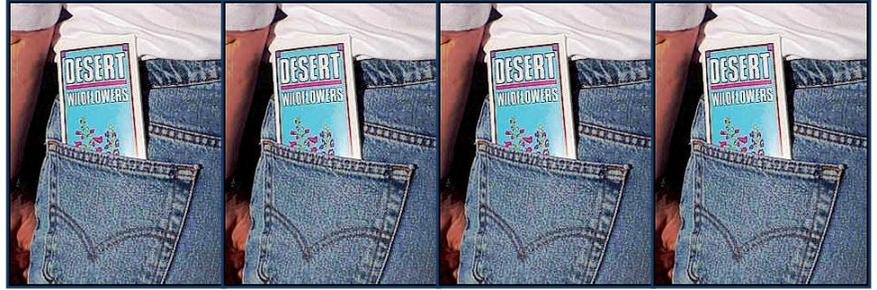


# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



**November 2, 2012**

## **A Thought for Today:**

**The fishermen know that the sea is dangerous and the storm terrible, but they have never found these dangers sufficient reason for remaining ashore.**

**-Vincent van Gogh**

## **November Came in with a Bang!**

I love a snow day as much as any student does, but I wasn't ready for two days off this week for Hurricane Sandy! I hope you and your home came through the storm with minimal negative impact. Needless to say, we have been playing catch-up this week as we ended the first marking term short of time for review and the unit tests that have to be given before grades are calculated. If your kids felt the pressure, at least they are heading into a nice long weekend to relax. The end of the term is one of those times when there really is little or no homework, so the coming four day weekend might be a great opportunity for some low-stress family time.

And then we are back in the whirlwind that is November! The early release days on November 12 and 13 are when we block time for parent conferences. In elementary school, many schools try to conference with every parent, and it's tough, because an individual teacher may have 25 or more students. That's a lot of conferences! In middle school, it's impossible to see every parent; our teachers each have 120 or more students. For this reason, we make an effort not to schedule conferences with parents we are already communicating with regularly in favor of reaching out to those we would like to work with more closely.

This week, Ms. Ogden began calling to invite parents to come in for a conference. If you got a call, I hope you can come in to talk with us. Be prompt! Conferences are packed in every 20 minutes, so being just a little late really cuts the time you have to talk. If we didn't ask you to come in but you have a concern you'd like to discuss with the teachers, you can call next week to see if there is time available. Please be ready to talk about your concern, because those few minutes pass by very quickly! Thanks! - Charlotte Boucher

### ***IMPORTANT DATES RESCHEDULED AFTER SANDY:***

- Magnet application deadline extended to 11/9***
- Magnet class missed Tuesday, October 30 will be made up Wednesday, November 7***
- Math Night moved to November 29***

# 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!



**Josephine Caruso-DiPaulo**

**Stephanie Leitner**

**Nathaly Portillo**

**Foster Holmquist**

**Travis Lowe**

**Jacob Tievy**

**Tania Jackson**

**Julia Montone**

**Bryce Taylor**

## Student Leaders of the Pack

At JPMS, we focus every day on helping our students to be as successful as possible, both academically and personally. Part of that focus is instilling the core values of **Timberwolf PRIDE: Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication** and **Effort**, because we believe these qualities will support all students being the successful learners they want to be today and becoming the positive, contributing members of our community they can be all their lives.

Each month, the staff recognizes five students in each grade who are leaders and role models because they routinely demonstrate the components of Timberwolf PRIDE. We celebrate them at a ceremony on the first Friday of each month where they receive a certificate and are served a breakfast treat. Their pictures are proudly posted on a bulletin board in the front hall during the month in which they are being honored.

Congratulations to October's **Leaders of the Pack!**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Purpose* - **Bubby Jones**
- Respect* - **Julianna Garrett**
- Integrity* - **Paige Houston**
- Dedication* - **Mina Prasada-Rao**
- Effort* - **Nathaly Portillo-Rivas**

### 7th Grade

- Purpose* - **Jay Colmes**
- Respect* - **Ava McEachern**
- Integrity* - **Renee Quaranta**
- Dedication* - **Jordon Allentuck**
- Effort* - **Michael Basehore**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Purpose* - **Kaley Fisher**
- Respect* - **Hunter Reigert**
- Integrity* - **Daria Sharifi**
- Dedication* - **Mackenzie Gross**
- Effort* - **Sam Ritter**



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

"THE FUNNIEST LAUGH-OUT-LOUD AUDIENCE REACTION I'VE EVER HEARD OF"  
AT THE SUNDAY

# 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

Date:

Time:

# Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!

The deadline to submit applications for countywide high school magnet programs (Richard Montgomery International Baccalaureate Magnet, Blair Science, Math and Computer Science, and Poolesville Whole School Magnet programs) has been extended to November 9<sup>th</sup> because of the disruption caused by Hurricane Sandy. Get your application postmarked by November 9 or hand deliver it to the Magnet Office by 3:00 PM November 9.

## Vote for Mrs. Yesnick – and Mr. Keegin!



Two teachers from Poolesville have been nominated for The Gazette's Favorite Teacher contest! **Kaley Fisher** nominated our Grade 7 Science and Environmental Science teacher, **Mrs. Yesnick**, and **Mr. Keegin** from Poolesville Elementary was also selected as a finalist.

We can vote for both our local nominees, and since they are in different categories, these votes won't cancel each other out.

**From now until November 9**, everyone can visit <http://ww2.gazette.net/teacher/> to vote as many times as you want. Just be careful – it takes visiting several screens before your vote is recorded. Clicking on the "Vote Now" icon doesn't submit your vote; it just gets you to the voting screen.

Then you click on the box next to Mrs. Yesnick or Mr. Keegin, and you still have one more screen to go. They will ask for your name and email, but you don't have to give either one – just click on "Done" and your vote will finally be recorded.

You can go directly to the middle school voting screen to vote for Mrs. Yesnick by clicking on this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M6S6S8V>

There will be one winner in each county at each level--elementary, middle and high school. Let's get all our students, family and friends online and voting!

Remember, bookmark this page and come back as often as you can to vote for our local teachers!

# **Remember to set your clocks back this Saturday Night!**

## **Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday at 2:00 AM.**

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/).

## **2012 School Based Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinics**

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will conduct free nasal spray flu vaccine clinics (FluMist) in November for children 18 and under. On Monday, November 5, flu clinics open to any school-aged child will be held at John F. Kennedy, Richard Montgomery, and Seneca Valley high schools. All MCPS elementary schools will host a flu clinic on either Monday, November 12, or Tuesday, November 13, following early dismissal of students on those days

All clinics are free, but registration is required due to limited vaccine supplies. For more information, visit the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs> or call 311.

## Clínicas de Vacunación en las Escuelas Contra la Gripe Común/de Temporada 2012

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) ofrecerá clínicas gratis con vacunas contra la gripe en atomizador nasal (FluMist) en noviembre para menores de 18 años. El lunes, 5 de noviembre, se realizarán clínicas contra la gripe en las escuelas secundarias John F. Kennedy, Richard Montgomery y Seneca Valley. Ese día no hay clases porque es un día profesional para los maestros. Estas clínicas son para cualquier niño de edad escolar. Todas las escuelas elementales tendrán una clínica de vacunación contra la gripe en una de dos fechas—el lunes, 12 de noviembre, o el martes, 13 de noviembre—y comenzarán una vez que los estudiantes sean despedidos después de la media jornada de clases en ambos días. En octubre, la escuela le enviará con su hijo/a más información.

Todas las clínicas son gratis, pero se requiere inscripción dada la cantidad limitada de vacunas. Para más informes, consulte el sitio de Internet de Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, ingresando a <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs> o llame al 311.

## 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.

Habrá 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)



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
MARYLAND

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

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

# Our Bake Sale Needs You!

Hi JPMS Families,

We have an exciting opportunity to earn some extra money for our PTSA this year! On election day (Tuesday, November 6th), we will be running a bake sale from 7am to 8pm (with a break in the middle) at the school, and we can't do it without everyone's help!

We need people to staff the table (two per two hour block). And of course we need baked goods (brownies, cookies, donuts, muffins--YUM!!). We are also asking for people to donate prepared dinners (e.g., chili with corn bread, lasagna with a green salad, etc.). These dinners will sell for more and will be sure to please those people rushing from work to vote and then home!



So if you love to cook, this is a great way to show off your talents! To pitch in for this great event please:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot:

<http://vols.pt/kG1yyt>

2. **Enter your email address.** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot.)
3. **Sign Up!** Choose your spots. VolunteerSpot will send you automated confirmation and reminder messages. Easy!

(Note: VolunteerSpot does NOT share your email address with anyone or send spam emails. If you prefer not to enter your address - please contact Emily Pavlick at [240-489-3383](tel:240-489-3383) and I can sign you up manually.)

As for getting your baked good/prepared dinner to us:

1. Drop off at the school on Friday, November 2nd if your donation is packaged to stay fresh until Tuesday
2. Drop off anytime over the weekend, or Monday November 5th to either: Jen Kasten's house at 18016 Bliss Drive or Emily Pavlick's house at 18008 Bliss Drive.



And one last thing, we are also looking to borrow a large coffee carafe (or two), and a couple coolers for drinks. Please contact Emily Pavlick if you can donate these items for the day. Any questions at all, please email ([emilypavlick@gmail.com](mailto:emilypavlick@gmail.com)) or call Emily Pavlick at [240-489-3383](tel:240-489-3383). Thanks everyone--looking forward to a great bake sale!!

Best Regards,

JPMS PTA

# 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...

Election Day – 11/6

The PTA needs parents to donate baked goods for a bake sale during election hours. If you are able to help, please email [emilypavlick@gmail.com](mailto:emilypavlick@gmail.com). Thanks!

## 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>

## A Note from the President: PTSA Fundraising Goals

Our Yankee Candle order has been placed. More information to come as candles are ready for distribution. Thanks to everyone for your support!

Fundraising activities support student and teacher activities including academic rewards and snacks at honor ceremonies, staff appreciation, and PRIDE activities. This year we are also trying to raise money for the PTA Objective to purchase a WeatherBug Program for the school.

The WeatherBug Program would place a state-of-the-art WeatherBug weather station, Motion Camera, InstaCam and WeatherBug Achieve online software at our middle school providing Poolesville with real-time weather data. Data collected will be used for enhanced mathematics, science, geography, and technology education in the school. The complete program also includes interactive and dynamic lessons and activities with access on all school computers to the WeatherBug Program and the entire WeatherBug network, comprised of more than 8,000 sites.

More information can be found at: <http://weather.weatherbug.com/weather-education/teachers/?focus=2>.

**Yankee Candle is set to be delivered on  
Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>!**

**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!!**

*Cugini's*



*Authentic Italian Cuisine*

Please join us for our

**John Poole Middle School Leo Club**

**Restaurant Night at Cugini's**

**Tuesday November 13th, 2012 from 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 5, 2012*

John F. Kennedy High School  
Richard Montgomery High School  
Seneca Valley High School  
for all students  
9:00 a.m.–12 noon

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

**Chemistry Club Sponsored by Mrs. Callaghan** – 11/7, 11/14, 11/28, 12/11, 12/18

## Destination Imagination (DI: formerly Odyssey of the Mind)

An adventure in team work, problem-solving and creativity!

DI is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to give students the chance to learn and experience the creative process from imagination to innovation.

Parents – would you be willing to sponsor a team of JPMS students to compete in this year's DI tournaments? You would meet with your team through the year, responding to challenges that require students to work together and think outside the box.

Want to know more? Contact Ms. SueAnn Dahl ( [sueann\\_dahl@mcpsmd.org](mailto:sueann_dahl@mcpsmd.org) ) or Ms. Gail Rothberg ( [cantor.family@verison.net](mailto:cantor.family@verison.net) ) but hurry – the deadline for signing up to participate in DI is November 30!



### 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. Please RSVP for this exciting event by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 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. Por favor RSVP para este gran evento antes del 1º de noviembre.

## 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 regarding college preparation and readiness.

Topics covered in *PrepTalk* include, but are not limited to, taking tests, planning academic schedules, earning college credit while in high school, attending college fairs, applying for on-the-spot college admissions, and planning for key deadlines.

Current and past issues of *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 2	First Marking Period Ends
November 5	Professional Day – No School for Students
November 6	Election Day (No School) <b>PTSA Bake Sale – sign up to help!</b>
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	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

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!

## 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**  
**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**

