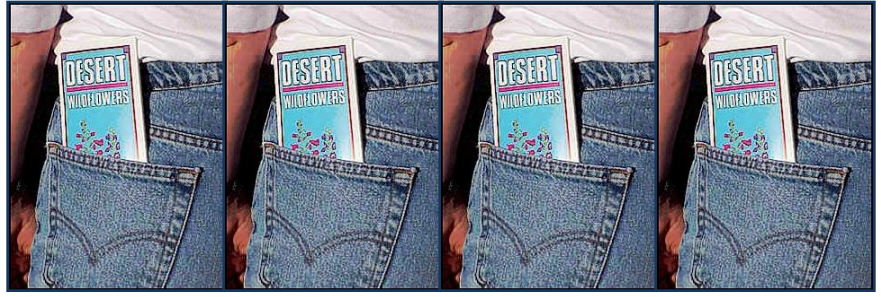


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



March 30, 2012

A Thought for Today:

"Spring has returned. The earth is like a child that knows poems."

- Rainer Maria Rilke

Have a Wonderful Spring Break!

With the third quarter ended just as spring break begins, this is an unusually care-free vacation we have ahead of us. Grades are already closed and so there is no make-up or re-assessment to do; the new quarter hasn't started yet, so there is nothing assigned yet. I hope that means you and your family are able to enjoy a week of good times and relaxation.

Of course, I'm going to recommend everyone read over break. The America Reads challenge is just about over. That was the program we endorsed back in February encouraging everyone to read 30 minutes a day for 30 days in March, so if your child has a calendar all filled in, please make sure it isn't forgotten when we get back to school. Have your kids bring back the completed calendars in order to enter the drawing for some pretty wonderful prizes!

Even without an incentive program, the very best way every child can keep in top form for success at school is to read every day – and it's fun! Remember the Black-eyed Susan Award competition is in season again.

This week we completed our recertification application for designation as a Maryland Green School. It was a lot of work, but it made me very proud to review the many ways in which we have emphasized learning about our environment and living responsibly.

John Poole was originally named an official Green School back in 2004. Since then we have had one successful application for recertification (2008) and this year's application marks our second renewal. When you have a long history of doing important work, it is both easier and harder to win continued recognition. It's easier because awareness is already in place and fundamental structures have been incorporated into the way we do business. It's harder because the basics have already been done, and it takes some creativity and real commitment to keep finding new means of advancing the work. For example, we replaced our lighting with long-lasting, energy efficient bulbs two years ago. That's a project we won't have to repeat until sometime after 2020! In the intervening years, we have to find new ways to improve our energy profile.

If you are interested in how JPMS has worked to stay green and grow greener, you can see the PowerPoint presentation we submitted as part of our application for recertification. It's posted on our webpage; just pull down the Department tab and select the Science page, or you can click on this link to go there directly:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/departments/science/FINALJPMS%20Green%20School1.pdf>

Rest hard this week – when we come back it will be the final sprint to the finish line for the 2011 - 2012 school year!

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!

Andrew Bacas

Jessica Hawkins

Catherine Savage

Erika Blair

Maddison Magaha

Lucas Stroud

Liesl Green

Tyler Portocarrero

Jacob Tievy



Spring Recital 2012

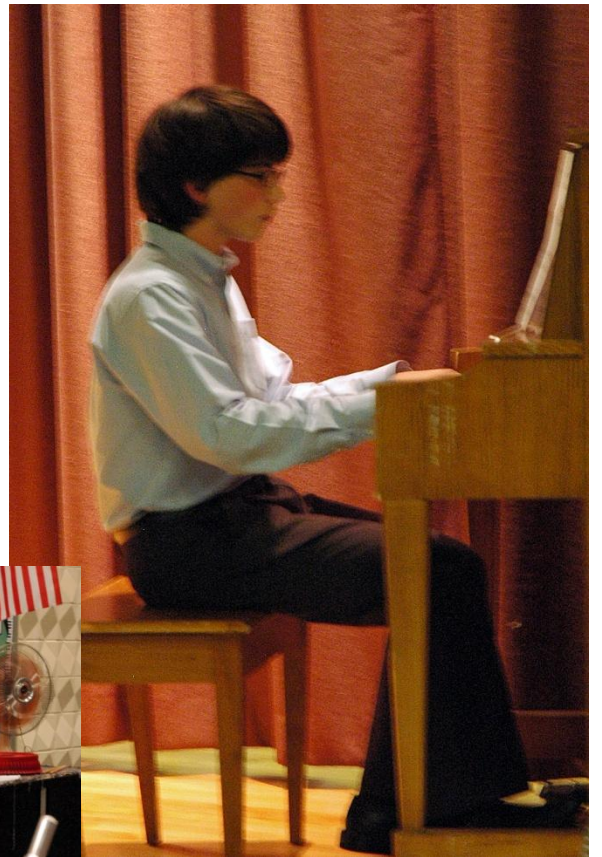
The following students were featured at a wonderful recital on March 22. They did a great job!

The Star Spangled Banner (F.S. Key, J.S. Smith).....**John Thompson**
Mirage (Gillock).....**Donald Vogel**
Minuet in G (Beethoven).....**Morgan Bliss & Jennifer Jang**
Yellow Submarine (The Beatles).....**James Dutton**
My Own Little World (Matthew West).....**Franklina Hoover**
The Brady Bunch (F. Devol, S. Schwartz).....**Sara Himmelfarb**
Sonatina in C major (Bastien).....**Ellen Beal**
Fur Elise (Beethoven).....**Ellen Beal**
Set Fire to the Rain (Adele).....**Bostyn Smith**
Village March (Arr. P.M. Stouffer)....**Katie Kavanagh & Rebecca Murphy**
Traveling Soldier (Dixie Chicks).....**Alice Maley**
Don't You Want to Stay (Jason Aldean).....**Anne Mustafa**
Super Mario Theme Song (K. Kondo).....**Rachel Peterson**
Rhythm of Love (Plain White Ts).....**Lenox Knudson**
Jack Sparrow (Hanz Zimmer).....**Anne Mustafa & Alesya Sarakhman**
Silly Love Songs (Paul McCartney).....**Shelby Smith**
All the Days of Anastasia (P. Senneville & J. Baudlot).....**Jennifer Jang**
Jar of Hearts (Christina Perry).....**Breanna Young**
Farewell to Cuculain (Kreisler).....**Daria Sharifi**
Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (Mozart).....**Breanne Hall**
Bubbly (Colbie Callait).....**Melanie Staszewski**
Yellowhammer Stomp (M. Bober).....**Roger Guitart**
Asian Song (Vematsu).....**Roger Guitart**
Grenade (Bruno Mars).....**Autumn Wright**
Flush (Original Composition).....**No Comment**

Quinn Brenholtz, William Field, Sam Garrett, Donald Vogel

Thanks, Mr. Mike Willett, for taking pictures for us!







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.hiclix.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!



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.

Spring Break is a great time to get involved in service. Address real need in the community while gaining knowledge, developing skills, and earning SSL hours in a meaningful way.

Students who have met the graduation requirement of 75 hours by the first Friday in April of a middle school year will be awarded the Superintendent's SSL Award. This year due to spring break all documentation for this award is due to Mrs. Arnold by Thursday, April 12.

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



Earth Hour

Saturday, March 31, 2012

8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Yes, you can make a difference. Please join millions of people around the world in turning off your lights for **Earth Hour**, to raise awareness to fight climate change. Share this message with your friends and family.

At 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2012, lights will switch off around the globe for **Earth Hour**. This year, when the lights go back on, we want you to think about what you can change in your daily life that will benefit the planet. Together our actions add up.

Earth Hour began in 2007, in Sydney, Australia, 2.2 million homes and businesses switched off their lights for one hour. In 2008, the idea had grown into a global sustainability movement, with 50 million people switching off their lights.



For more information please visit:

<http://www.myearthhour.org>

MCPS – DFM - School Energy & Recycling Team

2096 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Any questions please contact: [Barbara M. Ruppel@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Barbara.M.Ruppel@mcpsmd.org)

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/sert.shtml>

Spring 2011



Are you tired of paying 5¢ for every bag that 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 PTA

- 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\[11%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/13[11%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf)

County Council Operating Budget Hearings

Please make every effort to attend the upcoming County Council Operating Budget Hearings. Our Poolesville Cluster Coordinator, Donna Lowell, and Poolesville Town Commissioner, Jerry Klobukowski will be testifying on **Wednesday, April 11 at the 7pm session.**

The \$2 billion plus MCPS Operating Budget is the life blood for our schools -- it pays for all pre-K to 12 teachers and staff; all curriculum, training, and programming, including ESOL, special education services, art, music, p.e., outdoor education, and sports; textbooks and school buses; school maintenance and security; pre-K, summer school, alternative programs, and more. **Your collective presence will speak volumes to the Council.** Our schools and our students are counting on you to show your support!

Please wear your school T-shirt/sweatshirt. **Bring students, who have the patience and interest, to join you for a real life civics lesson!** Plan to arrive 15 minutes early to park (parking available below building and in surrounding lots).

The hearings start the night after spring break - so please be sure to mark this important date on your calendar.

If you have any questions or comments about Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, please email your PHS MCCPTA Delegates:

Joyce Breiner - jkbreiner@comcast.net

Jane Harris - clamityjgh@aol.com

April 10, 11 & 12

**County Council Office Building
3rd Floor Council Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland, 20850**

The following information has been provided by Laurie Halverson, MCCPTA VP of Educational Issues:

Board of Education Candidates Forums:

Primary elections are on April 3rd during Spring Break. The top two candidates from each of the "At Large" and "District 2" MCPS Board of Education races will move forward to the November election. Board of Education candidates for the Primary election (in alphabetical order) are:

At Large: Lou August, Phil Kauffman, Morris Panner, and Aryeh Shudofsky

District 2: Saqib Ali, Susan Byrne, Jeanne Ellinport, Fred Evans, and Rebecca Smondrowski

Only two candidates are running in District 4 and will advance to the general election: Christopher S. Barclay and Annita Seckinger.

Want to learn more about the candidates in person? There are two forums before the primary election:

League of Women Voters Forum (Brown Bag)

Monday, March 26, 6:15-8:00 PM

Wheaton Public Library, 11701 Georgia Ave.

Website: <http://mont1.lwvmd.org/n/>

Rockville Community Coalition Forum

Thursday, March 29, 2012, 7:00 PM

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville

100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville, MD

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 March, 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, CCSP, 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, Angell 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 R. 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.

MCPS MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

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Department of Family and Community Partnerships



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 Warnick Pl., Cherry Chase 20815

The Teen Years: Effective Parenting Skills

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 7:00-8:30 P.M.

GUIDE 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 20876

College Preparation and Scholarship Fair

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 1:00-4:00 P.M.

Attention: Get 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 Gudebush 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.

Rolando W. Clemente MS, 18808 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 Marshalls 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 and 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 Gaithersburg 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.
Cal. E. Broome Lee MS, 11800 Monticello Ave.
Silver Spring 20902

A New Approach to Higher Education: The Ana G. Méndez 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. Méndez University, a college committed to giving students a bilingual education. The Ana G. Méndez 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. Méndez University, 11160 Years 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 Gaithersburg Medical Center
655 Watkins Mill Rd., Gaithersburg 20879

Curriculum 2.0

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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 Packet 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

Parents, Students and Community Members... All are welcome!

Distracted Driving: The Accident Waiting To Happen

Presented by Sal Zambri, Esq

Tuesday, March 27th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Carver Educational Services Center Auditorium

850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville

Light refreshments will be provided

Mr. Zambri's message will save lives - - why not save some in your community? Young parents are often distracted by babies and young children; new drivers are often distracted by loud music, their friends and the sound of a text message coming in; we are all distracted by our ever present cell phones. Mr. Zambri has important information for us all - - and ALL ARE WELCOME.

Public Education Session on April 12:

Understanding New Research and Treatment:

Helping Children and Teens With Anxiety Disorders and Depression

- **Thursday, April 12, 2012**

10:00 am — 12:00 pm

Salon A-B, Crystal Gateway Marriott

Arlington, Virginia

\$25 per person (free for children under 18)

For more information, call 240-485-1030 or [send an e-mail](#).

Register in advance, or register on-site (starting at 9:15 am).

About Anxiety and Depression in Children and Teens

About one in eight children suffer from an anxiety disorder, a category that includes obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), panic disorder, social anxiety disorder, separation anxiety, phobias, generalized anxiety disorder, and PTSD. These disorders often occur simultaneously with ADHD, depression, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, and others.

When anxiety becomes unrelenting and persistent, it can interfere with your child's everyday activities, making it difficult to play, relax, sleep, or concentrate. Children and teens may experience stomach and headaches and other physical ailments. Anxiety in children and teens may not be obvious because it may appear to be irritability, sleep problems, or refusal to join in family or social activities. Find out how you can help your child avoid a lifetime of anxiety.

New Research

Recent scientific advances have led to effective treatments and show that early intervention is critical. Waiting for your child to mature or grow out of these behaviors may not be the right approach. In some cases children may develop chronic anxiety and depression, which is often associated with substance abuse and other high-risk behaviors. In this program, experts will discuss new research that advances our understanding of the brain and anxiety disorders and depression in children.

Please note: This is an educational program. No treatment, evaluations, or prescriptions will be provided. ADAA is not connected to a treatment center or hospital.

Hey, make change! Let's beat cancer!



LEUKEMIA &
LYMPHOMA
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SCHOOL & YOUTH
PROGRAMS™

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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Honored Hero
GABRIELA HERNANDEZ, leukemia survivor



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.

Check Out the Flying Dogs!

Get ready for a great time at Halmos Park on Saturday, April 7, when the Mid-Atlantic Disc Dogs take to the field for the first ever Disc Dog Event in Poolesville! Disc Dogs participate in a competition featuring handlers and dogs working together in disc-catching competitions of various levels and styles, including distance accuracy, freestyle, and a team time trial. Dogs and teams (potentially over 100 teams!) show up in all shapes, sizes and abilities. Preregistration forms and more information can be found on the club website: <http://www.mad-dogs.org>. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the event begins at 9:00 AM. Please----no parking on Hughes Road. Our own **Courtney Williams** and her dog are champions in this exciting sport!

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

Superintendent to Hold Four Forums This Spring

Superintendent of Schools Joshua Starr will be holding two more forums this spring, each focusing on a specific topic—Special Education (April 16 at Seneca Valley HS), and Social and Emotional Learning (May 10 at Whitman HS). Each forum will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and will provide an opportunity for parents, staff, and the community to hear about the latest trends and research, find out what's happening in our schools, and share their thoughts and ideas with Dr. Starr, guest panelists, and other participants. Interpretation and childcare will be available. Additional information is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org or by calling 301-309-MCPS (6277).

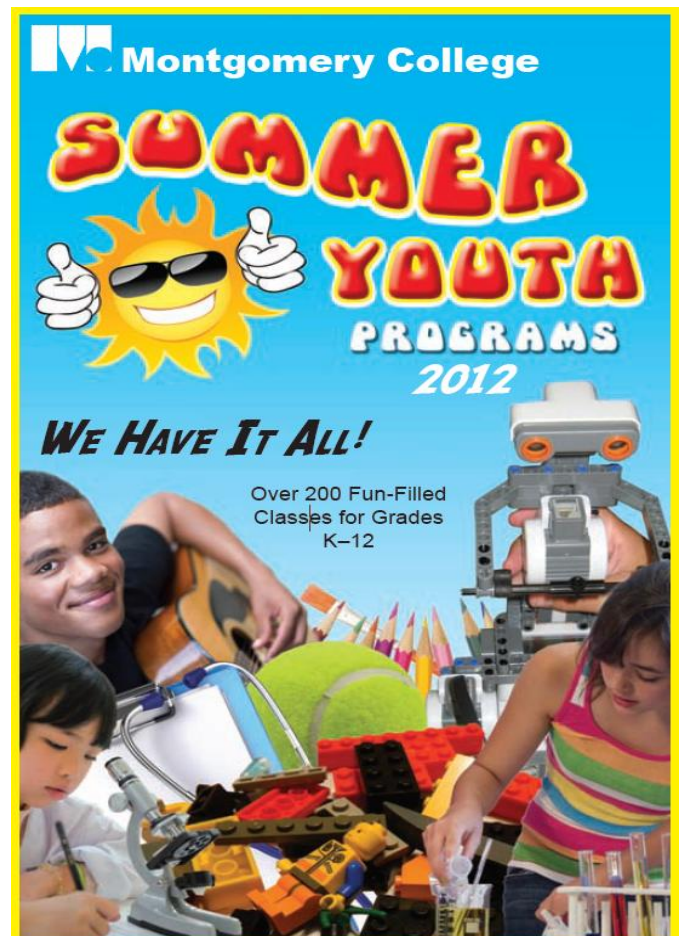
El Superintendente de Escuelas Joshua Starr estará realizando cuatro foros durante esta primavera, cada uno de ellos enfocado en un tema específico—Educación Especial (16 de abril, en Seneca Valley HS); y, Aprendizaje Social y Emocional (10 de mayo, en Walt Whitman HS). Cada foro se realizará de 7:00 a 8:30 p.m., y ofrecerá una oportunidad para que los padres, el personal y la comunidad conozcan las últimas tendencias e investigaciones, para que sepan lo que está sucediendo en nuestras escuelas y para que compartan sus opiniones e ideas con el Dr. Starr, con los panelistas invitados y con los demás participantes. Habrá a disposición servicio de interpretación y cuidado infantil. Se puede obtener información adicional en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, o llamando al 301-309-MCPS (6277).

Montgomery College Summer 2012 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, wood working, technology, and more. There is even a Circus Camp!

Brochures are available in the Counseling office at JPMS. For more information and details, call Sharon Wolfgang (240) 567 – 7264 or Karla Espinoza (240) 567 – 7917 at the WDCE Youth Programs office, or go to <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummer.html>.

The summer program runs for an eight-week period from June 18 – August 10, 2012. 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!!**



Calleva Summer Programs

Visit the Calleva web site TODAY to see what's available – the camp weeks are filling quickly! Some ideas: Building Green, Canoeing and River Stand-Up Paddleboarding. Also, for teens (ages 12-17), check out the Calleva Leadership School. Come learn about CLS at our LAST open house of the season: Sunday, April 15, 4-6:30 pm at a camper family's home in North Potomac. RSVP to Karen@Calleva.org for more information.

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.

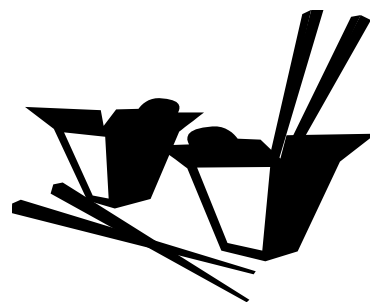
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\$5 TAKEOUT LUNCH SPECIAL

FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF

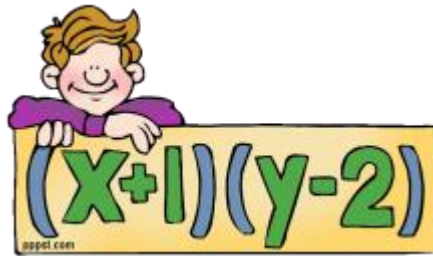
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CHICKEN AND VEGETABLES
BEEF AND BROCCOLI**



301-349-2935

Algebra 2 Jumpstart



Our Honors Geometry students are among our Best and Brightest students at JPMS; we want them to have every opportunity to be the Best and Brightest at Poolesville High School! All Honors Geometry students are invited to attend a very special *Summer Program* that will give you a *Jumpstart* into Algebra 2!

Over the past two years, Mrs. Aulls has developed this curriculum to help strong students refresh their Algebra skills so they are ready for excellence in high school. It has been a year since Honors Geometry students took Algebra – of course those skills are a little rusty. This class is a great way to review Algebra 1 concepts so JPMS students are ready on Day 1 to excel in Algebra 2. Mark your calendars now for this great opportunity which is available only to John Poole students.

The class will run Monday through Friday for three weeks at John Poole Middle School. The first day of class is Monday, July 9th and the last day is Friday, July 27th. The class will be from 9:30am – 11:30am. Students will need to have their own transportation to attend this program. There *may* be afternoon transportation if there are other summer programs at John Poole MS.

There is a small fee of \$10 for this great opportunity to jumpstart your Algebra skills (checks made payable to JPMS). Fill out and detach the reservation slip below and return it with your registration fee to Mrs. Ogden in the main office or Mrs. Aulls in room 309 as soon as possible and no later than Friday, March 30th.

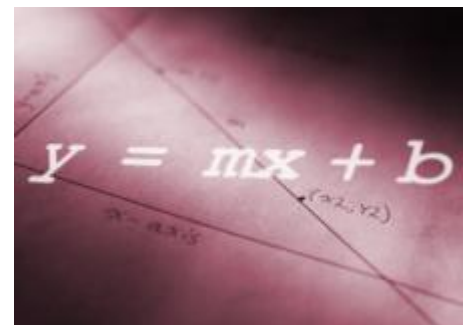
I would like to reserve a spot for the three week Algebra 2 Jumpstart class.

Student Name: _____

2012-2013 Math Course: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____



Please provide a name and number below of someone who can be reached in case of an emergency.

Register Online at www.FunkLax.com



2012 Summer Camp!

JUNE 25th -29th

Poolesville 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!

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
GARDENS

The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

April 2,4,5	Spring Break
April 3	Holiday – Primary Election Day
April 6	Holiday – Good Friday
April 9	Holiday – Easter Monday
April 10	4 th Marking Period Begins
April 12	Report Cards Distributed
April 20	Honor Roll Celebrations
April 12	Girls play King at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 12	Boys play King at King (3:15 p.m.)
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

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Orders must be in by Wednesday, April 25, 2012

PHS Personalized Bricks
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 3	TBA	Battle at the Burg Game #1 at Clarksburg HS
April 3	TBA	Battle at the Burg Game #2 at Clarksburg HS
April 11	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS
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

**Girls Varsity Lacrosse**

April 11	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
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

**Varsity Baseball**

April 2	12:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at Gaithersburg HS
April 11	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
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

Varsity Softball

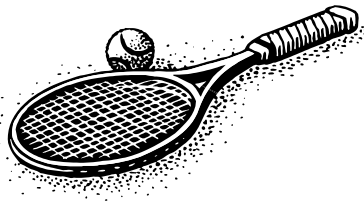
April 11	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
April 13	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at PHS
April 17	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at Einstein HS
April 19	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS

CoEd Varsity Track and Field

April 12	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS
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**

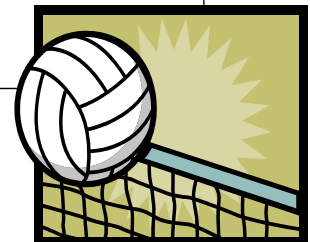
April 11	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS
April 12	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Blake HS at Blake HS
April 14	2:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Churchill HS at Churchill HS
April 17	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
April 20	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS
April 23	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Magruder HS at Magruder HS

**CoEd Varsity Volleyball**

April 11	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Walt Whitman HS at PHS
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 20	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Blair HS at Blair HS
April 23	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS

Boys Varsity Volleyball

April 11	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Walt Whitman HS at PHS
April 13	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS
April 18	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS
April 20	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Blair HS at Blair HS
April 23	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS



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**

