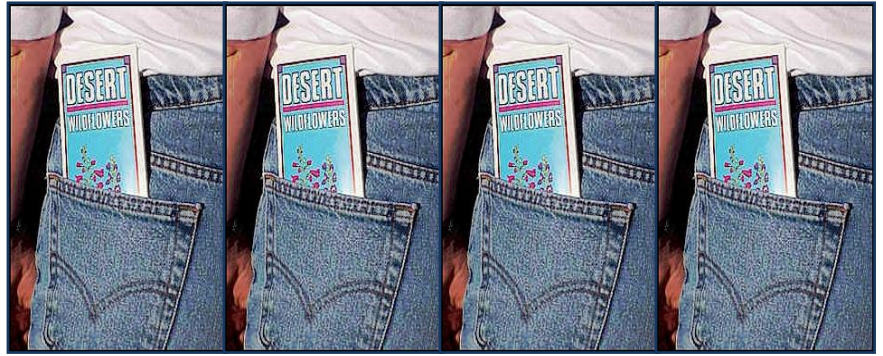


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



June 14, 2013

A Thought for Today:

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.”

- George Washington Carver

All's Well that Ends Well

The last bus has pulled away from the curb; teachers are clearing their classrooms and entering final grades; a group of kids just biked by on Tom Fox with beach towels over their shoulders – summer is here! It all looks so easy now that Friday afternoon is here, but I have to say that the weather made 2013 one of the most stressful closings of my career.

It was a disappointment for us all when we decided to cancel the eighth grade trip, but I saw pictures Thursday of flooding and damage near Hershey from that morning's storms that made me glad our kids weren't en route through that band of dangerous weather. Thanks to our wonderful 8th grade parents who worked with us so patiently to get the tickets and refunds distributed Wednesday afternoon!



Then we watched the sky with our hearts in our throats Thursday morning as our adventurous 7th grade parents drove off with carloads of kids and sports equipment headed for Smokey Glen. Before they left, I cautioned the students in my best bossy Grandma voice that they needed to be very careful and cooperate *immediately* if an adult gave them a direction, because the weather was uncertain and could get dangerous.

Honestly, you have sent us fabulous kids! They were on the playing fields when the first thunderclap was heard, and they came into the shelter *immediately*. For about 45 minutes they played cards and board games and chatted until the rain had stopped and a full 30 minutes had passed after the last thunderclap (there was never any visible lightning) and the all-clear was sounded. Adults and students alike came back with smiles on their faces and another report from Smokey Glen that John Poole students are welcome any time!



6th graders had a special pizza lunch here at school and then enjoyed movies in the auxiliary gym. We got them home after school before the tornado warning came through! By dinner time the sun was out and I was breathing easier. What a roller coaster of anxiety! Fortunately, we've ended an excellent school year with only good memories. Best wishes for a great summer to all our families, and let's have a terrific school year again for 2013 – 2014!

- Charlotte Boucher

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 2012 – 2013 school year comes to an end.

- Perfect Attendance Award for Three Years – Grade 8**

Kristen Hepburn

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

Grade 7

Morgan Bliss
Elias Garcia
Tania Jackson

Kelliann Lee
Gavin Prebilic

Grade 8

Kristen Hepburn
James Klimkiewicz
Brandon Kocur

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

Grade 6

Aidan Auel
Gwendolyn Boe
Vincent Chim
Julia Corfman
Carla Dacanay
Garrett Fultz
Trent Hinkson
William Jones
James Kavanagh
Megan Roldan
Katrina Rowe
Cade Seely
Samantha Varona

Grade 7

Morgan Bliss
Erin Green
Bridgette Hammett
Haley Harkins
Chloe Insalaco
Clara Jackson
Jennifer Jang
Ryan Johnston
Kelliann Lee
Sean Lyons
Trevor McFall
Kelsey McLoughlin
Gavin Prebilic
Donald Vogel

Grade 8

Delaney Cecco
James Donovan
David Esser
Gabriel Fernandez
Julia Fisher
Kaley Fisher
Keegan Hemingway
Kevin Manakkunnel
Timothy McIntyre
Theresa Nardone
Olivia Romano
Daria Sharifi
Jacob Tievy
Michael Wink
Emily Yin

- Subject Awards.** The following students in 6th and 7th 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

Gwendolyn Boe
Gabriella Brooks
Rachel Bupp
Madeline Burdette
Jessica Carey
Vincent Chim

Carla Dacanay
Michael Edwards III
Daniel Geehrens
Isabel Gibbs
Trent Hinkson
Foster Holmquist

William Jones
James Kavanagh
Casandra Maier
Julia Pavlick
Madison Peek
Wilhelmina Prasada-Rao

Alison Ransom
Brennah Ringling
Megan Roldan
Katrina Rowe
Kalie Terragno
Clark Trone
Brionna Winstead

GRADE 7

Peter Barry
Morgan Bliss
Hannah Bush
Taylor Byrd
Rebecca Carin
Stefan Fessenden
Carter Fry

Erin Green
Brooke Hamm
Bridgette Hammett
Haley Harkins
Chloe Insalaco
Clara Jackson
Jennifer Jang

Ryan Johnston
Jack Krasche
Kelliann Lee
Erin Lyons
Trevor McFall
Mackenzie Mullett
Gavin Prebilic

Bostyn Smith
Melanie Staszewski
Lucas Stroud
Madeleine Thompson
Dillon Trent
Cassandra Volkle
Dalton Webber
Amelia Williams

The following students in 8th 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: **Delaney Cecco, James Donovan, Julia Fisher, Keegan Hemingway, Theresa Nardone, Daria Sharifi**
- * Algebra: **Julia Montone, Rebecca Wallace, Michael Wink**
- * Algebra Prep: **Jordan Belski, Austin Smith, Megan Windall**
- * Art: **Kathryn Creedon, Brandon Kocur, Elizabeth Roberts**
- * Band: **Kaley Fisher, Daria Sharifi**
- * Chorus: **Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo, Victoria Pach**
- * Earth and Space Systems: **Daniel Ballew, James Donovan, Keegan Hemingway, Timothy McIntyre, Daria Sharifi, Jacob Tievy**
- * Earth & Space Technology: **Thomas Riegert, Luke Terrell, Michael Wink**
- * Honors Geometry: **James Donovan, Kevin Manakkunnel, Daria Sharifi**
- * Living with Technology: **Courtney Bourque, Kenydi Cross, Claire Jensen, Elizabeth Roberts**
- * Orchestra **Isabella Garner, Michael Payne**
- * Physical Education: **James Donovan, Julia Fisher, Kristen Hepburn, Samantha Mullikin, Rebeckah Trainor, Rebecca Wallace**
- * Read 180: **Keyon Budd, Jacob Mason**
- * Reading: **Alona Carr, Morgan Harney, Daniel Papagjika**
- * Spanish 1: **Keegan Hemingway, Timothy McIntyre, Jacob Tievy**
- * Spanish 2: **Courtney Bourque, Julia Fisher, Daria Sharifi**
- * U.S.History: **James Donovan, David Esser, Claire Jensen, Daria Sharifi, Luke Terrell, Rebeckah Trainor**

- **Middle School Straight A Awards** were presented to 8th 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.

**Delaney Cecco
James Donovan**

**Julia Fisher
Kaley Fisher**

**Keegan Hemingway
Kevin Manakkunnel**

**Timothy McIntyre
Theresa Nardone**

**Jacob Tievy
Emily Yin**

- **Presidential Awards** were presented to 8th 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.

Daniel Ballew
Joseph Brashear
Coleman Carmack
Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo
Delaney Cecco
James Donovan
David Esser
Gabriel Fernandez
Nicolas Fernandez
Julia Fisher
Kaley Fisher

Isabella Garner
Dakota Grimsby
Mackenzie Gross
Keegan Hemingway
Kristen Hepburn
Alison Huber
Claire Jensen
James Klimkiewicz
Brandon Kocur
Isabella Lawbaugh
Kevin Manakkunnel

Michael McDonald
Timothy McIntyre
Cole McKenney
Sophia Mense
Julia Montone
Michael Morgan
Samantha Mullikin
Cooper Myers-Mallinger
Theresa Nardone
Victoria Pach
Michael Pappas

Madison Peyton
Olivia Romano
Daria Sharifi
Luke Terrell
Jacob Tievy
Rebeckah Trainor
Rebecca Wallace
Carmella Wasilik
Michael Wink
Emily Yin

- **The Rising Star Award for Academic Improvement** was presented for significant overall improvement in GPA from Quarter 1 through Quarter 3 in 8th grade to a student who exemplifies the school vision and personifies JPMS PRIDE.

Patrick Budd

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

Mackenzie Gross

Megan Grubb

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

MacKenzie Gross

- **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.

Robert Dietz

- **International Thespian Society Junior Achievement Award** is presented to students to honor their work and dedication to the theater, school, and community.

Courtney Bourque
Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo
Mackenzie Gross

Sara Himmelfarb
Claire Jensen
Samuel Lee

Theresa Nardone

**Congratulations to all these
wonderful students!**

Honoring Our Readers

On June 12, 2013 students who earned at least 100 lexile levels in reading were treated to a delicious meal and a wonderful night of accolades from local and school dignitaries. Families were treated to a catered meal from Potomac Grille in Rockville. Tables were decorated with flowers from Stephanie's Secret Garden here in town, and free summer reading books were distributed.

Several dignitaries attended, including our Community Superintendent, Dr. Hollingshead, the Magnet Coordinator, Mrs. Bradshaw, from PHS, and the principal of Poolesville Elementary School, Mr. Robbins. Jerry Klobukowski, representing the town of Poolesville, also attended. Ms. Rice provided translation for our Spanish speaking families, and Ms. McIntyre provided technical assistance for the evening.

Congratulations to all these students who have made such tremendous growth in reading this year, and a huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Grifone and Mrs. Vega whose excellent instruction made it possible. An event like this doesn't happen without a lot of time and energy. We are truly fortunate to work with people who care enough to make special things happen for kids!

The following students were honored at the banquet:

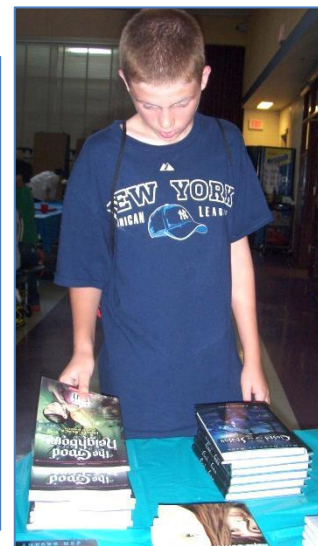
Antonnia Atkins
D.J. Bricker
Keyon Budd
Arianna Carr
Alec DeLuna
Alayna Dockstader
Nicole Duran

Trey Edwards
Stefan Fesseden
Demetrius Jackson
Stephanie Leitner
Travis Lowe
Jake Mason
Colin Metz

Tyler Morningstar
Sara Oden
Thomas Oram
Wilber Ortiz
Elizabeth Parise
Jeffrey Ricketts
Giavanna Santorocco

Jose Silva
Nicholas Spano
Alivia Tetlow
Drew Turner
Clare Wilson
Jack Wilson
Briona Winstead





6th 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 sharing the pictures



YOUR PTSA --

"Every child, one voice"

Thank you to the 2012 – 2013
PTSA Officers

- Jennifer Kasten
- Dawn Albert
- Dreama Hemingway
- Wendy Roldan
- Lori Kocur
- Anne Donovan
- Jackie Gaddis

We are grateful for your service!

*So many wonderful parents helped make the last full day of school special
for our kids!*

Thanks to these great ladies who brought a special pizza lunch for our 6th graders:

**Stephanie Burdette
Valerie Bupp
Susan Corfman**

**Stacie Davis
Jackie Gaddis
Margot Mays**

**Christy Mullins
Lisa Rowe
Karen Terragno**

*And thanks to these amazing parents who drove car pool to Smokey
Glen on a very cloudy morning so that our 7th graders could enjoy a day
of fun together!*

*Many stayed to chaperone, and those who could not be there all day
returned to chauffeur the kids back to JPMS in the afternoon. We
couldn't have done it without you!*

**Sheila Allentuck
Alex Andrade
Dorothy Ballman
Leni Barry
Donna Bush
Bonnie Byrd
Winessa Crutchfield
Lisa Doland-Branton
Lee Ericson**

**Julie Halstead
Melissa Harkins
Twyla Insalaco
Carrie Jackson
Lynnette Jacobs
Carolyn McFall
Steve Morningstar
Melissa Morrow
Angela Nunley-Lavanderos**

**David Quart
Maria Pizinno
Heidi Rosvold
Kristen Roy
Annemarie Sartschev
Christina Swanson
Lisa Thompson**



Spotlight on...

APPRECIATION

*We are blessed with wonderful
families who give so generously
to our school!*

**Mark your calendars!
Back to School Night 2013
is Wednesday, August 28!**

Student Service Learning Tips

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

Students develop responsibility.

- If you did not get the MCPS Form 560-50, *Individual SSL Request* approved by the school SSL coordinator before school let out, you must work with the MCPS SSL Office to get your activity approved. Call 301-279-3454 to get the contact name and fax number.
- Be sure up-to-date SSL Forms are being used by students and community organizations. Download the most up-to-date forms from the homepage at www.mcpsssl.org.
- Hone leadership skills via SSL! Develop responsibility in specific courses where SSL is used to meet curricular objectives, in school-sponsored clubs and organizations where service is a focus, and with official approved community organizations that address a greater need.
- Make the most of it: share talents, learn new skills, have fun, and expand horizons.... all while meeting the SSL graduation requirement!
- All service performed during the summer is due to the school SSL coordinator no later than the last Friday in September (September 27, 2013).



Summer Reading and Math Assignments Are Now Online



Visit the JPMS website to download a copy of the summer work in reading and math. It's front and center right on our home page.

The reading assignment is the same for all grades, but the math packets are marked for the class you will be entering in the fall. There are separate assignments for students going into Math 6, Math 7, IM, Algebra Prep, Algebra and Geometry. The work is the same for students in Math 7 and Math 7 Boost.

Teachers will send home hard copies of this work, and additional hard copies will be available in the JPMS main office during the summer, but you can always get your assignments online.



Orientations for Middle and High School Students set for August 22

Student Orientation Day for the 2013 – 2014 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 22. Look for specific information from your child's school over the summer. Orientation Day is an opportunity for middle and high school students to meet their teachers for the upcoming school year, learn about class schedules, and ensure that students are ready for the first day of school. Classes start on Monday, August 26.

Contact your child's school for more information and questions regarding the school's programs and schedules.

MCPS Give BACKpacks Campaign

The MCPS Give BACKpacks campaign is under way and needs your help to raise funds to purchase 50,000 backpacks filled with school supplies for MCPS students in need. The Give BACKpacks drive will support families that are struggling financially and cannot afford basic necessities like school supplies. A backpack filled with school supplies only costs \$10, and donors will have the option to sponsor an individual student, a classroom, a grade level or an entire school. Additional information will be posted at www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org in the coming weeks.



Campaña de Entrega de Mochilas de MCPS en Marcha

La campaña de entrega de mochilas de MCPS está en marcha y necesita su ayuda para recaudar fondos para comprar 50.000 mochilas llenas de útiles escolares para estudiantes de MCPS en necesidad. La campaña de entrega de mochilas apoyará a las familias que tienen dificultades financieras y no puede costear las necesidades básicas, como útiles escolares. Una mochila llena de útiles escolares sólo cuesta \$ 10, y los donantes tendrán la opción de patrocinar a un estudiante en particular, un aula, un nivel de grado o toda una escuela. Información adicional sera publicada en www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org en las próximas semanas.

Whalen Commons Summer Movie Line-up!

Movies start at 8:30 pm!

July 13 - **Madagascar 3**

July 20 – **Brave**

July 27 - **Peter Pan**

August 17 - **Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3**

August 31 - **Top Gun**

Bring a blanket, a picnic and enjoy a movie under the stars!

2013 MCPS Back-to-School Fair

Save the date! Plan to kick off the 2013-2014 school year at the MCPS Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. The fair is a great way for families to learn about school system programs and services while enjoying entertainment, children's activities and much more. Free transportation will be provided from 12 locations throughout the county. Please note that this year, backpacks will not be given out at the fair, but will be sent to schools for distribution to students in need. Visit www.mcpsbacktoschoolfair.org over the summer for updates.



Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



SUMMER ORIENTATION FOR 6TH GRADERS

JULY 18, 2013

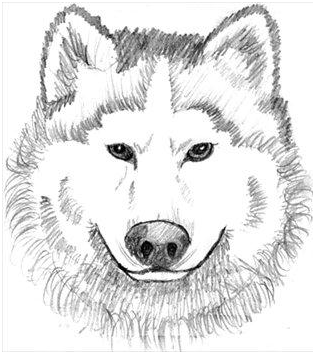
9:00 – 11:00 AM OR 1:00 – 3:00 PM

MORNING ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

AUGUST 22, 2013

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

AUGUST 26, 2013



JPMS BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

AUGUST 28, 2013

7:00 PM

GRADE 6 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2013

AT THE SMITH CENTER

John Poole Middle School Summer Orientation



**Summer Orientation
For Incoming
6th graders**



**Thursday July
18th**

9:00-11:00am

or

1:00-3:00 pm

All Purpose Room



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

Call John Poole!

Main Office 301-972-7979
Counseling 301-972-7980
Cafeteria 301-407-1037
Health Room 301-407-1029



And Ask for...

Principal - Mrs. Boucher	Assistant Principal - Ms. Lemon
Technology & Arts IRT & Grade Level Coordinator	- Mr. Grotenhuis
English IRT	- Mrs. Lindsay
Social Studies IRT	- Ms. Nachlas
Math IRT	- Mr. McKay
Science IRT	- Mrs. Callaghan
Special Education IRT	- Mrs. Turnbull
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