

John Poole's

BACK POCKET

May 9, 2014

A Thought for Today:

None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because somebody - a parent, a teacher, an Ivy League crony or a few nuns - bent down and helped us pick up our boots.

-- Thurgood Marshall

We Have a Great Staff!

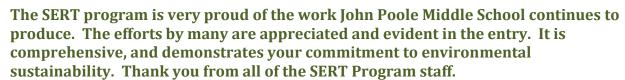
Staff Appreciation Week is always fun for me, because I enjoy thinking up new ways to celebrate my colleagues, and I never think they get enough praise for the wonderful and often life-changing work they do. This year we chose a Hollywood theme. The next time you're in our building, check out the JPMS Walk of Fame in our main hallway with the stars featuring each member of our award-winning team. It's a reminder to me every day of how fortunate I am to work on such a highly skilled and dedicated team.

And speaking of awards, we've won another! This week I received the following message from the leader of the School Energy and Recycling Team (SERT):

John Poole Middle School's Lead by Example Campaign was reviewed by the esteemed judges who placed the campaign in the FIRST PLACE among middle schools.

Specific comments below from the judges demonstrate how comprehensive and creative your entry is:

- Significant reduction in energy usage
- Great recycling program and awareness
- Excellent teamwork among students
- Great ideas to increase conservation awareness
- Excellent timeline for planning and execution
- Great photographs and graphics
- All around great green model



Now that's the kind of mail I like to open!

Don't forget to attend this weekend's Spring Musical. *Cinderella* is sure to please everyone in the family with lovely songs, great dancing, and even special effects! 7:00 PM Friday and Saturday nights and a special matinee Saturday afternoon at 1:00 PM, all on the big stage at the high school. You will be amazed!

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms, Grand moms and guardians who love and care for our kids! You are truly the wind beneath their wings. - Charlotte Boucher



Hallway Heroes

Hallway Heroes are students we honor for demonstrating exemplary **PRIDE** behaviors as they move from class to class, helping to keep our hallways safe and comfortable for everyone.

The students recognized below consistently demonstrate **Purpose**, **Respect**, **Integrity**, **Dedication** and **Effort** everywhere they go at JPMS. They are **Hallway Heroes** and we are proud to celebrate their high expectations and their Timberwolf PRIDE!

Carter Fry
Amirah Paksimah
Emily Singleton

Joseph Huff Dominique Perry Samantha Thomas



Kelsey McLouchlin Julia Ouart Brennan Wittwer

Student Artists of the Month

Each month it seems our JPMS art students bring new creativity and new media to the works on display in the main office, and May is no exception! Just get a look at the wonderful projects in the current Principal's Gallery.

Bridgette Hammett's Pottery Wheel bowl is beautifully done.

Michelle Reyazuddin and Eve Knudson created Op Art Cubes that show intricate patterns on each side as they turn next to Madi Burdette's mobile, all three suspended from the ceiling on thin cords.

Caroline Field and Jose Kolb did a great job on their Perspective Bedroom paintings, and the Cubism Paintings by Caitlin Harris and Sammy Thomas use color and great detail to make even footwear beautiful!

Perhaps my favorite of all this month's wonderful



artwork is **Sarah Mullikin's** Ribbon Illusion. It's two hands touching fingertips, but look closely – Sarah has cleverly managed to embed her initial in the design!

Congratulations to these young artists. I hope you will drop in to look at their work the next time you are in the office. I know you'll be impressed!

8th Grade Field Trip to Oakley Cabin

On Friday, May 2, the 8th graders took a field trip to the Oakley Cabin and Underground Railroad Experience in Brookeville, Maryland. This field trip coincided with their studies in the current unit exploring the causes of the American Civil War and the institution of slavery.

Students toured a cabin from the mid-1800's, participated in an archaeological dig, learned about Civil War medicine, and walked the Underground Railroad trail. The friendly guides explained information about what the slaves would experience in their quest for freedom, ways to hide, and how to find food, water and shelter.





Students sift through canisters looking for artifacts. They found porcelain & metal shards to make inferences about life in the Antebellum period.

Dr. Stonestreet talks about medicine during the Civil War.

They also included information about local Montgomery County History, such as Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, and the Josiah Henson Cabin. At the end of the day, students enjoyed the good weather and hands on activities.

Thanks to Mr. McKee for the pictures and copy about this great experience!

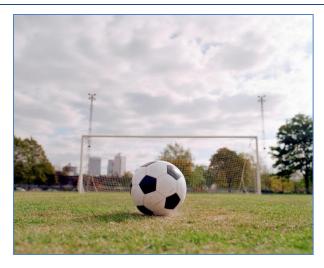
Students think about how to communicate passage on the Underground Railroad to illiterate slaves.



Soccer News

In a double overtime thriller against Rocky Hill Middle School last Tuesday, the girls' soccer team remained undefeated with a 1-1 tie.

Rachel Macairin scored the only goal for JPMS off a great pass by Kelliann Lee early in the second half. Tor Gruber was solid again in the goal, stopping all but 1 shot she faced. Alli Haddaway, Sarah Mullikin and Hannah Helfert were all over the field keeping the pressure on the opponents.



Wednesday is the final game of the season against unbeaten Clemente Middle School. Come out and support the girls as they look to finish the 2014 season unbeaten!

Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

The Maryland State Department of Education is conducting a survey of all parents/guardians of children receiving Special Education and related services. The purpose of the survey is to measure the efforts by school personnel during the current school year to help parents feel like valuable partners in planning for their child's special education program.

This is your chance to let your voice be heard at the state level. Whether you are pleased with the way your school is working with you or you have major complaints, please take the time to complete this important survey. It can be done online or returned to the Department of Education in the postage-paid envelope that you receive with the survey.

Want some more information? A short video is available at this website: http://www.mdparentsurvey.com, or you can contact Mrs. Eileen M. Fazio, instructional specialist, MCPS Department of Special Education Services, at 301-279-3135 or via email.

Remember, the survey closes on May 30! Don't wait to participate!

Don't Miss the Spring Musical!

It's amazing!

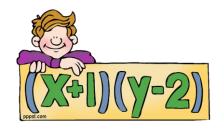
May 9 - 7:00 PM

May 10 - 1:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Performed on the Big Stage at Poolesville High School







Algebra 2 Jumpstare

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

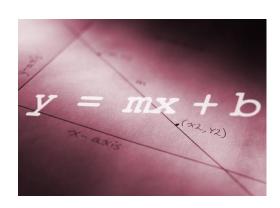
Mark your calendars now for this great opportunity to refresh your Algebra skills so you are ready for excellence in high school. It has been a year since you took Algebra and this is a great way to review Algebra 1 concepts so you are ready on Day 1 to excel in Algebra 2.

The class will run Monday through Friday for two weeks **at PHS** (Poolesville High School, room # TBD). The first day of class is Monday, July 7^{th} and the last day is Friday, July 18^{th} . The class will be from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM. You will need to have your own transportation to attend this program. There *may* be afternoon transportation if there are other summer programs at our location.

Fill out and detach the reservation slip below with your registration fee and return it to Mrs. Ogden in the main office or Mrs. Aulls in room 207 as soon as possible and <u>no later than Wednesday, April 30th</u>. There will be a small fee of \$10 for this great opportunity to jumpstart your Algebra skills (checks made payable to JPMS).

I would like to reserve a spot for the three week Algebra 2 Jumpstart class.
Student Name:
2014-2015 Math Course:
Parent Name:
Parent Signature:

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



Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

- Meaningful SSL experiences can prompt students to redirect initial career paths toward more challenging and fulfilling opportunities.
- Students involved in school-sponsored clubs and organizations that include a *service learning* project may earn SSL hours for their involvement in the supervised project in a public place outside of the instructional day.
- Find answers to questions that are frequently asked regarding the SSL program by clicking on http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/pages/fag.aspx. It's all there!
- Plan now for a summer that includes *service* and *learning*. Choose organizations and opportunities that have a graduation cap icon by them on the website <u>www.mcpsssl.org</u> OR get approval of MCPS Form 560-50 *Individual SSL Request* in advance of any service.
- Stay well informed to *Serve* and *Learn* within the MCPS SSL guidelines. Know program details..and follow them!

Parents - Want to Learn More About SSL?

The MCPS SSL office will be presenting a workshop for the MCPS Parent Academy. **Understanding the Student Service Learning Requirement – An Opportunity to Learn and Serve** will be offered on Monday, May 19 from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. at <u>Gaithersburg Middle</u> School, 2 Teachers' Way, Gaithersburg 20877

Explore the service learning requirement for high school graduation that provides students with knowledge, skills, and career exploration opportunities that lead to good citizenship. This interactive workshop will help parents understand the MCPS SSL guidelines and how to find meaningful SSL opportunities. Parents of rising 6th grade students, as well as middle and high school students are welcome to attend this session. Facilitated by MCPS staff.

Entendiendo los Requisitos de Student Service Learning – Una Oportunidad de Aprender y Servir. LUNES, 19 de MAYO 7:00–8:30 P.M. <u>Gaithersburg Middle School, 2</u> Teachers' Way, Gaithersburg 20877

Explora "Student Service Learning," un requisito para graduación de la escuela secundaria, que le provee a los estudiantes el conocimiento, las destrezas y oportunidades de explorar las carreras que apoyan hábitos de participación cívica. Este taller interactiva ayudará a los padres entender las normas del programa "Student Service Learning" en MCPS y como encontrar oportunidades substantivas. Padres de los estudiantes entrantes a sexto grado en agosto y de estudiantes en la escuela intermedia y secundaria están invitados a asistir este taller. Este taller será facilitado por personal de MCPS.

To Register/Para Registrar-

http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/parentacademyregister.aspx.

SSL Opportunity

10 responsible middle school students are needed to help with set-up of the Poolesville Elementary Talent Show on May 23, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at PHS. The tasks would include folding programs, setting up an art display, decorating and organizing the auditorium. Contacts Wendy Gotlewski...gotlewski@msn.com or 301-407-0534. It is imperative that the students sign up before the date and don't come to help unexpectedly. So contact Mrs. Gotlewski, today!

Student Volunteers Needed

for the Special Education Summit held on May 17 from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Rockville High School. Students will be handing out materials and doing other support jobs. An MCPS staff member will be onsite to provide supervision and to sign the MCPS Form 560-51.

For more information, visit **Leading the Way Today, Partnering for Tomorrow** at http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/default.aspx?id=358292

Earn SSL at the 8th Annual Walk for Water

Local nonprofit <u>Amman Imman: Water is Life</u> invites you and your family to the 8th annual <u>A Walk for Water</u>, a global service event on Saturday, May 10th at the Locust Grove Nature Center, just steps from the Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, Maryland. **A Walk for Water** supports Amman Imman's activities to drill deep wells and provide sustainable development for indigenous communities in West Africa.

This is a great family event and a perfect way to teach your children, family and friends about water scarcity, which is a growing global issue. In the Azawak region of Niger and Mali, children walk 35 miles to bring water home to their families. At <u>A Walk for Water</u>, students and families will walk 3 miles in solidarity with the children of the Azawak.

<u>Pre-Register Online Today</u>, and help raise funds! For every \$25 raised by April 30, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a Kindle Fire (must be present to win). *Registration rates will be higher for onsite registration*.

<u>A Walk for Water</u> includes an interactive pre-walk festival highlighting the nomadic cultures of the Azawak, aimed at educating students as global citizens with live music from West Africa, hands-on activities for all ages, and cultural demonstrations. Food, refreshments and merchandise will available for purchase.

The event qualifies as SSL hours for MCI tudents.

Saturday, May 10th at the Locust Grove Nature Center: 7777 Democracy Blvd in Bethesda, MD.

- 10:30 am 12:00 pm Azawak Cultural Festival
- 12:00 pm Pre-Walk Rally and drawing to win Kindle Fire
- 12:30 pm 3 mile Walk begins, 1 2 hours depending on your pace

Event Information is available at www.ammanimman.org/walk or contact Debbie Kahn, (240) 418-1143 or debbie@ammanimman.org.



CITY OF GAITHERSBURG REGIONAL EVENTS



Gaithersburg Book Festival Saturday, May 17 2014

Multiple Shifts: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm



Volunteers needed to assist in author pavilions and escort authors to book signing area; book signing line assistants; VIP lounge assistant; greeters; information booth attendees; dress up as book characters; help with children's activities – and much more! ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE REALLY NEEDED! Register to Volunteer at www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org.

Celebrate! Gaithersburg Day Sunday, June 8, 2014

Shift: 12:00 Noon - 5:00 pm and Set-Up







Volunteers needed to greet Festival goers; information booth attendees; assist with children's activities; decorations and set-up. VOLUNTEERS MUST BE 14 YEARS OLD. To sign up email: Sheila Bouley at sbouley@gaithersburgmd.gov include your name, address, email and age.

MCPS GIVE BACKpacks

The MCPS GIVE BACKpacks campaign is under way and needs your help to raise funds to purchase backpacks filled with school supplies for MCPS students in need. Last year, MCPS parents, staff, and community members generously donated more than \$100,000 to the GIVE BACKpacks campaign, and nearly 15,000 students in 41 schools received backpacks filled with school supplies. We're hoping to serve even more students this year. A backpack filled with school supplies only costs \$10, and donors have the option to sponsor an individual student, a classroom, a grade level, an entire school, or a cluster of schools. Additional information is available at www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org or by calling 301-309-MCPS.

Enjoy the Show; Help Our Neighbors

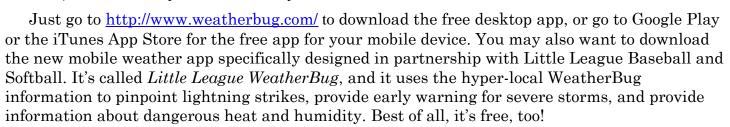


The JPMS Drama Club requests that members of the audience bring a donation of non-perishable food for WUMCO's pantry when you come to see *Cinderella* this weekend, May 9 and 10. It's not required, but this is a great way to encourage our kids to show concern for others.

Cinderella will be performed on the big stage at Poolesville HS Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 PM. There will also be a special matinee on Saturday at 1:00, complete with cake, punch and a chance to take pictures with Cinderella and the Prince. The whole family will love this show!

Have You Checked Out Our WeatherBug Yet?

The WeatherBug app is a free download for your phone or computer, and now that our PTSA and the town of Poolesville have made it possible to have our own WeatherBug station, you can use it to get real-time weather conditions in the heart of Poolesville (they call it *hyper-local weather*) as well as any other location you choose.



Summer is coming, bringing along with it the thunderstorms, hurricanes, tornados and flash flooding that are especially dangerous for kids out of school as well as elderly family and friends. Take advantage of this terrific resource to keep informed and safe!

John Poole Middle School



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



Spotlight on... Our Final Meeting of the Year!

Tuesday. May 13

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:

 $\underline{http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/4.\%2oPTSA\%2oMembership\%2oForm.pdf}$

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

Directories have arrived and have been distributed. If you paid for a membership and did not receive a directory, please contact us a.s.a.p.

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 Gotlewski, membership coordinator at gotlewski@msn.com.

Congratulations to our PTSA on earning Gold level membership recognition!

The last meeting of the year just could be the most important! Agenda items include the process for selecting a new principal and election of next year's officers. You need to be there!

Join us this Tuesday evening, May 13, at 6:30 PM in the JPMS Media Center.



Thanks to our wonderful PTSA for the yummy desserts and delicious lunch you treated us to during Staff Appreciation Week!



There Are Only a Few Yearbooks Left, and You Know Your Child Wants One!

Last chance to pre-order your yearbook. There are only 25 copies of the yearbook left. If you don't pre-order by Friday, May 16th you may not have the opportunity to buy a yearbook. You can purchase a yearbook online at www.jostens.com. Please contact Kelly Aulls with any questions at Kelly_M_Aulls@mcpsmd.org. Thanks!

MCPS Special Education Summit Set for May 17

MCPS parents, staff and community members are invited to the Special Education Summit, Leading the Way Today, Partnering for a Better Tomorrow. The summit will take place on Saturday, May 17, 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road in

Rockville.



The summit will feature resources and workshops for families of students with disabilities. Families will also have an opportunity to meet representatives from many MCPS offices and Montgomery County agencies and non-profit organizations.

To register for the summit, visit <u>www.mcpsparentacademy.org</u> or call 301-517-5940. The summit is free. Childcare, a light breakfast, and box lunches will be provided.

Cumbre de Educación Especial de MCPS Programada Para el 17 de Mayo

Los padres de estudiantes de MCPS, el personal, y los miembros de la comunidad están invitados a asistir a la Cumbre de Educación Especial, *Abriendo el Camino Hoy, Colaborando Para un Mejor Mañana*. La cumbre tendrá lugar el sábado, 17 de mayo, de 8:15 a.m. a 2:30 p.m., en Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road, en Rockville.

La cumbre presentará a un conferencista de nivel nacional, recursos, y talleres para familias de estudiantes con discapacidades. Las familias tendrán también la oportunidad de conocer a representantes de muchas oficinas de MCPS y agencias y organizaciones sin fines de lucro del Condado de Montgomery. Para inscribirse en la cumbre, visite www.mcps parentacademy.org o llame al 301-517-5940. La cumbre es gratis. Se proveerá servicio de cuidado infantil, un desayuno ligero, y cajas de almuerzo.

College Prep Fair

A free College Preparation and Scholarship Fair will be held 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive in Rockville. The fair is intended for students in grades 6–10 and their parents. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet various colleges and universities, learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities and attend informative breakout sessions. There also will be a tour of the USG campus. Space is limited, so be sure to register early! Registration can be completed at www.mcpsparentacademy.org. Call 301-279-3100 for more information.

Feria de Preparación Universitaria a Realizarse el 10 de Mayo

Habrá una Feria Gratuita de Preparación Universitaria y Becas el día sábado, 10 de mayo, de 1:00 a 4:00 p.m., en Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, en Rockville. La feria está dirigida a los estudiantes de los Grados 6–10 y sus padres. Las personas que asistan tendrán la oportunidad de conocer a representantes de varios colegios universitarios y universidades, aprender acerca de ayuda financiera y oportunidades de becas, y asistir a sesiones informativas en grupos separados. También se ofrecerá un recorrido por las instalaciones de USG. El espacio es limitado, se recomienda inscribirse, proceso que se puede completar ingresando a la página virtual de la <u>Academia Para Padres de MCPS</u>. Comuníquese al 301-279-3100, para más información.

Immunization Requirements for Students Entering 7th Grade

There are new school immunization requirements for the 2014-15 school year affecting students entering the 7th grade this fall. Your child will not be allowed in school without these vaccinations next fall. All children entering the 7th grade must have received a vaccination known as Tdap as well as a meningococcal meningitis vaccine. Call your health care provider to discuss if your child has had these vaccines or schedule an appointment for your child to receive a Tdap and meningococcal vaccination. Provide a copy of your child's updated immunization record to the JPMS Health Room - (301) 407-1029, as soon as possible.



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 <u>online</u> 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 <u>Winessa R Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org</u>. 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)

Boxing Club (May 13 & 15)

Homework Club (Tuesday)

Drama Club (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)

Leo Club (Wednesday – Dates TBD)

Jazz Band (Wednesday)

Newspaper Club (Wednesday)

Rocketry Club – (May 15 and 29)

Softball Practice (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

JPMS Drama Production (Cinderella) at PHS May 9 & 10 May 9 - 7:00 PM**TONIGHT!** May 10 - 1:00 PM Matinee and 7:00 PM) May 12-14 **MAP-R Testing May 13** PTSA meeting 6:30 PM in the media center May 14 Rescheduled soccer game May 15-16 Make-up Days for MAP-R Testing **May 16** Interims Mailed **May 16** Last Day for Students to Charge Lunch May 20-22 Green School Field Trip to Smith Island (selected students) **May 21** Algebra HSA Exam **May 21 Hearing and Vision Screening** May 22 Field Trip to Carderock Naval Center (Sea Perch) **May 22** Spring Concert (7:00 pm) **May 23 Summer School Registration Due** May 26 Holiday - Memorial Day-No school for students and staff.

JPMS Soccer Schedule

The soccer games from Tuesday, April 29 have been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 14. These are our final games of the season.



Thank you, Moms,
Grandmoms, Aunts, Mentors,
and all the other ladies who
hold our kids in their hearts.
Your love is a lifelong
treasure!

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



The Class of 2014 Graduates on Monday, June 2 10:00 AM, Mount Saint Mary's College

Senior Review Day for Final Exams - May 16

Senior Exams - May 19 - 22

Last Day of High School for Seniors - May 23

PROM - May 23, 7:30 PM

Graduation Breakfast - May 30, 8:00 - 8:30 AM

Graduation Rehearsal – May 30, 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Senior Picnic - May 30 - 12:00PM - 4:00 PM



Review Day - June 5

Exams periods 1 and 2 - June 6

Exams periods 3 and 4 – June 9

Exams periods 6 and 7 – June 10

Exams periods 8 and 9 – June 11

Rising Senior Pictures – June 9 – 11, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

POMS and Cheerleading Tryouts will be held on May 27, May 28, and May 29 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Poolesville HS Main Gym

If interested, stop by the main office at JPMS to pick up a packet.

Congratulations to Poolesville High School
Named the #1 High School in Maryland for the 4th year in a row by the

Washington Post!

Awarded a Gold Medal by *US News and World Reports* as one of the Top 100 High Schools in the US!

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
English IRT - Mrs. Lindsay
Social Studies IRT - Ms. Nachlas
Math IRT - Mr. McKay
Science IRT - Mrs. Callaghan
Special Education IRT - Ms. Turnbull

JPMS
Timberwolves
live with
Purpose
Respect
Integrity
Dedication
Effort



Our Vision:

Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)

The Timberwolf community experiences joy in learning celebrates excellence and values positive relationships.

Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Eisenberg

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