

**March 7, 2014**

# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**

## **A Thought for Today:**

**"Abnormal is so common, it's practically normal."**

**- Cory Doctorow**

## **MSA Lingers**

Our kids did a great job coming back from a four-day weekend to jump right into testing. Of course, the snow days made us revise the test calendar so that we'll be running on an unusual schedule all next week, but it's getting hard to remember when we last had a regular week of our normal classes! We're getting good at taking the unexpected in stride!

As long as the weather holds, the only weird part of next week's testing should be the PARCC field test. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has required every middle school in MCPS to administer these field tests to one or two groups of seventh graders. It is helpful to all of us to get a look at the prototype PARCC tests since next year, these will be the assessments that replace the MSA. **At JPMS, Mrs. Grifone's and Mrs. Kirby's homerooms are the Field Test groups.** They have taken MSA Reading, but they will take part one of PARCC Math later this month and part two, an end of year assessment, in May. **They will not have to take MSA Math this year.**

So what will they do next week when their peers are taking their MSAs? These students will report to Mrs. Grifone and Mrs. Kirby as their test locations, but they will then be divided into two groups. On the first day of math testing, one group will go to the computer lab to take a tutorial on the PARCC while the other will go to the gym for some PE activities. Halfway through the block, the groups will switch so everyone gets the tutorial and everyone gets to play as well. On the second day, instead of the tutorial, the computer lab sections will take a practice test. It's another little quirk of the season, but this year, quirky is the New Normal!

Have a great weekend.

- Charlotte Boucher

## **2014 MSA Schedule**

<b>Grade 6 Math Test (Part 2)</b>	<b>March 10</b>
<b>Grades 7 &amp; 8 Math Test</b>	<b>March 11 &amp; 12</b>
<b>Grade 6 Reading Test</b>	<b>March 13 &amp; 14</b>
<b>Grade 7 PARCC Math</b>	<b>March 25 &amp; 26 May 6 &amp; 7</b>

<b>Monday, 3/10/14</b>		<b>Tuesday, 3/11/14</b>		<b>Wednesday, 3/12/14</b>		<b>Thursday, 3/13/14</b>		<b>Friday, 3/14/14</b>	
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>
<b>Math MSA</b>	Period 5	<b>Math MSA</b>	Period 7	<b>Math MSA</b>	Period 5	<b>Reading MSA</b>	Period 1	<b>Reading MSA</b>	Period 2
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Period 3	Period 3	<b>Lunch A</b>	Period 5	Period 3	Period 3	<b>Lunch A</b>	Period 5	<b>Lunch A</b>	Period 5
<b>Lunch A</b>	Period 4	Period 5	<b>Lunch B</b>	<b>Lunch A</b>	Period 4	Period 5	<b>Lunch B</b>	Period 5	<b>Lunch B</b>
Period 4	<b>Lunch B</b>	Period 3	Period 3	Period 4	<b>Lunch B</b>	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
Period 6	Period 6	Period 4	Period 4	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6
Period 7	Period 7	Period 6	Period 6	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7

# 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!

**Remy Anderson**

**Brooke Hamm**

**Brennah Ringling**

**Cameron Carney**

**James Kavanagh**

**Madeline Stempler**

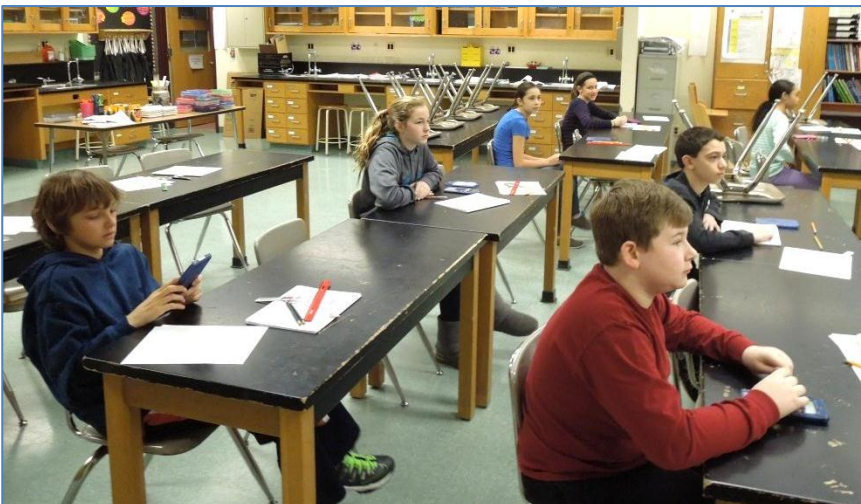
**Julia Corfman**

**Jackson Krasche**

**Lucas Stroud**



## Getting Back to Normal





# Student Artists of the Month

I hope you have plans to visit us this month, because as soon as you enter the main office your eyes will be drawn to the colorful and highly detailed Radial Prints created by **Owen Horrigan** and **Emily Singleton** that are currently on display. Aren't they fabulous?



Back in my office, the Principal's Gallery features another beautiful Radial Print, this one by **Eamon Murphy**, along with **Brad Blair's** masterful Perspective Room Painting and Two-point Perspective drawings by **Ellen Beal** and **Cassie Volke** that combine accomplished drafting skills with a cheerful sense of whimsy.

Other projects used words and pictures to support causes the artists care about. **Sabrina Edwards**, **Julianna Hitchcock** and **Kelsey Szafranski** created Environmental Posters that

pack a strong message; Fair Housing Posters by **Mackenzie Kovich** and **Julia Pavlick** express their ideas in unique and colorful ways.

I'm also delighted with the three-dimensional pieces on display this month. **Colin Hemingway** created a Clay Castle based on medieval architecture; **Katrina Rowe's** Plaster Hand is finger-spelling her initial: 'K'; and the Mimbres Clay Plate made by **Mackenzie Mullett** is rich in both color and symbolism.

Congratulations to Mr. Gemmell and the creative, talented students who do such great work in his classes!



## Be Sure to Hold March 27 for Humanities Night!

You and your family won't want to miss this very special event! We've updated and diversified our Literacy Night to include other elements of the Humanities, so there will be even more for your family to enjoy. But that's not all!

Festivities will open with a family dinner and the award ceremony at which Mrs. Lindsay will receive her Marian Greenblatt Veteran Teacher Award!



Let's all be there to honor this wonderful member of the John Poole family. Representatives of the Greenblatt Foundation will honor her between 6:00 and 6:30 PM. We'll serve an inexpensive family dinner beginning at 5:15, and cake and punch will follow the ceremony. Then it's off to Humanities Night activities.

If you're just learning of Mrs. Lindsay's award, you can read about it at this link to the MCPS press release:

<http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/mainstory/story.aspx?id=354168>

We're hoping all the bad weather will be behind us by the time March 27 rolls around! Mark your calendars today – this is a big occasion for Mrs. Lindsay and all of us at John Poole Middle School





Smokey Glen Farm



Barbequers, Inc.

## To All 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

Summer vacation is still a few months away, but we have started planning the end of the year event for our 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We would like to take them all to Smokey Glen Farm on **Wednesday, June 11, 2014** for games, food and fun. Smokey Glen charges \$15 per student. In order make this celebration affordable for all, we are asking for approximately 25-30 parent drivers to take students to and from the school and Smokey Glen Farm. We will also need 8-12 of these parents to stay as chaperones for the full day.

### If you volunteer to be a driver:

Drivers will need to have seat belts for all students they agree to transport. They will need to be at the school at 7:30 AM on **June 11<sup>th</sup>** and will be assigned specific students to transport. We will leave JPMS by 8:00 AM. Drivers who do not stay as chaperones will need to return to Smokey Glen to pick up the same children by 1:30 PM so we can return to the school by 2:00 PM.

### If you also volunteer to be a chaperone:

Chaperones will be drivers as stated above and will need to **pay the adult event cost of \$16** which includes lunch. Chaperones will also be available to assist JPMS staff with supervision of student activities during the day. We need to know as soon as possible if we will have enough drivers/chaperones to support this event.

**If you can volunteer to be a chaperone and/or driver, please respond to the email address below no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> with the following information:**

- Name, email address and cell phone number (in case we need to reach you on that day.)
- Whether you are volunteering as just a driver or also a chaperone
- Number of students you can transport (REMEMBER you must have seat belted seats for all students.)

**Team Parent Contact:** Stephanie Burdette ([stephanie\\_burdette@uhc.com](mailto:stephanie_burdette@uhc.com) or [ssb12@aol.com](mailto:ssb12@aol.com))

Student permission slips for the end of the year event will be distributed at JPMS on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Make checks payable to John Poole Middle School and returned to their Social Studies teacher.

**Parent chaperone payments of \$16** should be made by **separate check** payable to **JPMS PTSA** and should be included with student forms and fees by the deadline given.

Thanks for your support!

# Career Day - April 24<sup>th</sup> - needs your help!

It's that time again! We are preparing for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Career Day and need your help!

There are several ways to volunteer:

1. Present to our students about your career.
2. Help with the day as a volunteer
3. Help on one of the preparation days. (Details are explained in the form later in this *Back Pocket*.)
4. Help provide food for our presenters and guests

It's easy to sign up online to help! Please visit

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E4DAFAF23A02-jpms/7690200](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E4DAFAF23A02-jpms/7690200)  
<<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E4DAFAF23A02-jpms/7690200>>

*Questions? Don't hesitate to contact Peg Arnold in the counseling office: 301-972-7980.*

## PBIS Recycling Fundraiser

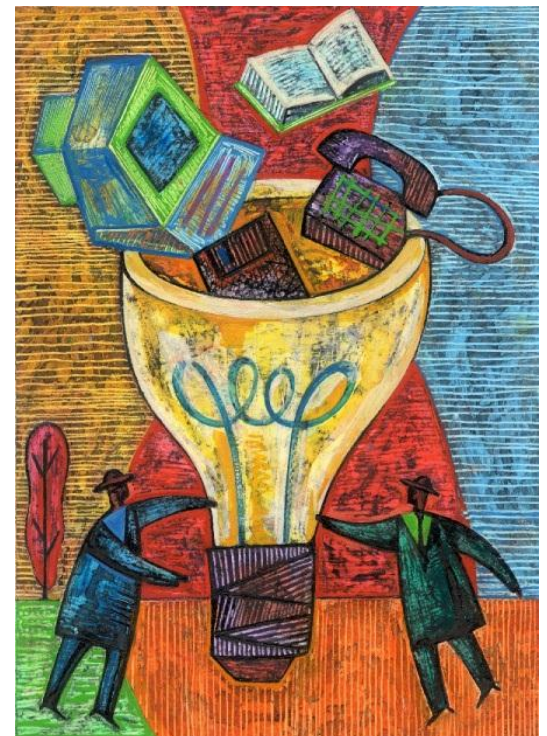
PBIS is conducting our recycling fundraiser again this year. Thank you for making last year's drive a great success!

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

We are collecting the following items:

Cell Phones	Laptop Computers
Inkjet Cartridges	E-Book Readers
Radar Detectors	Handheld Game Systems
Digital Cameras	Digital Video Cameras
GPS Devices	MP3 Players

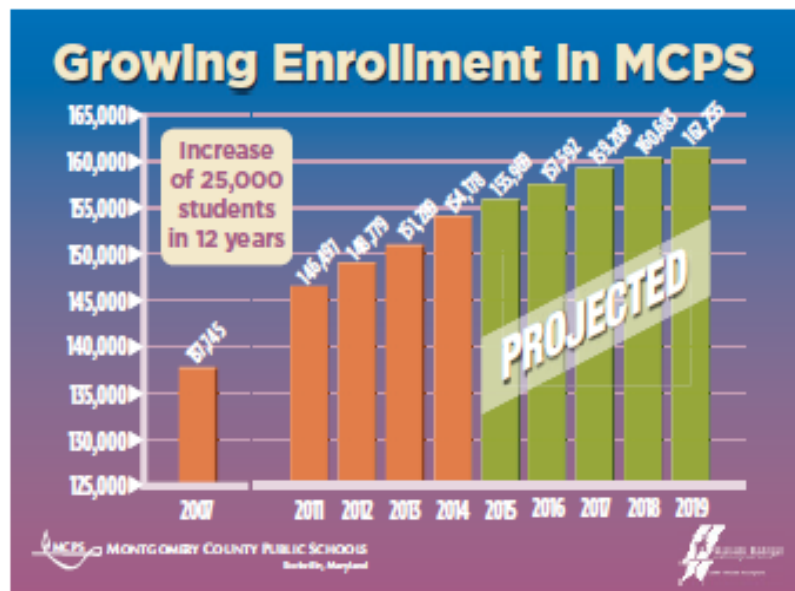
Please drop off any of the above items you would like to recycle. There is a bin for cell phones, inkjet cartridges, and other small electronics in the school's foyer. Larger items can be dropped off in the office. We greatly appreciate your support!



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEEDS STATE SUPPORT to Solve School Capacity Shortage

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is facing unprecedented enrollment growth with no end in sight. Since 2000, MCPS has grown by 14,599 students—more growth than that of Anne Arundel, Howard, Frederick and Baltimore counties combined. In the next six years, we expect to enroll another 11,000 students. No other school district has seen or anticipates the kind of student growth that Montgomery County has and will continue to experience.

► ***By the 2019-2020 school year, NEARLY HALF of MCPS schools will have significant space shortages.***



The Board of Education's Capital Improvements Program request to the County of \$1.74 billion addresses many of the district's needs and keeps most needed projects on schedule, but it still falls well short of the \$2.2 billion needed to solve the capacity shortage and keep all projects on track.

## State Solution Based on Baltimore Model Can Help Solve the Problem

The County is seeking authorization from the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly for an arrangement similar to the one approved for Baltimore City Public Schools last year.

Like Baltimore City, the County will ask the state of Maryland to authorize school construction bonds. In our case, the bonds will be for projects specifically aimed at providing additional classrooms at our severely overutilized schools. Like Baltimore City, the state investment would be leveraged by a County investment. The combined state and local revenue stream would support bonds to fund construction projects over the next five years.

This plan, which is supported by County Executive Isiah Leggett, the Montgomery County Council, the Board of Education and Montgomery's legislative leaders in Annapolis, will provide resources over and above current County and State capital expenditures for MCPS. With the new bonds, MCPS could provide roughly 1.5 million square feet of instructional space to house the projected enrollment increases for the next six years and beyond.

MCPS is a national leader in public school education and plays a large role in Maryland's position in state rankings of quality school systems. The County is a primary driver of the economic growth of both the County and the State. For example, employment along the I-270 corridor represents 22.4% of the State's total payroll employment. To keep the County competitive, we must invest in our classrooms to prepare our future workforce.

► ***Make your voice heard: Call the Governor, your State Senator and Delegate and ask them to just SAY YES TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOW!***



John Poole Middle School



- Jennifer Kasten - President
- Neile Whitney - Vice President
- Hisaho Blair - Secretary
- Michelle Hobbs – Treasurer
- Wendy Goflewski – Membership & Volunteers

Questions? Ideas? Opinions?  
Getting in touch with your PTSA is as easy  
as sending an email message!  
JPMSPTSA@gmail.com

**Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:**

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

**It is not too late to join the JPMS PTSA. Membership provides a great way to get involved and to keep in touch.**

**Directories will be distributed soon. You haven't missed your chance to claim one.**

**It is very easy to join. All the information is found on the JPMS homepage under the parents tab. If you have any questions please email Wendy Goflewski, membership coordinator at [goflewski@msn.com](mailto:goflewski@msn.com).**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The JPMS PTSA has devoted last year and this to raising money for the Weatherbug system - thanks to everyone who has donated! The WeatherBug system ([www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com)) has already arrived at JPMS, but we need to raise about \$3,000 for the final payment and installation as well as leaving some start-up money for next year's PTSA.

We are not going to do another sale to raise money this year. Instead, we are asking for direct donations. If we receive \$10 per student, we'll make our goal. Of course, not every family can afford to give, but if you can donate \$20 or more, you can stand in for a neighbor who isn't able to contribute at this time. With the support we received from the Town of Poolesville, your donations will bring this wonderful weather station to our classrooms and our town. So please consider making a contribution!

- Make your donation between February 14 and March 15, 2014
- Donations can be made in \$10 increments online by visiting <http://osp.osmsinc.com/MontgomeryMD/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=BY338>
- Or mail checks to the school at: JPMS, 17014 Tom Fox Ave., Poolesville, MD 20837; Attn: PTSA
- Or send checks with your child to the main office at school, Attn: PTSA.
- Make checks payable to JPMS PTSA.

Don't forget, your donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated! Let's get our very own WeatherBug system hooked up and running so students, teachers, and the community can start using its wonderful learning tools!

*Jennifer J. Kasten, JPMS PTSA President*



# Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

March 2014

*Students achieve curricular objectives.*

- MCPS recognizes exceptional service contributions of students through the **Superintendent's SSL Award** which recognizes the accumulation of 75 hours of service during middle school, and the **Certificate of Meritorious Service** which documents 260 or more SSL hours by the year of high school graduation. All qualifying documentation for these MCPS SSL awards is due to the SSL coordinator, Mrs. Arnold, no later than the "first Friday in April" (**April 4, 2014**).
- The majority of SSL occurs in the official, nonprofit, tax exempt sector. For-profit assisted living facilities and for-profit nursing homes are the only for-profit entities where SSL hours can be earned. Direct service to residents in these facilities requires approval of MCPS Form 560-50, *Individual SSL Request* in advance.
- MCPS SSL approved faith-based organizations identify real need beyond their membership and assist students in using secular (non-religious) activities to address need in the greater community.
- One SSL hour is awarded for every one hour of service outside of the instructional day. (A maximum of 8 hours may be awarded within a 24-hour period.)



## Supporting Service in Our Community

A student attending the Poolesville High School Global Ecology Program has started a battery recycling program. Battery recycling drop-boxes will soon show up at local schools, churches and businesses. John Poole Middle School has a battery recycling box in the lobby.

Batteries that will be collected include: button batteries found in watches and small appliances, rechargeable batteries found in cell phones and other portable electronics, batteries in cordless power tools, and many other battery operated appliances. You can also deposit a small appliance in the recycling box if you know it has a battery inside it but you cannot get it out.

Alkaline batteries such as AA, AAA, C, and D can be safely thrown in the trash and do not need special treatment.

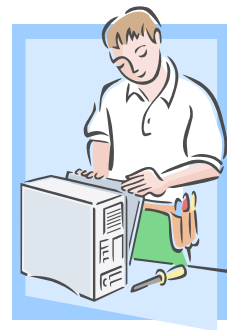
Please support this program and the environment by recycling your old or dysfunctional batteries and appliances.



## EIGHTH GRADE CAREER DAY 2014

7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

*FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS*



Parents and community members are needed to share their occupations with us! We are looking for a variety of careers to represent all walks of life. Our eighth graders enjoy having you come and share your careers with them. We will have morning sessions from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. your breakfast and lunch are included in this timeframe. The afternoon sessions are already scheduled with large groups.

If you are interested, or have a friend or neighbor who would like to participate, please complete the form below and attached. Your child may return the form by **March 14, 2014**. You may contact Mrs. Arnold or Mrs. Eisenberg, counselors at JPMS (301-972-7980) with any questions.

We also depend on parent helpers to organize this day and help with registration, hospitality, student snacks, lunch for presenters and material preparation.

**Please return the attached forms to your American History teacher at JPMS by MARCH 14, 2014.**

**STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_**

*Career Day – THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014*  
*7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.*

**Parent Volunteer Information --- Please use our on-line sign-up Genius: [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) (active after March 5th)**

**Directions to use this site are on back of this page -- or you may complete and return this form to the counseling department.**

☐ **Yes, I would like to volunteer to help on Career Day, April 24, 2014,**

☐ **Morning Presenter Breakfast**                      or                      ☐ **Noon Presenter Lunch**

☐ **Donate Food for Presenter Breakfast/Lunch**                      ☐ **Distribute Student Snacks**

☐ **Willing to coordinate one of the above**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_





**Career Day**  
**Thursday, April 24, 2014**  
**7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenter Information**

To help us schedule the day and use your presentation effectively, please check the appropriate boxes below:

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Yes, I would like to be a presenter: 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.***

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I am not available at this time

\_\_\_\_\_ I have signed up to volunteer in another way

My presentation will be:

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 – 10 minutes

\_\_\_\_\_ 10-15 minutes

\_\_\_\_\_ 15-20 minutes

\_\_\_\_\_ Informative

\_\_\_\_\_ Interactive with Informative

\_\_\_\_\_ Interactive

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Visual aids: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to contact the presenters in my group before career day, please share my email address with them:** \_\_\_\_\_ **yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **no**

**Please provide us with a brief description of your presentation you will make to students.**

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**Please give a brief description of your job responsibilities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Top ⑤ Things You Need to Know about Testing in High School

This school year, Maryland implemented new, higher standards for student learning in all schools across the State. The Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards are based on the Common Core State Standards, which have been adopted by Maryland and more than 40 other states, and provide students with the relevant, real world knowledge and skills needed for success beyond high school. In order to measure student mastery of the new standards, next year Maryland will implement new statewide tests – the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. The PARCC assessments will include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, English 9, English 10 and English 11.

## #1 **Maryland's High School Assessment (HSA) in English 10 and Algebra/Data Analysis will continue to be given through the 2013-2014 school year.**

Next year (school year 2014-2015), the English 10 and Algebra/Data Analysis HSAs will be replaced by the PARCC English 10 and PARCC Algebra I assessments. There will be no change to the HSAs for Government and Biology – students will continue to take the Government and Biology HSAs as part of their graduation requirements.

## #2 **This spring, a small number of students in nearly every high school will take the field test of Maryland's new Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments in English 9, English 11, Geometry, and Algebra II.**

Next year, Maryland will fully implement the new PARCC assessments statewide, which are aligned to the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards. The field test is an opportunity to "test the test" – to see how well the test works, determine the quality of questions, and make any necessary adjustments before it is given to all students in school year 2014-2015.

## #3 **Parents will not receive individual scores on their student's performance on the PARCC field test.**

Field tests are not formal tests. Student responses will be used to evaluate the quality of the test questions and will not be scored or reported. However, parents will continue to receive the reports on the HSAs that their student takes. Results are mailed to the local school system six weeks after the test is taken. The local school system then sends the individual student results to the parent/guardian.

## #4 **Next year (school year 2014-15) all Maryland high school students will take the PARCC assessments in English 9, 10, and 11; Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, if they are enrolled in those courses.**

The PARCC assessments will measure the essential content, critical thinking and problem solving skills that students need to be successful in college and careers. Students will take the assessments that align to the specific courses in which they are enrolled. The computer-based tests will provide accurate and timely information about what individual students are learning and whether they are on track or need extra help.

## #5 **Students in grade 8 or above who take and do not pass the Algebra I/Data Analysis HSA during the 2013-2014 school year will retake the HSA in Algebra I/Data Analysis assessment and not move to the PARCC Algebra assessment in the 2014-2015 school year.**

These students will be eligible to take the HSA-aligned Algebra I Bridge Plan for Academic Validation if they meet the Bridge Plan eligibility criteria.

*If you have additional questions about HSA or PARCC*

*testing, ask your teacher, principal, or high school counselor.* [MarylandPublicSchools.org](http://MarylandPublicSchools.org)



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## **7th and 8th Graders – Time for Soccer Sign-up**

Soccer Season is approaching fast. If you are interested in playing for the JPMS Girls or Boys Soccer team, try-outs will be held after school on Wednesday, March 12. Practices and games will be after school from 2:20-4:00 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Paperwork must be filled out before trying out.

You may pick up paperwork for the PE offices or access it on the JPMS website under Athletics. Physicals are valid for two years and they must be on file in the JPMS Health Room. If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Coordinators (Mr. Willett and Mrs. Gerrie.)

## **Rocketry Club**

Rocketry Club held its first meeting Thursday, February 20. The participants came with open minds ready to experience John Poole's first ever Rocketry Club. Mr. Ohmen, a well-seasoned rocketry master, explained his experience with rockets and his background knowledge. At the end of the session the 12 students left with great smiles of satisfaction on their faces and looking forward to the next sessions to come. To quote one of the students, "This club is awesome!"

In the coming sessions, the students will build and fly their own rockets. They will even work to design rockets to compete in local and national competitions if they so desire.

There is still space available for students to join this fantastic club. Rocketry Club is a Rec Extra sponsored club and is absolutely free to JPMS students.

Rocketry Club will meet March 6 & 20; April 3 & 24; May 1, 15 & 29

## **7th Graders: Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program**

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation seeks high-performing 7th graders with financial need for its Young Scholars Program. Selected students receive an on-staff educational adviser and services, which may include help planning a suitable academic course load, summer academic and enrichment program opportunities, study-abroad and community-service opportunities, lessons to develop music, art, or other talents, college and career counseling, and the opportunity to network with the larger JKCF Scholar community. Students who stand out for their exceptional academic abilities and achievements, persistence, and desire to help others, should visit the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's website to learn more. The application is now open and will close March 20.

<http://bit.ly/1a12pQV>

Click on the green box to learn about the nuts and bolts of the Young Scholars Program from Foundation staff.

**YOUNG SCHOLARS  
PROGRAM**

## **Attention Parents!**

The yearbook club needs your help! Anyone with pictures of John Poole Middle School students participating in school activities or any out of school activities, please send the pictures in for possible yearbook pictures. This includes any sports pictures and snow day pictures! The yearbook club would love to do a sports page and a snow day page but we need pictures from you to make this happen. Please send all pictures in on a CD to Kelly Aulls or e-mail them to [Kelly\\_m\\_aulls@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kelly_m_aulls@mcpsmd.org) Thanks!

## **Math News**

If you've been watching the roll-out of Curriculum 2.0, you may have some questions about math programming for your child now that the middle and high school courses are being included in the roll-out. This is why we have featured evening meetings about the changing math curriculum several times both last year and this. Now you can get up-to-date information online at the MCPS website. This link will take you to resources in writing, videos, and powerpoints you can check out at your convenience. <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/>

## **Montgomery College Summer 2014 Youth Programs**

Registration is now open for Courses for students in grades K - 12 held on all three campuses, Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring. There are over 200 exciting full- and half-day courses that cover a wide range of topics, such as art, music, science, math, writing, sports, robotics, study skills, engineering, woodworking, cooking, debate, technology, and so much more.

The summer program runs for an eight-week period from June 16 – August 8, 2014. So, if you are interested in doing something really different and fun this summer, register now online, by fax, by mail, or come to the Rockville Campus, Campus Center, Room 220.

Classes fill quickly, so register right away!! For registration information, access this website: <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummerbrochure.html> or contact the Youth Programs Office at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

## **Opportunities at Calleva**

If you have a child in love with horses, you will want to look into the programs Calleva is offering for elementary and middle school students this spring.

This spring, full-day lessons and games will be offered on two weekdays when school is not in session: March 28 (Professional Day) and April 21 (last day of Spring Break – Easter Monday.) The cost is \$60 per day and transportation by bus is provided to and from Poolesville Elementary School.

Starting March 10 and running through May 16, Saddle Club will meet at Calleva on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays after school. Remember that there are no activity buses from JPMS on Mondays and Fridays, but Calleva will provide buses each day that pick up at Poolesville Elementary at 3:00 PM and deliver students back to PES at 6:00 PM. Each day will include learning about horses, grooming, riding and doing barn chores. The cost is \$280 for eight sessions - \$35 per session.

Finally, Calleva is offering a spring break camp from April 14 – 18. Each day will be filled with both mounted and un-mounted lessons, games, horse care and farm fun. The cost for the week is \$350, and again, transportation will be provided from Poolesville Elementary.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Tess at Calleva for more information. You can call her at 970-317-1848 or email at [tess@calleva.org](mailto:tess@calleva.org).



## Patuxent Research Refuge/National Wildlife Visitor Center

March events feature several great opportunities for families interested in Nature and the outdoors. On Saturday, March 15, the Refuge Birthday Bash is a free celebration from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. See live animals, do children's crafts, go on a hike, listen to live music and much more. No registration is required.

On Saturday, March 22, the Environmental Film Festival presents environmental films with special guest speaker Steve Huy from Project Snowstorm, a live owl display and more! The films *Return Flight* will be screened at 11:00 AM, and *Magic of the Snowy Owls* at 1:00 PM. No registration is required.

For more information, call Dennis Hartnett, Environmental Education Coordinator at 301-497-5898.

## Looking for Movies the Whole Family Can Enjoy?

Here are more than 185 movies recommended by the reviewers at Common Sense Media. Click on the red button to see lists sorted by age groups and reviewed by other parents.

While you're at the site, you might click around some of the other resources available for books, TV, music and games.



## After School Activities

RecXtra has returned to John Poole this year with a full schedule of after school activities. Students need to listen to the morning announcements or follow them [online](#) at our website to be ready to participate in the programs that interest them.



If you have any suggestions for programs you would like to lead or to see offered at JPMS please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at [Winessa\\_R\\_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org).

Activities begin after school at 2:30 p.m.

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

**Algebra** (Tuesday)

**Beginning Sewing Club** (March 4, 5 and 6)

**Boxing** (April 22 – May 15)

**Homework Club** (Tuesday)

**Drama Club** (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)

**Extended Day Reading Classes** (Tuesday)

**Leo Club** (Wednesday – Dates TBD)

**Jazz Band** (Wednesday)

**Newspaper Club** (Wednesday)

**Math Extended Day** (Wednesday and Thursday)

**Rocketry Club – New!** (February 20, March 6 and 20, April 3 and 24, May 1, 15 and 29)

**Running Club** (February 26; March 5)

**Spa Days** (February 27, March 20, April 3 and May 3)

## Babysitting Session II April 8, 9 and 10



**The SGA would like to thank all those who contributed to the Pennies for Patients program. Our efforts raised over \$350 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. With that money, we helped supply 3 laboratory researchers with materials critical to carrying out their search for cures and covered the cost of 1 CT scan for a sick child. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society serves families here in the DC Metro Area and recognizes our efforts in improving the lives of blood cancer patients and their families.**



# Save the Date!



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

March 10-14	MSA Testing
March 17-18	MSA Make-ups
March 24	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)
March 25 & 26	Grade 7 PARCC Math
May 6 & 7	
March 27	3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Ends
	Humanities Night (6:30 p.m.)
March 31-April 1	Grade 8 Science MSA

## JPMS Soccer Schedule

March 26	JPMS vs Neelsville Girls at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Boys at Neelsville (3:15 p.m.)
April 9	JPMS vs King Girls at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Boys at King (3:15 p.m.)
April 23	JPMS vs Baker Boys at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Girls at Baker (3:15 p.m.)
April 30	JPMS vs Clemente Girls at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Boys at Clemente (3:15 p.m.)
May 6	JPMS vs Rocky Hill Boys at JPMS (2:50 p.m.); Girls at Rocky Hill (3:15 p.m.)

# PHS NEWS

*Go Falcons!*



## Poolesville High School Spring Sports Schedule

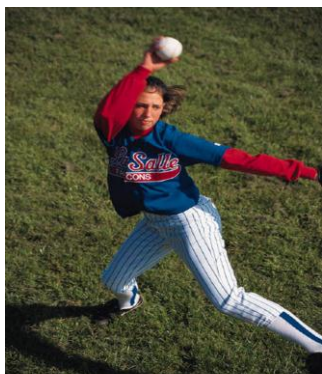


### Co-Ed Varsity Track & Field

3/26/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
4/1/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS
4/8/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Northwest and Seneca Valley HS at PHS

### Boys Varsity Tennis

3/21/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
3/24/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Churchill HS at PHS
3/26/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Whitman HS at Whitman HS
3/31/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
4/2/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Einstein HS at Einstein HS
4/7/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Northwood HS at PHS



### Varsity Softball

3/21/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Paint Branch HS at PHS
3/24/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Magruder HS at PHS
3/26/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
3/29/14	1:30 PM	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
3/31/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Blair HS at Blair HS
4/3/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS
4/5/14	1:30 PM	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
4/7/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS

### Varsity Baseball

3/21/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Paint Branch HS at PHS
3/25/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Magruder HS at PHS
3/27/14	3:30 PM	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
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### Girls Varsity Lacrosse

3/24/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at PHS
3/26/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs Clarksburg HS at PHS
3/28/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
3/31/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. B-CC HS at B-CC HS
4/4/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
4/7/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS

### Boys Varsity Lacrosse

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4/7/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at PHS



### CoEd Varsity Volleyball

3/21/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at Sherwood HS
3/24/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Whitman HS at PHS
3/26/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. B-CC HS at B-CC HS
3/28/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at PHS
3/31/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS
4/2/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
4/4/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
4/7/14	7:00 PM	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS

### Boys Varsity Volleyball

3/21/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at Sherwood HS
3/24/14	5:15 PM	PHS vs. Whitman HS at PHS
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### Meet the Coaches Night

**Tuesday, March 11  
6:30 – 8:00 PM**

### Boosters and PTSA Clean-Up Day

**Saturday, March 15  
(all day outside)**

### Mr. Pooleville

**Tuesday, March 18  
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

# 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
Special Education IRT	- Ms. Turnbull
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Eisenberg

**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**

