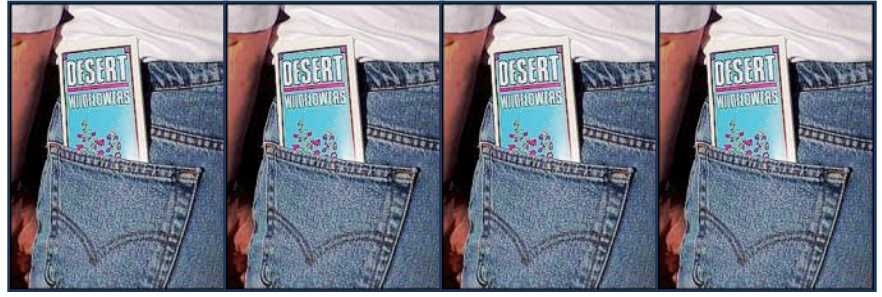


# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



**June 8, 2012**

## **A Thought for Today:**

**Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.**

**- John Lubbock**

## **Summer Is Here**

As much as we all long for the last exam to be taken and the first long summer night to arrive without papers waiting to be completed or graded, it is always impossible to close the school year without nostalgia for the students we have cared so much about. We will miss those who are leaving us and the wonderful, supportive families who have been such a part of their success at John Poole. Best wishes to you all!

For those who will be returning to JPMS in the fall, we have some upgrades to look forward to. First, in line with our Green School initiative, we are planning to make the summer mailing available on line this year. Regular readers of the *Back Pocket* who routinely click on the link in my weekly email will find the new process very familiar. Once all the bus schedules, supply lists and other important updates are ready, I'll send out a Connect-Ed message by phone and email directing you to our website. You can download the information you need and we'll save reams of paper as well as hundreds of dollars in postage. Anyone who prefers to receive paper copies of the information in the mail can simply come in to pick up a packet or call Mrs. Umberger to request one be sent in the mail.

This year, our amazing PTSA funded a Promethean board for the media center complete with the fanciest new accessories. It will be installed this summer and ready for use in August. What a great use of fundraiser money! Thanks so much for supporting the PTSA and prioritizing this purchase. Be sure to check out the new Promethean board when you come to meetings in the fall. It will surely be in action at parent meetings as well as when classes come to the media center.

More new technology is coming our way through the MCPS Technology Modernization Program (Tech Mod). Until the County Council approved our budget this spring, we were all concerned that Tech Mod, which had already been delayed one year by belt-tightening measures, would have to be put off again. Now, however, the money has been approved to provide new computers throughout the building and a whole new mobile lab of laptops for classroom use. Everything will be in place when we open our doors in August.

Until then, best wishes for a wonderful summer. The 2012- 2013 school year will again be full of hard work and exciting challenges, so we all need to rest hard in the coming weeks!

This year, the calendar worked out so that the last issue of the *Back Pocket* comes on the same day as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly. That allows me to publish the names of honorees without giving away any secrets. I know you will enjoy reviewing the impressive list of students being recognized. Our kids are the best!

# 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 the last group of **Hallway Heroes** we are proudly celebrating this year. Congratulations on your high expectations and Timberwolf PRIDE!



Cynthia Alvarez

Lucas Hanscom

Nathan Onderko

Xavier Clements

Julian Hernandez

Kayla Zinsser

Dylan Frendlich

John O'Donnell

## End of Year Awards

We are tremendously proud of the outstanding students with whom we are privileged to work. The following students have been recognized for excellence as the 2011 – 2012 school year comes to an end.

- Perfect Attendance Awards** were presented to students who missed no days during the school year.

### Grade 6

Stefan Fessenden  
Paul Graham  
Chloe Insalaco

Darrell Marshall  
Gavin Prebilic

### Grade 7

Kenydi Cross  
Kristen Hepburn  
Samuel Lee

Michael Morgan  
Theresa Nardone

### Grade 8

Sirisha Ashley  
Christopher Johnson  
Julia Link

- Straight A Awards** were presented to students who earned All A's during the first three marking terms.

### Grade 6

Peter Barry  
Morgan Bliss  
Hannah Bush  
Taylor Byrd  
Paris Copeland  
Perry Dominici  
Erin Green  
Haley Harkins  
Clara Jackson  
Jennifer Jang  
Ryan Johnston  
Kelliann Lee  
Rachel Macairan  
Maddison Magaha  
Gavin Prebilic  
Melanie Staszewski

### Grade 7

Coleman Carmack  
Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo  
Delaney Cecco  
James Donovan  
David Esser  
Julia Fisher  
Kaley Fisher  
Keegan Hemingway  
Kristen Hepburn  
Alison Huber  
Isabella Lawbaugh  
Kevin Manakkunnel  
Timothy McIntyre

Sophia Mense  
Julia Montone  
Theresa Nardone  
Victoria Pach  
Madison Peyton  
Olivia Romano  
Daria Sharifi  
Luke Terrell  
Rebeckah Trainor  
Rebecca Wallace  
Michael Wink  
Camden Wolin  
Emily Yin

### Grade 8

Grace Beal  
Erika Blair  
Roger Guitart  
Casey Harkins  
Grace Howard  
Kathryn Kavanagh  
Andrew Kocur  
Rebecca Murphy  
Abigail Nalesnik  
Allison Nalesnik  
Lillianna Pedersen  
Morgan Poss  
Anelia Slavoff  
Justin Souder  
Kelly Van Meter  
Shirley Wolz

- **Subject Awards.** The following students in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades were selected to receive an award from a teacher for outstanding work in that class. All of these honorees exemplified our school vision; personified JPMS PRIDE; and earned a GPA that is among the top 5% of the class in that subject.

Grade 6			
Peter Barry	Richard Falls	Jennifer Jang	Trevor McFall
Ellen Beal	William Field	Ryan Johnston	Maureen Miller
Morgan Bliss	Carter Fry	Ryan Kasten	Elizabeth Parise
Hannah Bush	Erin Green	Jackson Krasche	Brady Pearre
Lydia Caballero	Brooke Hamm	Kelliann Lee	Gavin Prebilic
Cassandra Campbell	Bridgette Hammett	Erin Lyons	Susanna Schmidt
Perry Dominici	Haley Harkins	Rachel Macairan	Molly Sherman
Elise Evans	Chloe Insalaco	Maddison Magaha	Madeleine Thompson
			Donald Vogel
Grade 7			
Daniel Ballew	Kaley Fisher	Timothy McIntyre	Thomas Riegert
Courtney Bourque	Keegan Hemingway	Julia Montone	Elizabeth Roberts
Keyon Budd	Alison Huber	Michael Morgan	Daria Sharifi
Delaney Cecco	Taneka Jackson	Samantha Mullikin	Luke Terrell
Kathryn Creedon	Hailey Khalil	Cooper Myers Mallinger	Rebeckah Trainor
David Esser	Amelia King	Theresa Nardone	Rebecca Wallace
Julia Fisher	Brandon Kocur	Victoria Pach	Michael Wink
	Kevin Manakkunnel	Natali Portillo	Emily Yin

The following students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade comprise the top 5% of each subject as listed. The student selected from that group to receive the Subject Award is indicated in **blue**.

- \* Advanced English 8: **Erika Blair**, Alexandra Goldman, Casey Harkins, Kathryn Kavanagh, Lillianna Pedersen, Anelia Slavoff
- \* Algebra: Erika Blair, Casey Harkins, Alesya Sarakhman, **Anelia Slavoff**
- \* Algebra Prep: Destiny Fisher, Julianna Mendez, John O'Donnell, **Kevin Simmons**
- \* Art: **Allison Nalesnik**, Anelia Slavoff, Renee Terragno
- \* Band: Kathryn Kavanagh, **Anne Mustafa**, Alesya Sarakhman
- \* Chorus: Julia Link, Kelly Van Meter, **Courtney Williams**
- \* Computer Applications: Christina Hilton, Trevor Magaha, **Michael Yin**
- \* Earth and Space Systems: Erika Blair, Roger Guitart, Kathryn Kavanagh, **Lillianna Pedersen**, Anelia Slavoff, Shirley Wolz
- \* Earth & Space Technology: Stefan Gross, **Jason Kuldell**, Trevor Magaha
- \* Honors Geometry: **Roger Guitart**, Kathryn Kavanagh, Jason Kuldell, Trevor Magaha
- \* Living with Technology: **Abigail Nalesnik**, Allison Nevius, Morgan Poss, Megan Wilson
- \* Physical Education: **Casey Harkins**, Christina Hilton, Christopher Johnson, Carley Kenly, Abigail Nalesnik, Bailee Smith
- \* Read 180: **Heather Cross**, Julianna Mendez
- \* Reading: **Ricky Day**, Chance Garner
- \* Spanish 1: Grace Beal, **Andrew Kocur**, Julia Link
- \* Spanish 2: Casey Harkins, Lillianna Pedersen, **Alesya Sarakhman**
- \* U.S.History: Erika Blair, Casey Harkins, **Kathryn Kavanagh**, Andrew Kocur, Allison Nalesnik, Anelia Slavoff

- **Superintendent's Awards for Student Service Learning** were presented to students in all grades who have completed 75 hours of service by April of this year. Also listed below are students who earned this honor previously but continued to add to their Student Service Learning hours this year. These previous honorees are indicated by *italics* \*

GRADE 6	HOURS	GRADE 8	HOURS	Trevor Magaha	85.5
Sara Oden	179	Sirisha Ashley	143	Julianna Mendez	167.5
GRADE 7		Erika Blair	104.5	Rebecca Murphy	100
Keila Alfaro	92	Carissa Caruso-Dipaolo	88	<i>Abigail Nalesnik*</i>	123.5
<i>Stephanie Bateky*</i>	885	Destiny Fisher	228	<i>Allison Nalesnik*</i>	121
<i>Mackenzie Gross*</i>	201	Breanne Hall	94	<i>Nathan Onderko*</i>	101.5
Megan Grubb	184.5	Christina Hilton	110.5	Rachel Peterson	135
Keegan Hemingway	122	<i>Gavin Hockenbery*</i>	134.5	Morgan Poss	80
Alison Huber	91	<i>Grace Howard*</i>	154.5	Jolee Raines	82
Isabella Lawbaugh	82	Colin Jansson	128	<i>Brianna Roche*</i>	124
Cole McKenney	80	Kathryn Kavanagh	94.5	Danielle Roche	94.5
Sophia Mense	108.5	Andrew Kocur	75.5	<i>Alesya Sarakhman*</i>	98
Julia Montone	80	Dylan Landis	137	<i>Courtney Williams*</i>	219
<i>Elizabeth Roberts*</i>	135	Lauren Lightcap	96	<i>Kirk Williams*</i>	106
Tucker Ross	97.5			<i>Trey Willis*</i>	287.5

- **Middle School Straight A Awards** were presented to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who earned All A's at John Poole Middle School during Grades 6 and 7 and through the first three marking terms of Grade 8.

Roger Guitart	Andrew Kocur	Abigail Nalesnik	Lillianna Pedersen	Justin Souder
Kathryn Kavanagh	Rebecca Murphy	Allison Nalesnik	Morgan Poss	Kelly Van Meter

Special congratulations to **Erika Blair** and **Anelia Slavoff** who were not students all three years at John Poole but who earned Straight A's on every middle school report card.

- **Presidential Awards** were presented to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students whose Grade Point Average (GPA) was greater than 3.5 for every marking period in middle school through Quarter 3 of Grade 8.

Benton Anthony	Grace Howard	Morgan Mullett	Brianna Roche
Grace Beal	Christopher Johnson	Rebecca Murphy	Alesya Sarakhman
Erika Blair	Kathryn Kavanagh	Anne Mustafa	Anelia Slavoff
Cormac Brown	Andrew Kocur	Abigail Nalesnik	Bailee Smith
Karyn Comfort	Michael Kuhn	Allison Nalesnik	Justin Souder
Jami D'Amelio	Jason Kuldell	Lillianna Pedersen	Erin Sparrow
Alexandra Goldman	Dylan Landis	Rachel Peterson	Renee Terragno
Roger Guitart	Lauren Lightcap	Morgan Poss	Kelly Van Meter
Breanne Hall	Julia Link	Michael Quaranta	Courtney Williams
Casey Harkins	Trevor Magaha	Jolee Raines	Shirley Wolz
	Oscar Martinez		Michael Yin

- **The Rising Star Award for Academic Improvement** was presented for significant overall improvement in GPA from Quarter 1 through Quarter 3 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to two students who exemplify the school vision and personify JPMS PRIDE.

Trey Willis

Nathan Onderko

- **The Odd Fellows Award** was presented to two students who have earned the most SSL hours through April 30 of Grade 8.

**Trey Willis**

**Courtney Williams**

- **The American Legion Award** was presented to a student who consistently demonstrates Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship, and Service.

**Grace Howard**

- **The Linda Fiore Memorial Award**, named for the first principal of John Poole Middle School, was presented to a student who has attended JPMS for all three years and consistently demonstrated academic growth, effective interpersonal skills, effective use of technology, and perseverance in overcoming obstacle(s) and/or problem-solving.

**Oscar Martinez**

## Congratulations to all our wonderful students!

**On June 1, JPMS was honored with recertification as a Maryland Green School.** We received citations from the County Council and the Governor at the Green School Youth Summit at Sandy Point on the Bay. Pictures of the field trip to the Summit follow these images of our awards.



# The State of Maryland



Governor of the State of Maryland, to

JOHN POOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

, Greetings:

*Be it Known*, That in behalf of the citizens of this State  
in recognition of the commitment you have demonstrated to the environment of  
Maryland by becoming a Maryland Green School... with congratulations for your dedicated  
efforts to integrating the environment into instruction, modeling best environmental practices at  
your school, and extending learning into your community,  
we are pleased to confer upon you this

## Governor's Citation



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1st day of June  
in the Twentieth and twelve

*Anthony S. Hall*  
Governor

*Robert W. Brown*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. McPherson*  
Secretary of State



# Green School Youth Summit At Sandy Point



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

This science lab was really tasty! After constructing their solar ovens, students made (and ate!) s'mores. Thanks to Mrs. McManus for planning the lesson and taking the pictures



# Drive for Supplies

By: Georgia Micheals

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade has a special project to collect school supplies for under-privileged kids in MCPS. The *Drive for Supplies* project serves many functions. *Drive for Supplies* collects used but still usable school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, notebook paper, glue, rulers, notebooks, etc. Last year *Drive for Supplies* collected 15,021 pounds of materials across MCPS and benefited 65 families.

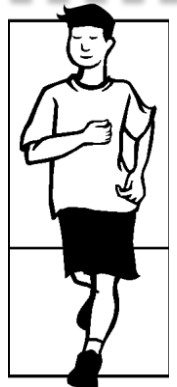


There will be boxes in each Social Studies classroom as well as other places in the school. Final locker clean out will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Contribute to helping others.

## Plan Ahead: Order Next Year's PE Uniform Now

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your child has lost or outgrown this year's PE uniform, the following information will give you a head start on what is needed for PE classes in the fall.



All students will need the following materials:

1. Black gym shorts and gray T-shirt. These should be marked with the student's name with a permanent marker.
2. Sneakers with laces. Shoes that slip on are not permitted.
3. Sweatshirts and sweatpants (any color). These will be needed when cooler weather begins.

If you would like to purchase a JPMS uniform, we are taking orders until June 8, 2012. The PE Uniform consists of 100% cotton, pre-shrunk, gray T-shirt with JPMS two-tone logo on the front and black mesh shorts with JPMS two-tone logo on the leg. The cost is \$25.00 for the full uniform. Pre-ordered uniforms will be delivered to your student the first week of school in August 2012.

Reasons for recommending a student change into black and gray clothing for PE classes include:

- Reduce competition between students when selecting sportswear for PE class.
- Distinguish between students' school clothes and their physical education attire; it is often difficult to make this distinction.
- Provide attire that is very comfortable and allows students to move freely during class.
- Promote good personal hygiene.

The completed order form must be turned in to JPMS by Friday, June 8, 2012. Make checks payable to John Poole Middle School and include your child's name at the bottom of the check.

**WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR STUDENT A UNIFORM ON TIME IF THE ORDER IS LATE!!!**

Order forms may be dropped off in the main office at JPMS or mailed to:  
John Poole Middle School, Attn: Kim Gerrie / 17014 Tom Fox Ave. / Poolesville, Maryland 20837

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Gerrie via phone (301-972-7979 ext. 144) or by e-mail [Kimberly S Gerrie@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly_S_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org). Thanks!

**JPMS**  
**TIMBERWOLVES**  
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**  
**UNIFORM SALE**

Students first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian(s) name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below how many items of each size you would like to purchase.

ITEM	PRICE	Youth L	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL	Adult XXL
Gray JPMS T-Shirt	\$10.00	Not Available					
Black Mesh Shorts w/ JPMS logo	\$15.00	(Size 14-16 6" Inseam)	(28-30 Waist 7" Inseam)	(32-34 Waist 7" Inseam)	(36-38 Waist 7" Inseam)	(40-42 Waist 7" Inseam)	(44-46 Waist 7" Inseam)

Total # of items ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash/Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders must be received by Friday, June 8th to be guaranteed  
delivery the first week of school.**

For Staff:

Received order on : \_\_\_\_\_ Ordered Filled on: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered: \_\_\_\_\_

# **VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME and JOIN the PTSA**

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

**Many thanks to our out-going officers:**

- **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**

**President: Jennifer Kasten**  
**Vice President: Dawn Albert**  
**Secretary: Dreama Hemingway**  
**Treasurer: Wendy Roldan**  
**MCCPTA Reps: Vacant**

## **Congratulations to Our Officers for 2012 - 2013!**

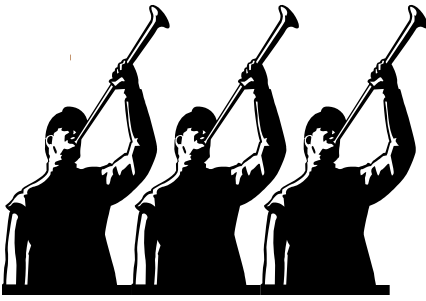


So many wonderful volunteers have generously given of their time this year to make our school the best experience it can be for our kids. We are blessed to have a supportive community and caring, creative families. The work you do is outstanding and tremendously important. Thank you!

Special appreciation goes out to the fabulous families who have worked so hard to make the 8th grade dance a beautiful event to remember; to chaperone class events; and to provide end of year treats. Our kids are grateful for your generous support, and so are the teachers and staff!

## **The Deadline for Registering for Summer School at JPMS Has Passed!**

**If your child was invited to come to summer school, don't miss out on this important  
opportunity to build skills for the coming school year.  
Make sure your child is enrolled - call us today! 301-972-7979**



# Announcing –

## **Yearbooks**

Buy your yearbooks today!! Yearbooks can be purchased before or after school in the front of the building from Mrs. Aulls. The cost of the yearbook is \$32. Checks can be made payable to John Poole Middle School. Contact Mrs. Aulls at [kelly\\_m\\_aulls@mcpsmd.org](mailto:kelly_m_aulls@mcpsmd.org) with any questions.

## **Calleva Creates Scholarships to Honor George Kephart**

The George Kephart Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide free Calleva summer camp to children in our local community who otherwise could not afford to participate in summer camp. Kephart Scholarship recipients can choose between the Growing Green (farming) and Building Green (sustainable building) programs, which occur on Calleva Farm in Dickerson. Both programs are part of the working farm operations, and children have loads of fun while learning about traditional, sustainable methods for farming, water conservation, building with reclaimed and reusable materials, and alternative energy as they take on and complete creative, engaging projects. They also get to help take care of the animals and just enjoy bright, summer days on a beautiful farm and woods. For more information, contact Mrs. Arnold in the Counseling Office - 301-972-7980.

## **Montgomery College Summer Youth Programs**

There are still openings for students in grades K - 12 held on all three campuses, Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring. We offer over 200 exciting full- and half-day courses that cover a wide range of topics, like art, music, science, math, writing, sports, robotics, study skills, engineering, wood working, technology, and more).

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!!

For registration information, access the Montgomery college Summer Youth Programs website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummerbrochure.html> or contact YOUTH PROGRAMS office at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

## **Looking for Safe and Fun Summer Technology?**

You might want to click on the link below to find a summary of educational apps and websites suggested for ages 2 – 17. Each is described and rated for appropriate content.

[http://www.common sense media.org/sites/default/files/2012\\_slg\\_full.pdf?utm\\_source=newsletter060512&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=other](http://www.common sense media.org/sites/default/files/2012_slg_full.pdf?utm_source=newsletter060512&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=other)

# Have a GREAT summer!

# 2012 SUMMER BACKPACK JOURNALISM ACADEMY



## WHAT IS IT?

Backpack Journalism is a form of broadcast journalism where the individual is the reporter, camera operator and editor! These individuals have the ability to get into their neighborhoods and communities to find stories that matter to them. These reporters are vital to getting the word out in Montgomery County! Here at Montgomery Community Media we are helping more and more backpack journalists to tell their stories. We strive to have a community atmosphere and backpack journalists are important to us.

## WHAT TO EXPECT!

This program is open to all 6th –12th grade students in Montgomery County. Students will have four(4) four-hour classes teaching the basics of Backpack Journalism. Students will learn story composition, shooting and editing. Students will be able to use their segments in MCM's *Backpack Beat* TV program and be a part of other programs that air on The Montgomery Channel and Access 19.



## SPACES ARE LIMITED

### 3 Sessions Offered

June 18th—29th (9-12)

July 2nd –13th (6-9)

July 16th—27th (9-12)

Each session includes snacks, training materials, hands-on experience & a DVD copy of the completed show

**ALL FOR \$225!**

**NOW ONLY \$150 UNTIL JUNE 1st**



Visit  
[www.mymcmmedia.org/backpack](http://www.mymcmmedia.org/backpack)  
For more information



# Save the Date!

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



**Back-to-School Fair**  
Saturday, August 25, 2012  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

HELD ON THE GROUNDS OF  
Carver Educational  
Services Center  
850 Hungerford Drive  
Rockville, MD 20850

**BRING THE FAMILY**  
and get the new  
**SCHOOL YEAR**  
**off to a**  
**GREAT START!**

**It's  
FREE!**



[www.mcpsbacktoschoolfair.org](http://www.mcpsbacktoschoolfair.org)

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June 8	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance At the Baptist Church, Poolesville (6:00-10:00 p.m.)
June 11	Class Activities
June 12	Last day for students (dismissal at 11:50 a.m.) 8 <sup>th</sup> grade orientation at PHS
June 21	Report Cards Mailed
July 2-27	Summer School
July 26	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation (9:00-11:00) or (1:00-3:00) in the Media Center
August 25	Back-to-School Fair
August 27	First Day of School for Students
August 30	PHS Back to School Night
September 3	Labor Day
September 4	MES Back to-School Night
September 6	PES Back to School Night
September 13	JPMS' Back to School Night (6:30 p.m.)
September 19-21	Grade 6 Outdoor Education

## Remember –

**The summer reading assignment for JPMS is appended to the end of this issue of the *Back Pocket*.**

**Both the summer reading and math packets are also available at our website.**

# **John Poole Middle School Summer Orientation for 6th Grade!**



## **Summer Orientation For Incoming 6th graders**



**Thursday July 26th**

**9:00-11:00**

**or**

**1:00-3:00 pm**

**Media Center**

**Call for Questions**

**At 301-972-7980**

**or 301-972-7979**



- Locker combination races!
- Scavenger Hunt
- Meet other students

# **PHS NEWS**

***Go Falcons!***



## **Exams at PHS**

**Monday, June 11**

No 8<sup>th</sup> period

Final Exams—Period 1

**Tuesday, June 11**

Final Exams—Make-ups

# **Congratulations, PHS!**

**once again recognized by *Newsweek*  
and the *Washington Post* as one of  
America's Top High Schools!**

**Poolesville High School**

17501 Willard Road

Poolesville, Maryland 20837-2006

301-972-7900

June 1, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

On Tuesday, June 12, 2012, Poolesville High School will be hosting an orientation for the incoming ninth grade class. Buses will pick your students up as usual, but transport them to PHS instead of John Poole Middle School. Transportation will be provided as outlined on the Poolesville High School web page. On the other side of this letter, you will find a copy of the morning's agenda for your review.

We are hopeful that this will be an opportunity for each student to become familiar with our staff, building, and the many activities that we offer.

We look forward to seeing each of the incoming members of the *Class of 2016* on June 12, 2012. If you have any questions or specific concerns, please, do not hesitate to contact the main office by calling 301-972-7900.

Sincerely,

*Deena Levine*

Deena Levine  
Principal

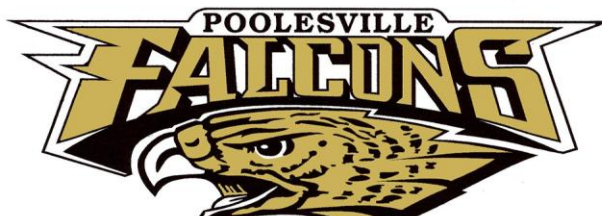
**Poolesville High School  
Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation  
Tuesday, June 12, 2012**

The orientation program for incoming ninth grade students new to Poolesville High School is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, from 7:25 to 11:40 a.m. This program will give students the following:

- *an opportunity to become familiar with bus runs and the school facility*
- *a chance to meet classmates, teachers, and other school staff*
- *an introduction to high school policies, procedures, and services*
- *an overview of academic and extracurricular programs*

The morning's schedule is outlined below:

7:20 – 7:30 a.m. – Check-in (Auditorium Lobby)
7:30 – 7:45 a.m. – Welcome Assembly
7:50 – 11:03 a.m. – Facility Tour
11:08 – 11:21 a.m. – Magnet House Meetings
11:21 – 11:30 a.m. – Refreshments in Cafeteria
11:40 a.m. – Departure



# 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**

## John Poole Middle School Summer Reading 2012



### Why do we have summer reading requirements?

Summer reading has been an expected practice in Montgomery County Public Schools since 1998. Research suggests that reading, like most skills, improves with practice. Additionally, reading is a life-long skill essential to success in academic, civic, and personal circles. Therefore, consistent with our systemic goals of preparing students for success both during school and after graduation, we at John Poole continue to expect students to read during the summer.

### Overview of summer reading at John Poole

Summer reading at JPMS is meant to be both fun and educational. To that end, you will **read two books of your choosing. One book will be fiction; the other book should be non-fiction.** Both books need to be age-appropriate and approved by parents/guardians. **Thoroughly complete one organizer for each book, and obtain your parents/guardians signature to confirm that you have read the book. The due date for the summer reading organizers is Friday, September 7, 2011.** Students who transfer into JPMS during the summer are also expected to have met the expectations for summer reading.

### Where can I get help in choosing my books?

Our goal is to encourage you to read! By giving you the choice of books, we hope you will be more invested in reading and in the accompanying activities. Although we are asking you to read and respond to two books, you might also enjoy reading magazines, newspapers, parent-approved websites, joke books, graphic novels, short stories, poems, etc. You may look for appropriate books in several places, including searching websites and authors listed on a separate page in this packet. You are not *required* to read a book by any of these authors; the list is simply a starting point.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Boucher  
Principal

Jane Lindsay  
English Resource Teacher

Joy McIntyre  
Media Specialist

## John Poole Middle School Summer Reading - Suggested Author list

Avi	Robin McKinley
Louisa May Alcott	Patricia McKissack
Lloyd Alexander	Carolyn Meyer
T.A. Barron	Ben Mikaelson
Joan Bauer	Walter Dean Myers
Meg Cabot	Beverly Naidoo
Matt Christopher	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Sook Nyul Choi	Jenny Nimmo
Sandra Cisneros	Garth Nix
Eoin Colfer	Scott O'Dell
Caroline Cooney	Linda Sue Park
Susan Cooper	Katherine Paterson
Sharon Creech	Richard Peck
Christopher Paul Curtis	Gary Paulsen
Roald Dahl	Rodman Philbrick
Peter Dickinson	Tamora Pierce
Thomas Dygard	Philip Pullman
Nancy Farmer	Ann Rinaldi
Jack Gantos	J.K. Rowling
Jean Craighead George	Ann Schraff
Patricia Giff	Darren Shan
Michael Crichton	William Sleator
Margaret Haddix	Gary Soto
Mary Downing Hahn	Elizabeth Speare
Virginia Hamilton	Lemony Snicket
Karen Hesse	Zilpha Keatley Snyder
Will Hobbs	Jerry Spinelli
Anthony Horowitz	R.L. Stine
Brian Jacques	Mildred Taylor
Robert Jordan	J.R.R. Tolkien
Kathryn Lasky	Megan Turner
Tanith Lee	Mark Twain
Ursula Leguin	Cynthia Voigt
Madeleine L'Engle	Bill Wallace
C.S. Lewis	Robert Westall
Janet Lisle	Ruth White
Paul Landon	Jacqueline Woodson
Jack London	Laurence Yep
Ann Martin	Jane Yolen
Carol Matas	

If you'd like more information on Montgomery County Public Schools Summer Reading program, you may access the following website:  
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/>

The following websites also offer ideas for books:

**Coretta Scott King Book Awards**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/emierrt/cskbookawards/recipients.cfm>

**The Reading Corner**

<http://www.carr.org/read/>

**Teachervision.com: Summer Reading Lists**

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/>

**Education World**

[http://www.education-world.com/summer\\_reading/](http://www.education-world.com/summer_reading/)

**International Reading Association: Booklists**

[http://www.education-world.com/summer\\_reading/](http://www.education-world.com/summer_reading/)

**Carol Hurst's Children's Literature**

<http://www.carolhurst.com/index.html>

**Young Adult Library Services Association Booklet**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook.htm>

**American Library Association/Great Web Sites for Kids**

<http://www.ala.org/gwstemplate.cfm?section=greatwebsites&template=/cfapps/gws/default.cfm>

**Scholastic:** <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading>

**Books for girls:** <http://www.readergirlz.com/>

**James Patterson's Read Kiddo Read:** <http://www.readkiddoread.com/home>

**Sync** (Youth Adult Literature on Audio): <http://www.audiobooksync.com/free-syn-downloads/schedule-of-free-downloads/>





**FICTION** Title \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# of pages \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**What I liked...**

**What I would  
change...**

**Favorite Quote:** “ \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Reason why I chose this quote:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I (would/would not) recommend this book because**

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**NON-FICTION** Title \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# of pages \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**What I learned about the topic:**

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