event to discuss the values that should guide Montgomery County Public Schools.

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

**7:00 –9:00 p.m.**

Richard Montgomery High School  
250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Parents, students, staff, and community members are encouraged to participate. Please register at the website below or by calling 301-279-3617.

Child care will be provided. Interpreters for Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and French will be present. For sign language interpretation, call 301-517-5539/5582 (Voice/TTY) one week in advance of the event.

**For more information and to register, visit:**

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/  
communityconversation](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/communityconversation)

**Board of Education** les invita a asistir a su evento de *Conversación con la Comunidad* para hablar de los valores que deberían guiar a Montgomery County Public Schools.

**Miércoles, 14 de noviembre de 2012**

**7:00–9:00 p.m.**

Richard Montgomery High School  
250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Las puertas abren a las 6:30 p.m.

Se anima a los padres, a los estudiantes, al personal y a los miembros de la comunidad a que participen. Por favor inscribanse en el sitio de Internet que aparece abajo o llamen al 301-279-3617.

Habrà servicio de cuidado infantil. Contaremos con la presencia de intérpretes para español, chino, coreano, francés y vietnamita. Para interpretación de lenguaje por señas, llame al 301-517-5539/5582 (Voz/TTY) una semana antes del evento.

**Para más informes y para inscribirse, visite:**

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/  
communityconversation](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/communityconversation)

**Reminder:** Monday and Tuesday are both early release days next week. JPMS Students will be dismissed at 11:50.



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

MARYLAND

November 5, 2012



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an opportunity to purchase a piano or keyboard for your family. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has an agreement with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., to provide MCPS with new grand and upright pianos to be used in schools. Schaeffer's Piano Co., Inc., located in Rockville, Maryland, is the area's oldest piano store. This agreement also provides MCPS families and staff an opportunity to purchase these and other pianos for considerably reduced prices at an annual piano sales event.

This year's liquidation sales event will take place on November 16, 17, and 18, 2012, at Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., located at 105 North Stonestreet Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17, 2012, are by appointment only to provide an opportunity for you to purchase these pianos before they are offered for sale to the public on Sunday, November 18, 2012. All pianos will carry a 15-year transferable warranty. Each piano will come with a bench and one free in-house tuning.

For additional information, you may visit the Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., website at [www.schaefferspiano.com](http://www.schaefferspiano.com). To make an appointment for November 16 or 17, call the Schaeffer's Piano Company appointment desk at 301-424-1147. No appointment is required for Sunday, November 18, when the sale will be open to the general public from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, November 16, 2012  
Saturday, November 17, 2012  
Sunday, November 18, 2012

Call 301-424-1147 to schedule an appointment  
Call 301-424-1147 to schedule an appointment  
Open to the general public, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

We are grateful to be working with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., to support our school music programs and help MCPS keep new and well-maintained instruments in our schools each year. If you have any questions, please contact Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., at 301-424-1144.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Bowers  
Chief Operating Officer

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

850 Hungerford Drive, Room 149 ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20850 ♦ 301-279-3626



Please join us for our  
**John Poole Middle School Leo Club**  
**Restaurant Night at Cugini's**  
**Tuesday, November 13th, 2012**  
**5:00 – 9:00 PM**

This is a great way to support the club, spend some time with your classmates and raise money for Thanksgiving baskets. You can dine in with your friends or simply carry out.

All money raised will go to the  
**Leo Club Thanksgiving Basket Fund.**

Please mention the Leo Club when you place your order!!

**So come join us at Cuginis!**  
**See You There!!!!**

# TECHNOLOGY

## A Welcome Friend? An Unwelcome Intruder?

Technology and the Internet are here to stay. Learn about how you can be proactive in this empowering forum, presented by Peg Arnold, Counselor at JPMS. Free and open to adults only, this event comes highly recommended and is not to be missed!

## 2 Dates to Choose From

Thursday, November 8, 2012  
Poolesville Elementary School  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
(Following the 6:30 pm PES PTA meeting)

Thursday, December 6, 2012  
Monocacy Elementary School  
9:30 am to 10:30 am

POOLESVILLE  
**PRIDE**  
PROMOTING CIVILITY

# Fall 2012 School-Based Flu Clinics



Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine will be offered at school clinics this fall!

November 12 and 13, 2012  
All Elementary Schools  
for MCPS students enrolled at the school

**Monocacy Elementary's clinic will be November 12**  
**Poolesville Elementary's clinic will be November 13**

For more information visit:  
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/flu/>  
[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu)



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.

**Sewing Club** – Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in room 301 (Ends on November 15)

**Chemistry Club** – 11/14, 11/28, 12/11, 12/18, room 102

**Math Club** – Wednesdays after school in room 300

**Homework Club** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school in the Media Center

**Scrapbooking** – Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning November 27<sup>th</sup> in room 301



### **Basketball Try-outs**

Tryouts for the girls' and boys' basketball teams will begin on Wednesday, November 14th. Any 7th and 8th grade student who is trying out must have a completed and signed physical, parent permission and must meet the school's eligibility standards. All forms must be turned in prior to the first tryout. See Mr. Willett or Mrs. Gerrie for forms. Practices will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school.

### **MCPS First State of the Schools Is Set for November 12**

#### **Save the Date!**

Superintendent Joshua P. Starr will deliver his first State of the Schools address on Monday, November 12, at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane in Bethesda. MCPS parents and community members are invited to join Dr. Starr as he shares his vision for MCPS' future and highlights the successes of the outstanding students and staff of Montgomery County Public Schools. This free event will take place from 7:30–9:30 a.m. and will feature artwork and performances by MCPS students. Visit the State of the Schools website at [www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org](http://www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org) for more information and to register for the event.

#### **Evento Inaugural del Estado de las Escuelas de MCPS Programado Para el 12 de Noviembre**

El Superintendente Joshua P. Starr dará su primer discurso sobre el Estado de las Escuelas el día lunes, 12 de noviembre, en The Music Center en Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane en Bethesda. Los padres de estudiantes de MCPS y los miembros de la comunidad están invitados a acompañar al Dr. Starr cuando él comparta su visión para el futuro de MCPS y destaque los éxitos alcanzados por los sobresalientes estudiantes y personal de Montgomery County Public Schools. Este evento gratuito tendrá lugar de 7:30–9:30 a.m., y se exhibirán trabajos de arte y habrá actuaciones por parte de estudiantes de MCPS. Visite la página de internet

del Estado de las Escuelas en [www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org](http://www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org) para más información y registración para el evento.

## 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. 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.

## Edline Help Guide

An online Edline help manual is now available at the JPMS website. Click on the "Parents" tab to find the Edline Student/Parent Quick-Start Guide, or locate it in the Quick Links column on our home page.

## College Readiness Newsletter - PrepTalk

*PrepTalk*, a biannual newsletter, is a Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College partnership project that provides information for parents and students about taking tests, planning academic schedules, earning college credit while in high school, attending college fairs, applying for on-the-spot college admissions, planning for key deadlines – and more! Current and past issues of *PrepTalk* can be found online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/preptalk.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/preptalk.aspx)



## Attention Parents—Please join us for our one-night workshop: **Little-Known Secrets of Paying for College**

- Attend expensive private schools for the same out-of-pocket as in-state public schools.
- Pay for college in the most efficient and effective manner.
- Avoid jeopardizing your retirement nest egg.
- Qualify for your maximum Financial Aid package.
- Discover unique student positioning techniques.
- Gain an insider's view of the college admissions process.
- Recapture your out-of-pocket college costs.
- And much, much more!

Techniques  
for parents  
with kids of  
all ages!

Walter Johnson HS  
Thursday, November 15  
6:30 – 8:30

Quince Orchard HS  
Wednesday, January 23, 2013  
7:00-8:30 in the Media Center

**Two Sessions Scheduled for  
Montgomery County  
This Fall!**

The link for class registration is: <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/ce/finance.html> "Little Known Secrets of Paying for College" Click "How to Register"

# Save the Date!

*Important events you won't want to miss!*



November 11	Veteran's Day
November 12 & 13	Early Release (students dismissed at 11:50 a.m.) Parent Conferences
November 14	Report Card Distribution
November 14	Boys and girls basketball tryouts Town Hall Meeting in the APR (4:00-9:00 p.m.) – Video Broadcast
November 21	Early Release (students dismissed at 11:50 a.m.)
November 21	Honor Roll Celebrations
November 22 & 23	Holiday - Thanksgiving

Mark your calendar!  
Math Night has  
been rescheduled  
for November 29!

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.

Our next PTSA meeting will be  
December 11th at 6:30.

Mark your calendars now so you  
can come and participate!

Basketball Tryouts begin on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Practice will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school. Look for more information in the *Noteworthy* column!

## PHS NEWS

*Go Falcons!*



Come to the fall play

### THE PEOPLE VERSUS MAXINE LOWE

Thursday, November 15, 7:00 pm

Friday, November 16, 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 17, 2:00 and 7:30 pm.

Tickets are  
\$5 for students  
\$10 for adults

# 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**  
**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**

