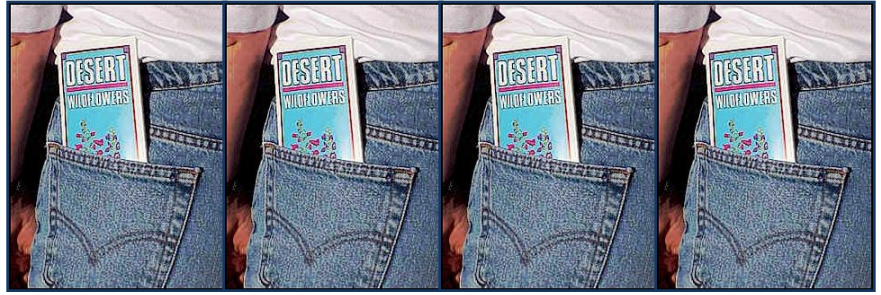


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



April 13, 2012

A Thought for Today:

I used to wake up at 4 A.M. and start sneezing, sometimes for five hours. I tried to find out what sort of allergy I had but finally came to the conclusion that it must be an allergy to consciousness.

- James Thurber

Dr. Starr Visits JPMS

I hope everyone enjoyed a great spring break, because now that we are back from vacation, the pace really picks up in that last dash to the end of the year.

Not only did we distribute report cards yesterday, but we also welcomed the new MCPS Superintendent, Dr. Starr, along with our Community Superintendent, Dr. Hollingshead, as they visited our cluster schools.

All four of our Poolesville schools got a chance to welcome these distinguished guests, but there was no time to organize anything special; we only learned of their visit when we returned from break on Tuesday. That means they saw everyday life in our school, which is after all, the most important way to get to know us.

Our students and staff gave me a lot to be proud of as I showed Dr. Starr and Dr. Hollingshead around the building. You have sent us wonderful children, and they had their company manners on. They greeted our guests with warm smiles everywhere we went and showed them their Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Effort in action.

Because of a very tight schedule, Dr. Starr and Dr. Hollingshead could only stay a little more than 45 minutes at JPMS before having to return to Rockville. We visited some classes at all three grade levels, but since it was lunchtime, our guests missed seeing many others. Of course, I invited them back again soon!

Dr. Starr is a regular Twitter user. You can see all his tweets from the four Poolesville cluster schools he visited Thursday online at [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com/mcps_super). It only takes a moment to sign up for a free account if you are not already part of the Twitter community. The superintendent goes by Joshua Starr @mcps_super. Check us out!



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!



James Dutton

Sean Murphy

Renee Quaranto

Joseph Lopes

Abigail Nalesnik

Shelby Smith

Kimora Maier

Michael Payne

John Thompson

Annie Is Coming!

Rehearsals are going strong as our Drama Club prepares for this year's spring musical **Annie Jr.**

You won't want to miss this ambitious production that features Little Orphan Annie, Daddy Warbucks, Miss Hannigan and all the orphans.

A revival of the original 1977 musical is opening on Broadway this week, but you don't have to go to New York to enjoy the fun. Just come out to our APR on May 11 or 12 at 7:00 PM or 1:30 PM on May 12 for the matinee. Mark your calendars now!



Remember that report cards went home Thursday this week!

If you haven't seen your child's report card yet, check the back pack then call our Counseling Office at 301-972-7980 if you need a replacement.

Grade 8 Quarter Three Honor Roll

Benton Anthony	Casey Harkins*	Oscar Martinez	Danielle Roche
Sirisha Ashley	Makayla Herbert	Julia McAleer	Rosario Roque
Andrew Bacas	Jonathan Hetrick	Georgia Micheals	Alesya Sarakhman*
Grace Beal*	Christina Hilton	Morgan Mullett*	Jean-Luc Schinosi
Taylor Behrens*	Blake Hinkson	Caroline Mullins	Jolee Raines
Jennifer Benitez	William Horrigan	Rebecca Murphy*	John Aidan Shea
Sukalp Bhatija	Grace Howard*	Anne Mustafa	Anelia Slavoff*
Erika Blair*	Christopher Johnson*	Abigail Nalesnik*	Bailee Smith
Adam Branscome	Jake Johnson	Allison Nalesnik*	Joseph Soltis
Cormac Brown	Kathryn Kavanagh*	Allison Nevius*	Justin Souder*
Madison Carrillo	Carley Kenly	Ian Ofsthun	Erin Sparrow
Carissa Caruso- Dipaolo*	Ivy Kerubo	Nathan Onderko	Renee Terragno
Karyn Comfort	Andrew Kocur*	Lillianna Pedersen*	Kelly Van Meter*
Jami D'Amelio	Zachary Kovach	Rachel Peterson	Amanda Warfield
Ryan D'Amelio	Michael Kuhn	Tatum Posey	Kyle Wilkins
Alex Dahlen	Nicholas Kuhn	Morgan Poss*	Courtney Williams
Jessica Dorsey	Jason Kuldell	Louis Potts	Kirk Williams
Lia Ghozati*	Dylan Landis	William Purdy	Hannah Wills
Alexandra Goldman	Lauren Lightcap*	Michael Quaranta	Megan Wilson
Liesl Green	Julia Link	Cristian Quiroga Donoso	Shirley Wolz*
Roger Guitart*	Trevor Magaha*	Jolee Raines	Michael Yin
Breanne Hall	Jessica Martinez	Brianna Roche*	<i>*indicates All A's</i>

Grade 7 Quarter Three Honor Roll

Antonnia Atkins	Julia Fisher*	Kevin Manakkunnel*	Jeffrey Ricketts
Daniel Ballew	Kaley Fisher*	Jacob Mason	Thomas Riegert
Jordan Belski	Isabella Garner*	Michael McDonald	Siann Riggs
Katherine Benitez	Mackenzie Gross	Timothy McIntyre*	Samuel Ritter
Courtney Bourque*	Michael Gross	Cole McKenney	Elizabeth Roberts
Joseph Brashear*	Melissa Hall	Sophia Mense*	Olivia Romano*
Amber Bratcher	Nathan Hall	Connor Miller	Tucker Ross
Daniel Bricker	Katherine Heimbach	Alessandra Molina*	Catherine Savage
Keyon Budd	Keegan Hemingway*	Julia Montone*	Daria Sharifi*
Coleman Carmack*	Kristen Hepburn*	Michael Morgan	William Stanoyevitch
Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo*	Sara Himmelfarb	Samantha Mullikin	Luke Terrell*
Delaney Cecco*	Jake Hough	Cooper Myers Mallinger*	Jacob Tievy*

Michael Chilla	Alison Huber*	Theresa Nardone*	Danielle Torres
Danielle Creedon	Taneka Jackson	Nelson Nichols	Rebeckah Trainor*
Kathryn Creedon	Claire Jensen	Parker Nocket	Rebecca Wallace*
Kenydi Cross	Hailey Khalil	Alexander O'Donnell*	Carmela Wasilik*
Robert Deitz	Amelia King	Victoria Pach*	Emma Whitehouse
James Donovan*	Calvin Kinzie	Daniel Papagjika	Marc Whitehouse
Jacob Drissel	Brandon Kocur*	Michael Pappas	Megan Windall
David Esser*	Micael Kovich	Michael Payne	Michael Wink*
Isabelle Falls	Isabella Lawbaugh*	Madison Peyton*	Camden Wolin*
Gabriel Fernandez	Samuel Lee	Natali Portillo	Emily Yin*
Nicolas Fernandez	Kimora Maier	Tyler Portocarrero	
Colin Fisher	Lev Malinin*		<i>*indicates All A's</i>

Grade 6 Quarter Three Honor Roll

Jordan Allentuck	Elise Evans*	Estephan Lavanderos	Tyler Roy
Christian Andrade	Richard Falls	Kelliann Lee*	James Royal*
Diana Arias	Michael Fetchko	Hannah Leibrand*	John Sartschev
Dorothy Ballmann*	William Field*	Erin Lyons*	Susanna Schmidt
Peter Barry*	Carter Fry*	Sean Lyons*	Molly Sherman*
Ellen Beal	Samuel Garrett	Rachel Macairan*	Robert Siegrist
Stefanie Beltran	Paul Graham	Maddison Magaha*	Nicole Slebodnik
Morgan Bliss*	Erin Green*	Alice Maley	Bostyn Smith
Quinlan Brenholtz	Victoria Gruber	Charlotte Mallow	Liam Gareth Speck-McMorris
Aidan Briancon	Ryan Haddaway	Glenn Mandere	Melanie Staszewski*
Hannah Bush*	Brooke Hamm*	Darrell Marshall	Lucas Stroud
Taylor Byrd*	Bridgette Hammett	Trevor McFall*	Paul Szafranski
Lydia Caballero	Haley Harkins*	Colin Metz	Bryce Taylor
Cassandra Campbell	Mathew Hill	Maureen Miller	Colin Thomas
Gabriella Capobianchi	Caitlin Hooper	Michelle Moraa	John Thompson
Killian Carney	Franklina Hovor	Tyler Morningstar	Madeleine Thompson
Rachel Childress	Chloe Insalaco*	Lillian Mowell	Jackson Tyler
Matthew Convers	Clara Jackson*	Mackenzie Mullett	Kathleen Van Houten
Paris Copeland*	Brian Jacobs	Thomas Oram	Donald Vogel*
Kellie Dahlin	Jennifer Jang*	Elizabeth Parise	Juliana Vrolijk
Cassidy Dice	Ryan Johnston*	Stephanie Parker	Triana Wallace
Perry Dominici*	Ryan Kasten	Brady Pearre	Kira Wathen*
Nicole Duran	Raymond Kinzie	Gavin Prebilit*	Avery Whitney-Blum*
James Dutton	Yaniv Kovich*	Renee Quaranta	Roger Yerger
Erik Eklof*	Jackson Krasche	Robert Queen	<i>*indicates All A's</i>

Third Quarter Honor Roll Celebrations

April 20

Grade 8 – 8:40 am

Grade 7 – 10:25 am

Grade 6 – 11:50 am

In the auxiliary gym.

Families are cordially invited to attend.

Spring Break Adventures- From a Parent's Perspective

For a number of years now, Mr. Young and other JPMS staff have led group tours to foreign countries over spring break. Although these tours are not school-sponsored, they provide wonderful opportunities for our community to experience low-stress international travel with trusted, experienced chaperones. Here is a report from one of the parents who accompanied this year's adventure to China.

As a parent who just returned from the trip to China, I wanted to put in a plug for anyone considering sending their child on such an adventure, or even joining them if you had the chance. We were very fortunate to make this a family trip to such an incredible destination, but I would be very comfortable sending my child alone without me in the future, as 8th graders can do.

The chaperones gave plenty of attention and assistance to the young people who were travelling solo, but also to those with parents present. Passports were protected, forms were completed and room keys replaced when necessary. All of the kids were checked on each evening and never allowed to wander freely without an adult. At the same time, they weren't suffocated either and were able to experience some of life in a different country on their own terms.

This was due in large part to the itinerary. To say we saw "a lot" would be an understatement -- we saw tons! Wake up calls were at 6:30 or 7:00 AM, and we were loaded on the bus by 8:00 or 9:00 AM with a full day of adventure waiting for us. Some nights we weren't back to the hotel until 9:00 PM and the kids (and adults) were just plain tired out - many of us took showers and went to bed to get ready for the next day.

With Mr. Young and EF tours it wasn't all sightseeing either - we visited a local school, had a taiji lesson, enjoyed 2 tea ceremonies, learned where silk comes from, practiced traditional Chinese calligraphy, biked an ancient city wall, bumped along on a rickshaw ride to our meal prepared by a local woman in her house and enjoyed the view of Shanghai from the 101st floor. Next year's trip is to the fabulous Costa Rica with a full week of tropical rainforests, exotic wildlife, volcanoes, waterfalls, kayaking and ziplining, just to name a few things on the list. If you are considering it as a solo trip for your child, rest assured that Mr. Young and his chaperones will make it a trip to remember for your child, and they will be safe and sound along the way.

Thanks again Mr. Young!

Dawn Albert



Mother's Day Is Coming

Looking for a special gift for Mom, Grandma or a favorite Aunt? Why not have this year's school picture printed on an item that will be used every day with extra pleasure because it's a reminder of your son or daughter!

There's time to order before Mother's Day on May 13, and lots of items to choose from.

Here are some of our kids' photos on an apron, water bottle, mug and magnets, but you have many more choices in a wide price range. Perhaps a tote bag, mouse pad, tee shirt or key ring would be perfect for your favorite Mom. You can find all these gifts and more online at our school photographer's web site.

Go to www.blantonstudio.hjclix.com to check out the selections and place your order. Because your child's security is a high priority, this website is password protected. You need the individual code that identified your child's picture package to be able to order. If you have problems accessing your school pictures, the Customer Service number is 301-840-8044 ext. 12.

Next time you are at school, check out the personalized items on display. I'm sure you'll be pleased with the quality of reproduction and the samples.

Of course, while you're shopping for Mother's Day, you might plan ahead for Father's Day as well. June 17 is getting closer every day, and school will be out by then, so you might not remember to order. Thanks!



Monday, April 16, is our next Blue Monday!

Help your child remember to wear blue in support of our effort to live with PRIDE, act with civility and courtesy, and end bullying in our community.

Remember, we can all be HEROES-

Helping Everyone Respect Others!

Student Service Learning Notes

This month has special SSL opportunities in our own community and in celebration of Earth Day. It's easy and especially meaningful when our students have the opportunity to help out here in town, so let's be especially supportive of two events at Poolesville Elementary. Liz Royal (Royals2@verizon.net) is the contact for both activities.

- On Thursday, April 19, Poolesville Elementary will be holding its Spring Book Fair from 6:30 – 9:30 PM. PES has incorporated an Art Show put on by the PES Arts Alive Committee with the Book Fair. Each student will have one piece of artwork to display. Students can earn SSL hours by assisting with the setup of the arts show; assisting students with their displays; and/or assisting with the smoothie sale and cleanup at the end of the evening. The deadline for requesting SSL hours is Friday, April 13.
- On Friday, May 4, Poolesville Elementary will be holding its Art Show and Auction, sponsored by the PES Arts Alive Committee, from 3:15 until 7:30 PM at Poolesville High School. Each student will have one piece of artwork to display. At the end of the art show, there will be an auction for the art projects. Students can earn SSL hours by assisting with the setup of the arts show; assisting students with their displays; and/or assisting with the auction and cleanup at the end of the evening. The deadline for requesting SSL hours is Friday, April 30.

SSL: Earth Day 2012

Celebrate Earth Day during the entire Month of April!

Earth Day is April 22nd but in Montgomery County we celebrate it during the entire month of April. There are many environmental volunteer projects throughout the month. Get involved in cleaning up the Potomac River Watershed, planting greens at the Twinbrook Community Center, and many other local events and projects.

[Click here](#) to find out more about Earth Day activities or go to the Montgomery Serves website: www.montgomeryserves.org.

Calleva's annual **Earth Day cleanup** will take place April 14, 10am-2pm at Riley's Lock. It's sure to be a productive & fun day. These organizations are participating:

Potomac Community Resources (PCR) -- joining in for the 5th year in a row!

Potomac Riverkeeper -- canoe cleanup team

C&O Canal Association

Redlands Landscaping -- our co-stewards at Riley's Lock

National Park Service

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Come work on invasive species removal, cleanup of Seneca Creek & the surrounding trails, park maintenance (new grills, picnic tables & parking lot maintenance), and more. There's definitely something for everyone -- all ages and abilities -- in this **INCLUSIVE** Earth Day event, which has become an annual tradition at Calleva.



**Celebrate Earth Day
with Calleva**

Are you tired of paying 5¢ for every bag you need?

John Poole MS's PE department has the answer...

Join the PE department in simplifying your 'bag' problems.

We will be selling Designer, one-of-a-kind Timberwolf Bags!!

Not only will you have a cool looking, awesome bag for carrying school supplies, PE clothes, and other special items, but you will be helping to raise money to benefit the PE Classes, so they may purchase an iPod to hook up to the new sound system our PTA helped us buy.

Show your school spirit and PRIDE by wearing and carrying a **New, Blue Timberwolf bag.**

Order deadline is Monday, April 16, 2012.

Cost for these high quality bags is ONLY \$10.00

Delivery will be early May.



Timberwolf Bags

Student: _____ Grade: ____ PE/Health Period: ____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate below the quantity of bags you would like to purchase and the type of payment being used. If you are paying by check, please make it payable to JPMS.

Item	Individual Price	Quantity	Total Price	Cash Total	Check #/Total
Timberwolf Bag	\$10.00				

The deadline to place your order is Monday, April 16.

Expected delivery date is early May.

For Staff:

Received order on: _____ Order filled on: _____ Delivered on: _____

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME and JOIN THE PTSA

- 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

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

Your membership entitles you to receive the 2011-2012 JPMS Student Directory at no charge!

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!

Show your kids how much you care and how important their school experience is to you – register to volunteer today!

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/13\[1\]%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/13[1]%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf)

HELP WANTED!

PTSA PRESIDENT & TREASURER

Exciting positions are waiting for parents who care about our school community, want the best for our kids, and like to take an active role in school life!

Ideally, this is a two-year term. The current President and Treasurer have served for two years and are now transitioning with their kids to the high school.

The vice president and secretary are staying on in their jobs, so new officers will have experienced, hard-working support.

Doesn't this sound like a job you'd enjoy? Contact Sharon Armstrong or another of the current officers for more information.

Thanks!

Contribute to *A Wider Circle*

Kali Wolin is a PHS student (and JPMS alum) who is making service a part of her way of life. She maintains a bin on her front porch so that her neighbors and friends can make donations for families in need.

Each month, Kali sets a different focus for the donations. In April, she is collecting **non-toxic cleaning supplies (new condition - unopened please)** such as dish soap, sponges, toilet cleaner and brushes, laundry detergent, cleaning sprays, mops and brooms. At the end of the month, Kali will deliver the items she has collected to A Wider Circle in Silver Spring, where they will be made available to families that need our help.

If you would like to be a part of this on-going effort, simply drop off your donations at Kali's home. The bin is on the front porch of **19505 Gray Farm Court (Hunter's Run)**.

In addition to this month's focus on non-toxic cleaning supplies, Kali is also continuing to collect items from her past drives. Below is the list of other things to donate if you have them as they are always in great need:

- **Healthy non-perishable food:** whole grain pasta, pasta sauce, brown rice, low-sodium canned beans, dried beans and lentils, low-sodium vegetable soup, low-sugar oatmeal, low-sodium canned vegetables, etc.
- **Personal care items:** soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, wet wipes, toilet paper, deodorant, lotion, shampoo and conditioner, etc. (new-unopened)
- **Blankets, sheets, and curtains:** bed sheets/sheet sets, blankets, pillow cases, mattress pads, comforters, quilts, curtains, throw blankets, etc. (new or gently used)
- **Kitchenware:** plates, bowls, utensils (not plastic), cups, mugs, pots and pans, kitchen appliances, dish sets, etc. (new or gently used)

Thanks for helping Kali with her commitment to service!

The Spring session of the
MCPS Parent Academy
would not be possible without the
support of our generous partners:

Ana G. Méndez University

Capital Sports Injury Center,
Steven Horwitz, DC, CCSF, CSCS, HKC

Carolyn Roth, M.Ed./Montgomery County Tutor

GUIDE Youth Services

Kaiser Permanente

Montgomery College

Montgomery County Mental Health Association

National Institutes of Mental Health

The Universities at Shady Grove

YMCA Youth and Family Services

The MCPS Department of Family and Community
Partnerships also would like to thank all
MCPS staff members who donate their time
and expertise to lead Parent Academy workshops.

What people are saying about the Parent Academy...

"Excellent program. Informative. Encouraging.
Empowering!"

—Parent, Angyle Middle School student

"I'm so glad I had the opportunity to attend the workshop
and bring my two kids with me. We left with so much to
think about and discuss. I will definitely tell my friends to
attend next time!"

—Parent, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School and
Seneca Valley High School students

"Thanks for supporting us in the development of our
children."

—Parent, Clarksburg High School student

Superintendent's Spring Forums

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua B. Starr will be holding two forums this spring focusing on Special Education and Social and Emotional Learning. Both forums will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and will provide an opportunity for the MCPS community to hear about the latest trends and research, find out what's happening in our schools, and share their thoughts with Dr. Starr and guests on these important topics.

Date	Location	Topic
Monday, April 16	Seneca Valley HS	Special Education
Thursday, May 10	Walt Whitman HS	Social and Emotional Learning



Superintendent's Book Club

The Global Achievement Gap: Why Even Our Best Schools
Don't Teach the New Survival Skills Our Children Need—
And What We Can Do About It

by Tony Wagner

Dr. Starr is hosting his third webinar book club event on Tuesday, April 24 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. to give the community an opportunity to learn about his educational philosophy and approach to managing MCPS. He has selected *The Global Achievement Gap: Why Even Our Best Schools Don't Teach the New Survival Skills Our Children Need—And What We Can Do About It* by Tony Wagner. Parents, staff, students, and the community are invited to join the discussion as members of the studio audience. Viewers at home who wish to participate will be able to watch online or on TV and join the discussion via Twitter and e-mail. The webinar book club will be available for audience participation at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Auditorium, Rockville, 20850. For more information, please visit www.mcpsbookclub.org.

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SPRING 2012 Schedule of Workshops

Parent Academy workshops
give parents tips and tools
to help their children be
successful in school.

All workshops are **FREE**
and held at schools and locations
throughout Montgomery County.

Child care and interpretation
services are provided.

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Bright Futures for Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

7:00-8:30 P.M.
How can families and schools work together to help students with IEPs make a successful transition to high school and beyond? Come and learn about high school choices that will help your student transition to employment and independence.
Sligo MS, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring 20902

Kaiser Permanente Presents: Healthy Transitions from Elementary to Middle School
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

6:30-8:00 P.M.
In this interactive session, discuss topics such as: how healthy eating is linked to academic performance, handling peer pressure, building social skills and healthy friendships, and much more. Share and learn with support from Kaiser Permanente health professionals and each other.
Kaiser Permanente Gathering Medical Center
655 Watkins Mill Rd., Gaithersburg 20879

Social Bullies Dealing with Exclusion and Cliques

THURSDAY, APRIL 12 7:00-8:30 P.M.
People traditionally think of bullies as the big kid on the playground taking your lunch money. Today's students are using exclusion, rumors, and teasing to bully others. Come and explore these behaviors and discuss strategies for helping bullies, victims and bystanders. Facilitated by YM/CA Youth & Family Services.
Bethesda-Cherry Chase HS, 4301 East-West Hwy., Bethesda 20814

Computer Smart (part 1 of 5)

MONDAY, APRIL 16 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Micro-soft Office programs in this beginning-level workshop. Facilitated by an MCPS technology teacher.
Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Curriculum 2.0

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 7:00-8:30 P.M.
Curriculum 2.0 creates a more exciting learning experience for students in Grades K-2. Curriculum 2.0 blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art, and physical education in a way that spurs creativity and critical thinking skills. Come learn about the new integrated curriculum at this session.
Somerset ES, 5811 Warwick Pl., Chery Chase 20815

The Teen Years: Effective Parenting Skills

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 7:00-8:30 P.M.
GLUE Youth Services will present the tools you need to help develop effective parenting skills during the teenage years. Learn how to strengthen and enhance family communication and explore techniques to develop age-appropriate expectations of behavior and consequences.
Nedsville MS, 11700 Neeshville Church Rd.
Germantown 20874

College Preparation and Scholarship Fair

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 1:00-4:00 P.M.
Attention: Oct through 10th grade students and parents! Now is the time to start planning for life after high school. Attend the College Preparation and Scholarship Fair to meet representatives from universities and different careers, tour the Universities at Shady Grove facility, attend informational/breakout sessions and learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Advance registration is highly recommended through the Parent Academy.
The Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gainsbury Dr., Building II, Rockville 20850

Computer Smart (part 2 of 5)

MONDAY, APRIL 23 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Micro-soft Office programs in this beginning-level workshop. Facilitated by an MCPS technology teacher.
Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Math for Parents 101

MONDAY, APRIL 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.
This workshop will provide parents with information on how to support their child in mathematics. Parents will have an opportunity to engage in problem solving and mathematical discourse. Resources such as websites, games, and questioning strategies will be shared.
Roderio W. Clemente MS, 18008 Warning Station Rd.
Germantown 20874

Study Skills: Help Your Child Maximize Homework Effort

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 7:00-8:30 P.M.
Carolyn Roth, M.Ed., longtime Academic Coach, will share homework tips and what you should expect of your child. Learn how you can help your child with homework and how you can foster independence in this area of your child's life.
Westland MS, 5511 Massachusetts Ave., Bethesda 20816

Back Talk, Eye Rolls, and Attitude: How to Respond when Children are Disrespectful

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 7:00-8:30 P.M.
Are you getting a lot of "attitude" from your kids? Do you ignore it or confront it? Are you concerned about how children treat each other? Learn how to respond to disrespectful behavior and how to build positive relationships with your kids. Led by a parent educator with YM/CA Youth & Family Services.
Francis Scott Key MS, 910 Schindler Dr.
Silver Spring 20903

Computer Smart (part 3 of 5)

MONDAY, APRIL 30 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Micro-soft Office programs in this beginning-level workshop. Facilitated by an MCPS technology teacher.
Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Injury Prevention and Performance for Student Athletes

THURSDAY, MAY 3 7:00-8:30 P.M.
Too many athletes end their athletic careers not because they want to, but because they have to. Olympic chiropractor, Dr. Steven M. Horwitz, will discuss injury prevention and improved performance for student athletes as well as concussions, heat and hydration injuries, proper strength and conditioning training, and sports diet and nutrition.
Sherwood HS, 300 Olney/Sandy Spring Rd.
Sandy Spring 20860

Kaiser Permanente Presents: Healthy Transitions from Middle to High School

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 6:30-8:00 P.M.
In this interactive session, discuss topics such as: healthy body image, peer pressure and bullying, building social skills and healthy friendships, impact of social media on emotional wellness, and much more. Share and learn with support from Kaiser Permanente health professionals and each other.
Kaiser Permanente Gathering Medical Center
655 Watkins Mill Rd., Gaithersburg 20879

Bright Futures for Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 7:00-8:30 P.M.
See April 11.
Col. E. Brooke Lee MS, 11800 Monticello Ave.
Silver Spring 20902

A New Approach to High Education: The Ana G. Mendez University (Spanish)

THURSDAY, MAY 10 7:00-8:30 P.M.
Come and learn about Montgomery County's newest higher education institution, the Ana G. Mendez University, a college committed to giving students a bilingual education. The Ana G. Mendez staff will give you an overview of their programs and coursework, show you around the facility, and give you tips on what your children can do now to prepare for the next level of their education. Presented in Spanish.
Ana G. Mendez University, 11160 Veirs Mill Rd.
Wheaton 20902

Computer Smart (part 4 of 5)

MONDAY, MAY 14 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Micro-soft Office programs in this beginning-level workshop. Facilitated by an MCPS technology teacher.
Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Autism 101

MONDAY, MAY 14 7:00-8:30 P.M.
This presentation will provide an overview of the definition of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and identify the characteristics by reviewing student profiles. The specific learning style for students diagnosed with ASD will be discussed, as well as an overview of strategies to support students with ASD in their Least Restrictive Environment in MCPS.
Robert Frost MS, 9201 Scott Dr., Rockville 20850

Healthy Fun in the Sun

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 6:30-8:30 P.M.
It's summertime...a time to relax and play, but also a time to turn up the heat on prevention! Learn more about how to make this summer healthy and safe for your children. Topics range from preventing sunburn and Lyme Disease to good nutrition to safe play. Learn about how to access a wealth of health information and resources. Presented by Kaiser Permanente.
Kaiser Permanente Gathering Medical Center
655 Watkins Mill Rd., Gaithersburg 20879

Curriculum 2.0

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 7:00-8:30 P.M.
Curriculum 2.0 creates a more exciting learning experience for students in Grades K-2. Curriculum 2.0 blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art, and physical education in a way that spurs creativity and critical thinking skills. Come learn about the new integrated curriculum at this session.
Waters Landing ES, 13100 Waters Landing Dr.
Germantown 20874

Anxiety in Children and Adolescents

THURSDAY, MAY 17 7:00-8:30 P.M.
Do your children or adolescents suffer from anxiety? An NIH psychologist will take you through the biology behind both normal and excessive anxiety and discuss interventions that can be used at home and in school.
Woodfield ES, 24200 Woodfield Rd., Gaithersburg 20882

Computer Smart (part 5 of 5)

MONDAY, MAY 21 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Micro-soft Office programs in this beginning-level workshop. Facilitated by an MCPS technology teacher.
Earle B. Wood MS, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville 20853

Getting the Summer Reading and Math Packer Done Without Nagging or Bribing!

MONDAY, MAY 21 7:00-8:30 P.M.
Learn how to teach youngsters to be motivated to plan ahead and to take responsibility. Summer provides plenty of opportunities for children, tweens, and teens to learn how to be responsible. Discover new ways to encourage responsible behavior in your children...and still enjoy summer! Presented by the Parent Encouragement Program.
Newport Mills MS, 11311 Newport Mill Rd.
Kensington 20895

Breaking the Bullying Cycle

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 7:00-8:30 P.M.
Learn how to recognize the signs and effects of bullying along with tips and strategies to help your child. Presented by the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County.
Gaithersburg MS, 2 Teachers Way, Gaithersburg 20877

Hey, make change! Let's beat cancer!



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has an incredible opportunity.

In the coming days, he/she will be instrumental in a school program that will raise funds for lifesaving treatments and cures for blood cancer patients. This is a special chance for your child to have a big impact on others.

Your child's school will be participating in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) School and Youth Program, Pennies for Patients. During a three week period, students collect spare change to support LLS's mission; to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

While the impact your child will have on so many lives is significant, their own sense of service and philanthropy will be immeasurable. In fact, many of LLS's advancements are used for patients with diseases beyond those for whom they were originally developed like solid tumors and auto immune disease.

A collection box will be given to each child to collect the spare change. If the results from past Pennies for Patients Programs are any indication, the students will fill up the boxes with change to spare!

So lift those couch cushions and empty those pennies, nickels and dimes from your pockets! LLS thanks you in advance for helping patients with blood cancers live better, longer lives.

Sincerely,

Leah Cutler
National Capital Area
703-399-2943
leah.cutler@lls.org

PS. You can make a personal donation in cash or if you like, by check payable to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. You can also donate online at www.schoolandyouth.org/nca



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Some of the activities scheduled for this year are Books and Boxing, Babysitting Club, Jewelry Making, Zumba Class, Scrapbooking, Photo Club and much more. Keep checking the *Back Pocket* for upcoming classes. It is our goal to provide activities to meet the desires of all students. If you have any suggestions for new programs, please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org.

Homework Club -- Tuesday and Wednesday

PYSO – Thursday

Drama Club – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Jazz Band – Wednesday

Soccer – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Line Dancing – Tuesday, April 17 – May 8th (if they like it we can extend it)

RecExtra needs your donations: Wrapping paper, beads and old jewelry, fabric and textbook supplies. Please drop all donations in the RecExtra box in the front office. Thank you!!



Announcing –

Yearbooks

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered through Jostens only. If you do not pre-order a yearbook, you are not guaranteed a yearbook. You can go to www.jostens.com today to pre-order your yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Aulls at Kelly_M_Aulls@mcpsmd.org.

Science and Engineering Expo

A two day Science and Engineering EXPO will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington D.C. on April 28-29, with over 3,000 fun, hands-on, interactive activities and 150 stage shows for all ages. The Expo is free. There will be stuff for the mildly curious to the science professional. You can learn about fun topics like the science of the magic of Harry Potter, the mathematics of jump roping, the physics of superheroes, the chemistry of Thanksgiving Dinner, the engineering of baseball bats and balls, the science behind special effects in movies, trends in Global Warming, renewable energy sources of the future.

You can operate state-of-the-art robots, laugh with science comedians, be mesmerized by science magicians and mathemagicians, converse with astronauts, Nobel Laureates, storm chasers, science celebrities like Bill Nye the Science Guy, cast members of the MythBusters, Big Bang Theory and NCIS, and even scientists of the past, fly a fighter jet simulator, enter a virtual reality environment, be a CSI agent, learn how to transform your car so it can run off a cuisinart ... and you can get info about scholarships, internships, mentorship and future jobs. Click on the link for more information <http://www.usasciencefestival.org/>

Young Scholars Program

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has announced the opening of the application process for the Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program. This program honors 50 to 75 seventh-graders who demonstrate outstanding academic ability, accomplishments outside the classroom, and substantial financial need. Students who are selected receive financial support for educational and extracurricular activities as well as help applying to high schools, colleges, summer programs, and more. The application deadline is Monday, April 16, 2012. For more information, contact Lionel Foster at the Center for Talented Youth at 410-735-6270 or jkcinfo@jhu.edu

Maryland Summer Centers for Gifted and Talented Students

Continuing a tradition of excellence for 45 years, the Maryland Summer Centers (MSC) engage gifted and talented students entering Grades 4-12 in unique summer programs. Centers located across the State offer one- to three-week residential and nonresidential programs with a focus on the arts, sciences, technology, engineering, and world languages.

Please consult the Maryland State Department of Education website www.marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters for more detailed descriptions of the Centers and application forms. Spanish translation is available. Call 410-767-0821.

The deadline for applications is April 15, 2012. Directors will accept applications after April 15 until the Center enrollment is filled.

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth

The Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY) is seeking talented 2nd – 8th graders. From now through spring, parents may enroll a 2nd – 8th grade advanced student in the 2012 CTY Talent Search. Doing so can open the door to CTY's testing, courses, and services for gifted learners. For information, and to enroll your child, go to www.cty.jhu.edu.

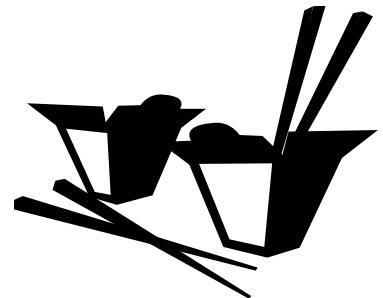
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2012 Summer Camp!

JUNE 25th -29th

Poolsville H.S.

Join Coach Josh Funk and the Lax Factory staff, for the 2012 Lax Factory Summer Camp for boys and girls. Each day players will experience new drills, learn proper technique, all while having fun the Lax Factory way!

- Camp will run from 9am to 2:30pm each day.
- Early bird discount: \$195 (before April 15), \$245 for late registration
- Camp counselors will feature past and current college stars, as well as local high school coaches
- All players will receive Harrow camp reversibles, water bottle and lanyard
- To register and for more info visit us at www.FunkLax.com
- Contact us at LaxFactoryTeam@gmail.com



WANTED!

**LOOKING FOR
FURNITURE FOR A READING CORNER.**



Ms. Vega and Ms. Grifone would like to make their reading classroom more inviting for young readers. If you have chairs that are in decent condition or furniture that you are looking to get rid of please contact John Poole Middle School.

We have received some wonderful donations of comfortable furniture, but there is still room for another chair or two. Spring cleaning is coming – perhaps you're ready to refresh your current furniture. We're happy to help!

Courtesy of Montgomery County Department of Health and Human
Services Aging and Disability Services Community Support Network
and Montgomery College

A Rainbow of Resources:

A Resource Fair for
Individuals with Disabilities
(Birth-21)

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2012

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Plaza
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Accommodation Information:

If you need accommodations please notify us by **Wednesday, May 2, 2012.**

240-777-1216 (Voice)
1-800-201-7165 Voice MD Relay
1-800-735-2258 TTY MD Relay



Wings of Fancy

Live Butterfly and Caterpillar Exhibit

May 5th– September 16th

Experience the world of butterflies and caterpillars at [Brookside Gardens](#) by volunteering in our [Wings of Fancy Exhibit](#). Volunteers must be ages 14 and older, or 11-13 with a registered parent volunteer. Minimum commitment of 10 shifts required.

(Approved for Student Service Learning)

Required training dates:

1. A World of Butterflies training, April 11th, 7:00-8:30p.m.
2. On-Site Training, various dates April-July.

Sign up for training and apply online at www.parksvolunteers.org

Please contact the Volunteer Desk at 301.962.1429 or email mcp-gardenvolunteer@montgomeryparks.org with any questions.



Brookside
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The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

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| April 20 | Honor Roll Celebrations
Grade 8: 8:40 AM Grade 7: 10:25 AM Grade 6: 11:50 AM |
| April 23 | Blue Monday (Wear Blue)
6 th Grade Earth Day Activity |
| April 26 | Career Day (8 th Grade)
7 th Grade College Field Trip
Take Your Child to Work Day |
| April 27 | SGA Spring Dance (2:30-4:00 p.m. in the APR) |
| April 30 & May 1 | MSA Science Exam (Grade 8) |

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| April 26 | Boys play Neelsville at JPMS (2:50 p.m.) |
| April 26 | Girls play Neelsville at Neelsville (3:15 p.m.) |
| May 2 | Boys play Kingsview at JPMS (2:50 p.m.) |
| May 2 | Girls play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.) |
| May 8 | Girls play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.) |
| May 8 | Boys play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (3:15 p.m.) |
| May 15 | Girls play Baker at JPMS (2:50 p.m.) |
| May 15 | Boys play Baker at Baker (3:15 p.m.) |

JPMS Soccer Schedule

Lady Timberwolves Open the Season with a Big Win

The JPMS girls' soccer team started off the season with a decisive win against King MS. The Lady Timberwolves outscored MLK 5-0. The offense was led by **Hailey Khalil**, who had two goals. **Allie Nevius**, **Emily Yin** and **Rebecca Wallace** also scored goals. Assisting on the goals were **Jessie Martinez** (2), **Allie Nevius**, **Breanne Hall** and **Carley Kenly**. The outstanding defense was led by **Kristen Darragh** and **Breanne Hall**, who each played a half in the goal. Congratulations on the big win!!

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



West Side Story opens next weekend! Don't miss this classic musical April 19 at 7:00 p.m., April 20 at 7:30 p.m., or April 21 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students.

The HERO Club at PHS has entered a video about cyberbullying awareness to a national competition. We need your votes. Please go to <http://nobull.votigo.com/contests/showentry/1041518>, register on the site and vote for the video. The title of the video is "Be a HERO!" The voting period is between April 1-15. You can vote 1x per day. Please vote! The goal is to be in the top 100 videos to be considered for awards. Thank you.

PHS Personalized Bricks

Orders must be in by Wednesday, April 25, 2012

**For Students, Staff Member
Alumnus or PHS Supporter**

Each personalized brick costs \$75. The price includes fabrication, shipping, handling, and installation. Please submit your completed form with a check payable to 'PHS PTSA -- Buy a Brick' to:

PTSA Buy-A-Brick Program
Poolesville High School
17501 West Willard Rd.
Poolesville, MD 20837

***If you have any questions please contact Kim Gerdes at 301.330.1457 or mkg91@comcast.net



Boys Varsity Lacrosse

April 13	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS
April 18	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at Einstein HS
April 21	12:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
April 24	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
April 27	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

April 13	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at Wheaton HS
April 18	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at PHS
April 20	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS
April 23	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
April 26	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS



Varsity Baseball

April 14	2:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
April 17	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at Einstein HS
April 19	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS
April 21	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
April 23	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
April 26	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS

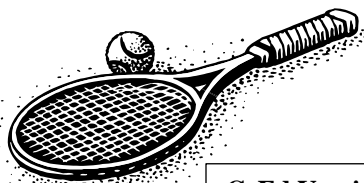
Varsity Softball

April 13	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
April 17	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at Einstein HS
April 19	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS
April 21	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS
April 23	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
April 26	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS



CoEd Varsity Track and Field

April 17	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
May 9	3:30 p.m.	MCPS Championship at Walter Johnson HS
May 12	8:00 a.m.	MCPS B Meet at Wootton HS

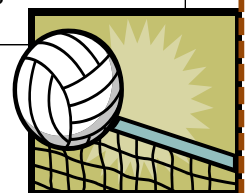


Boys Varsity Tennis

April 14	2:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Churchill HS at Churchill HS
April 17	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
April 20	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS
April 23	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Magruder HS at Magruder HS
April 24	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Richard Montgomery HS at PHS
April 26	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at PHS

CoEd Varsity Volleyball

April 13	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at PHS
April 18	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS
April 23	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS
April 25	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at Gaithersburg HS



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

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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

