

**September 13, 2013**

# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**

**A Thought for Today:  
We shall draw from the heart of suffering itself the means of  
inspiration and survival.**

**- Winston Churchill**

## **What a Week!**

When I chose the quotation for this week's *Back Pocket*, I was thinking about September 11, 2001. Half our students had not even been born on that date, so I feel a special need to make sure they understand what happened just as they were coming into this world – not to frighten them, but to help them appreciate how precious our lives, our community and our country are. We learned not to take our blessings for granted that day. Peace and security are vulnerable treasures.

And so we take our safety very seriously. Emergency drills at JPMS are always showpieces of large-group cooperation. Our staff and students practice how to save their lives with the silence and respect that exercise merits. I'm very proud every time I see our students filing in ordered ranks to their assigned emergency locations. I insist on silence so that everyone can hear instructions if there should be a sudden change of plans – and that practice really paid off at Outdoor Ed this week.



Everything started well enough. Everyone arrived on time with their bags of clothes and bedding. The buses rolled in as planned. The trip to the Smith





Center was pleasant and uneventful. Yes, it was hot, but there was a lot of shade and the



learning activities were great fun. Dinner was tasty, and the heat meant the s'mores were extra melty. So far so good.

It was Thursday afternoon when the weather took a nasty turn. Thunder and lightning kept the kids indoors much of the day, and when the storm actually hit, it was a wild one!

Just before dinner, lightning struck one of the Smith Center buildings, causing a lot of excitement but no structural damage. The big problem was that it fried the fire alarm. Although there was no fire, the alarms rang throughout the campus and couldn't be shut off.



Fire trucks came; the professionals were stymied. It would take someone from the alarm company to be able finally to shut the clanging off, and that would require at least 45 minutes to an hour. Once the alarms were disengaged, staff would have to do a fire check of each cabin every 30 minutes all night and through the next day until repairs were completed.

We made a decision to bring the kids home. That meant feeding everyone, notifying parents, arranging for buses, packing up everything, and transporting our staff and students back to John Poole.

Now here's the important part: **everything came off smoothly**. Kids listened quietly and calmly for directions. Then they followed them. Parents and staff shared the work of supervising, packing and loading. MCPS came through with buses that were on the road within five minutes of getting the emergency call. It was getting dark as the buses rolled in at school, but the waiting families made quick work of unloading the luggage, connecting it to the right kids, and getting their tired children home for a good night's sleep in their own beds.



This is the way an emergency is supposed to roll out – with everyone calm, safe, and working together to make the best of the situation. I'm so proud of JPMS! Thanks for your amazing support, and for sending us these outstanding kids!

So let Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> come and go – we know how to address adversity. What a fitting thought for Defenders Day Weekend – the 199<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the composition of the *Star Spangled Banner*. On this date in 1814, Frances Scott Key saw the flag waving over Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor after a night of fierce shelling by the British – the War of 1812 was still going on – and he was moved to write a hymn to our nation's resilience under adversity. I'm happy to think we're still raising our kids to show grace under pressure. Have a wonderful weekend.

• Charlotte Boucher

PS: Here are some views of Outdoor Ed before the storm!









# 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!



**Christian Andrade**

**Kieran Barney**

**Cheyenne Bowen**

**Gabriella Capobianchi**

**Dylan Drain**

**Isabelle Gibbs**

**Chase Hanscom**

**Maureen Huetting**

**Jessica Volkle**

## Are you missing out on important emails from your child's teacher?



**Edline provides an email option that makes it very convenient to contact a teacher while you are looking at your child's grades. You don't have to logout and restart your email account – it's great!**

**Just remember that the teacher can only reply to your message through Edline if you have enabled replies.**

**The next time you are on Edline, click on **Manage Account** (under the heading **Tools**) and click **yes** "to allow my school to send me emails through Edline." You'll be glad you did!**

## Questions About Edline?

***Edline is a great way to keep on top of your child's academic progress. We make sure our students know how to log into their accounts, and we hope every parent will become an active user of the system as well.***

***For assistance please email Joy McIntyre at [Joy\\_A\\_McIntyre@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Joy_A_McIntyre@mcpsmd.org).***

***She can answer questions and troubleshoot problems with logins, passwords, combining accounts for more than one child, and other Edline features.***

***Don't wait – help is just an email away!***

# Social Studies Classes

## Remember 9-11

This year the John Poole Middle School social studies classes remembered September 11, 2001 in a variety of ways. The 6th grade students completed an artifact analysis of items found at ground zero, including wallets, keys, photos, and clothing. Students reflected on these items and practiced writing generalizations about the people at Ground Zero based on patterns; a skill they will be working on all year.

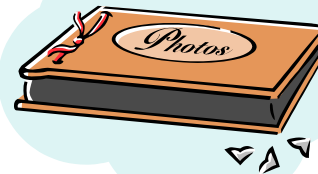
In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, the students expanded on their knowledge by looking at ways the US has changed, politically, socially, and economically, since 9-11. After completing the Journal Scholastic reading, *Empty Sky*, students explained how the US government attempted to fulfill its role of good governance by providing for the common good.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students welcomed back Captain Lipp of the Montgomery County Urban Search and Rescue. With rarely seen photos and personalized accounts, Captain Lipp captivated the students with his firsthand experiences leading the rescue efforts at the Pentagon 9-11. He also provided background about the events that led up to these grim events. Thanks to Captain Lipp for sharing his experiences and for being one of the heroes who puts his life on the line every day to keep us safe.





# School Picture Day is September 18!



**SCHOOL: JOHN POOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, 2013**

**PICTURE DAY ID: MJ813804Q0**

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## Extras

Available only with a package purchase

#1 8 - 2x3s.....	\$11.00
#2 2 - 5x7s.....	\$11.00
#3 1 - Portrait CD.....	\$15.00
#4 1 - Collage.....	\$20.00

## Add-On's

Name on Wallets.....	\$6.00
Name on All Portraits.....	\$8.00
Basic Retouching.....	\$9.00
Premium Retouching.....	\$15.00

## ONLINE PREORDER INSTRUCTIONS:

Prepaying online is simple and easy...

Step 1: Log onto [my.lifetouch.com](http://my.lifetouch.com),

Step 2: Enter your school's Picture Day ID # and your student's first name,

Step 3: Simply follow the easy online instructions to prepaying online!

Step 4: Once you have finished ordering online, fill out your prepay portrait order envelope as normal including your online payment code at the bottom of the order envelope.

Pre-order your portrait package for the best value!

All students will be photographed and have the opportunity to purchase portraits.

Portraits can be purchased by

prepaying online,

with a prepay portrait order envelope

or later by proof.

Portrait order envelopes are available at your school.



**Payment envelopes and brochures was sent home by your child on Monday, September 9.**

**Go to [my.lifetouch.com](http://my.lifetouch.com) if you prefer to pre-pay online.**

**Check out the many ideas for gifts and keepsakes with this year's school picture imprinted!**



# When Is It Time to Start Thinking About the PHS Magnet Programs?

I get this question over and over every year, and there are a wide variety of answers, depending on your child's interests and your family's plans. Fortunately, our wonderful high school has something great for every student, so all families need to be thinking about the options before the middle school years are over.

Eighth graders and their parents are invited to meet with Mrs. Bradshaw, PHS Magnet Coordinator, this month (see the flyers later in this issue) to talk about the competitive entry programs and the application process. By this point, students who are considering applying to Humanities House; Science, Mathematics, Computer Science House (often called *Smacks*); or Global House (the oldest magnet program at PHS) should have spent some time investigating these options along with the Independent Studies Program (ISP) and Project Lead the Way. ISP is open to all PHS students without having to compete, and it's a great opportunity to fit advanced study into a life that may be too busy with sports, entrepreneurship, the arts, or other personal interests to allow the investment required by a demanding magnet program. It's also an excellent option for a student who has many diverse interests and talents and is not yet ready to specialize. Project Lead the Way is a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program that is open to all qualified students to help them get started in a career in engineering.

My point is that before fall of Grade 8, students who plan to target one option and forego the others needs to have looked closely at all the opportunities and done some soul-searching. Why go through the complexities of applying and testing for a magnet program if it's not for you?

That makes 7<sup>th</sup> grade a very good time to begin investigating the opportunities at PHS. Students have transitioned into secondary school and may be getting a taste of high school rigor by taking Spanish or Algebra 1. These are both high school classes with the faster pace and the two hour semester exams that go with the high school curricula. If they seem overwhelming, there is a whole year ahead to work on the study skills and time management that could make greater demands more palatable.

So what about 6<sup>th</sup> grade? Do kids fresh out of elementary school need to start targeting the magnet programs already? Well, yes and no. Sixth grade is the time to explore and to develop interests. What 10 year old knows he or she wants to be an electrical engineer or a historian? The answer is very, very few! But by letting your child start to get a taste of specific fields of study, he or she may find a special bent that could lead to applying to one of the specialized programs at PHS or completing an independent study that will be the foundation of a rewarding career. The bonus is that these explorations also build your child an impressive resume when the time comes to be applying to a special program, if that is the route that is chosen.

And what should be on that resume? Think about all the opportunities we offer throughout the year for academic challenge, such as the Science Expo, National History Day, and Geography Bee. Encourage your kids to join clubs that develop their skills, such as the newspaper, Student Government Association (SGA) or Math Team. When they register for 7<sup>th</sup> grade this winter, make sure they take elective classes that expand their experiences, such as Sign Language,



Environmental Science, technology and the arts. Help your kids devote time to a variety of service projects, so that they come to appreciate the hopes and dreams of others. All this will help our students grow at the same time it is building the record that will impress any selection committee, whether in high school or beyond.

So it's never too early to learn about our wonderful high school and the opportunities it houses. JPMS will work with you to be sure your child is fully prepared to have the best.

Here is a summary of the important dates related to this year's magnet selection process. We will keep printing it in the *Back Pocket* this fall for your convenience.

Event	Date	Time	Location
Q & A for 8 <sup>th</sup> grade JPMS students with Mrs. Bradshaw	September 25	2:30 – 3:30	JPMS APR
Q & A for 8 <sup>th</sup> grade JPMS Parents with Mrs. Bradshaw	September 30	7:00 – 8:00 PM	JPMS Media Center
PHS Magnet Information Night for all interested families	October 7	5:00 pm Last Name A-M 7:00 pm Last Name N-Z	PHS Auditorium
Application available	Week of September 16		
Application Deadline	November 8		
Testing for Magnet Program	December 7 (Snow Date December 14)	8:00 - 11:00 am	See application for details
Special Needs Testing for Magnet Program	December 8 (Snow Date December 15)	8:00 - 11:00 am	Richard Montgomery High School
Notification of Magnet Selection Results	By mid February, 2014		

## What's up with the vending machines?

We've had some disappointed students this week attempting to purchase a soda or snack from the hallway vending machines to take on the bus home after school. Last year, the machines turned on when the student day ended at 2:20, and some students made a beeline to get a purchase made without missing the bus.



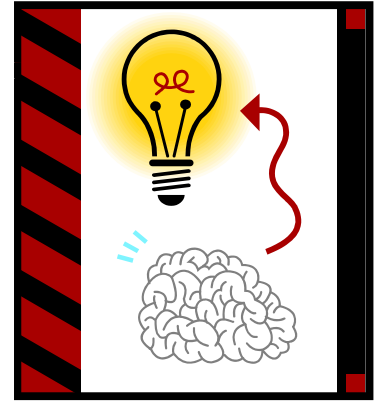
Last June, however, the United States Department of Agriculture released "*Smart Snacks in Schools*" which states that foods and beverages that do not meet nutritional standards cannot be available to students until 30 minutes after the end of the school day. Consequently, MCPS adjusted the timers on all vending machines that sell candy and sugared drinks.

The same 30-minute requirement also applies to food and beverages sold through fundraising events, so the after school bake sale is now a thing of the past.



# Snack Time at JPMS

- Brain research shows that being hungry can inhibit learning.
- Hungry students have trouble concentrating on their work.
- Being hungry can lead to poor behavior.
- Students who leave home by 7:00 AM will wait at least 4 – 5 hours before they eat lunch.



## Our Plan...Provide an opportunity for a light, healthy mid-morning snack



- Morning announcements will be made at the beginning of period 3 (around 9:20 each day).
- During announcements, students may eat a snack they have brought from home or purchased before school in the cafeteria.

## The Rules

- Students must bring their snacks to period 3 when they arrive to class; they will not be excused to their lockers to fetch forgotten snacks.
- Snacks are for the person who brings them; they must *not* be shared or given to someone else.
- Liquids or snacks that require a utensil to eat are not permitted.
- Students must clean up after themselves; otherwise, they can lose the privilege to eat at snack time.

### GOOD SNACKS

Granola Bars  
Fruit  
Small packs of carrots,  
apple slices, etc.  
Power Bars

### PLEASE DON'T SEND -

- Candy or other sweets
- Juice, soda or other drinks
- Empty calories like chips
- Yogurt
- Anything that requires a spoon or fork



**Snack Time began  
Friday, August 30.**

Thanks for helping us ensure our kids get the nutrition they need to succeed!



John Poole Middle School



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



## Spotlight on...

### Math

Our first PTSA meeting will take place on October 8.

The subject will be the evolving MCPS Math Curriculum and how JPMS is implementing it.

Questions? Ideas? Opinions?  
Getting in touch with your PTSA is as easy  
as sending an email message!  
[JPMSPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:JPMSPTSA@gmail.com)

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

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

Take your first step in becoming involved at John Poole Middle School. Join the PTSA.

Both parents and students are welcome to join. Adult memberships are \$10; students are \$2. Upon registering, your family will receive a school directory.

There will be several informative meetings which you can attend throughout the year featuring topics pertinent to you, the parents of JPMS.

Registration forms are available through the JPMS website. You can now also pay online through [Online School Payments](#). If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Gotlewski at [goflewski@msn.com](mailto:goflewski@msn.com).



The PTSA is looking for parents to help bring the Reflections Art Program to JPMS. Reflections is a National PTA arts education program started back in 1969 to encourage students to explore their talents and express themselves.

Each year, students in Grades Pre-K through 12 are recognized for bringing the theme to life through film production, dance choreography, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. The 2013-2014 Reflections program theme is "Believe, Dream, Inspire."

Selected students' work will have the opportunity to be advanced to the county, state, and national levels.

We need parents to help promote the program, collect and organize entries, and plan a show/reception for the artists. The deadlines are approaching quickly, so we would need to get this going ASAP. We would like to have our first meeting the week of September 16. Please respond to [jpmstsa@gmail.com](mailto:jpmstsa@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with the event.





# Student Service Learning (SSL) Notes

**Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference**

SSL is a graduation requirement...but it is also an opportunity! Explore careers, learn new skills, expand understanding, and strengthen character. If you can make a difference... do it!

- Learn about the SSL graduation requirement and how to meet it in MCPS by referring to the website [www.mcpsssl.org](http://www.mcpsssl.org).
- All SSL must be documented on MCPS Form 560-51, *Student Service Learning Activity Verification* and turned in the school-based SSL coordinator according to timelines. Mrs. Arnold is our SSL Coordinator.
- All summer SSL documentation is due to the school-based SSL coordinator no later than the last Friday in September (**September 27, 2013**).
- The MCPS SSL plan allows students to earn SSL hours in specific middle and high school courses, in school-sponsored clubs and organizations that have a service focus, and with approved, official nonprofit, tax exempt organizations in the community. Know the SSL guidelines and follow them!

## Poolesville Day is September 21

**If your child is interested in earning SSL hours during Poolesville Day, make sure he or she is volunteering with an MCPS pre-approved organization.**

**Here are two ways to earn SSL at Poolesville Day:**

**The Poolesville Day Committee has several tasks that are eligible for Student Service Learning. Please Contact Mrs. Faith Etheridge for more information ASAP!**

**[Faith.Etheridge@MONEYMANAGEMENT.ORG](mailto:Faith.Etheridge@MONEYMANAGEMENT.ORG)**

**The MC library is also looking for volunteers to assist with setting up the Poolesville Day Book Sale.**

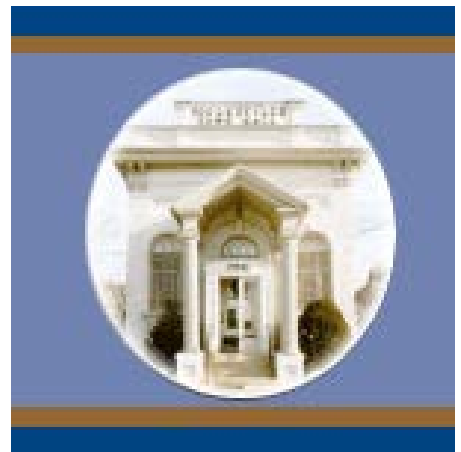
**Please contact**

**Annie Dash, MLS**

**Montgomery County Public Libraries**

**Email: [annie.dash@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:annie.dash@montgomerycountymd.gov)**

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## THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

Honoring Young People In Middle & High School For Outstanding Volunteer Service To Their Communities

Every year we nominate one of our eighth grade students to compete for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. To be eligible for this nomination you must be in eighth grade and have earned 100 SSL hours or more. Although the school may only nominate one student, we encourage all eligible students to apply for this honor as each of you is to be commended for your SSL commitment.

We will announce the JPMS nominee in November and Prudential will notify us of their choice in May. The winner could receive \$1,000, an impressive silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May.

*Congratulations to the following students who have already submitted the paperwork that shows they are eligible!*

**Gabriella Capobianchi**

**Stefan Fessenden**

**Erin Green**

**Chloe Insalaco**

**Kelliann Lee**

**Sara Oden**

**Molly Sherman**

**Donald Vogel**

If your name is not on this list and you have enough summer hours to qualify for this nomination, please turn those hours into Mrs. Arnold quickly. We will update the Spirit of Community Award eligible list on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award is available to all non-profit organizations. If you participate in a local organization, you may nominate a local student, too. Please don't let this opportunity slip by! We have many students who have made a positive difference through their SSL activities during the past year. Visit <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc/301> to apply. If you need more details, please call Mrs. Arnold, our SSL Coordinator, at 301-972-7980.

## Did you earn SSL hours this summer?

Don't let your summer hours get forgotten in a drawer or closet somewhere.

Get your SSL sheets completed with

- sponsor signature
- description of activity
- personal reflection answering all questions in full sentences
- Completed personal information including
  - ✓ first period teacher
  - ✓ student number

**All hours are due on September 27, 2013.** This is a county deadline! SSL sheets may be handed into the main office, counseling office or directly to Mrs. Arnold.







## After School Activities

RecXtra is returning to John Poole this year with a full schedule of after school activities. Listen to the morning announcements or follow them [online](#) at our website so you will be ready to participate in the programs that interest you.



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

## Activity Buses

After school activity buses begin on Tuesday, September 10 and run each week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is no activity bus service on Mondays, Fridays, or days before a half-day or holiday. The buses leave JPMS at 4:00 PM. There is no charge for activity buses, but students must have been participating in a school-sponsored activity be to able to ride.

## Homework Hotline Live



Homework Hotline Live has returned to the web and TV! Go to [AskHHL.org](http://AskHHL.org) or MCPS cable TV to get help from real MCPS teachers. The TV show can be seen from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, and online help is available from 4:00, all the way up to 9:00. Call 301-279-3234 or go to [AskHHL.org](http://AskHHL.org).

## Strategic Planning Framework

The Montgomery County Board of Education has adopted a new Strategic Planning Framework that will guide the work of MCPS schools and offices in the years to come. The Framework, *Building Our Future Together: Students, Staff and Community*, incorporates the three competencies that students need for success in the 21st century—academic excellence, creative problem solving, and social emotional learning—as well as a continued commitment to operational excellence. The Framework describes what students should know and be able to do in the three competency areas, as well as specific actions staff, parents, and community members should take to support students. Brochures were distributed at Back to School Night and are still available through the main office at JPMS. Learn more by visiting the MCPS website at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/framework](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/framework) or search Strategic Planning Framework.

## Extracurricular Activity (ECA) Fee Remittance Form

The Montgomery County Board of Education requires payment of an extracurricular activity (ECA) fee for middle or high school students who want to participate in extracurricular activities for the 2013–2014 school year. The ECA fee remittance forms are now available on the MCPS website in eight languages at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/280-37.shtm](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/280-37.shtm).





# MAGNET INFORMATION MEETING FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

**DATE:** **Wednesday, September 25, 2013**

**TIME:** **2:30-3:30 PM \***

**PLACE:** **John Poole Middle School  
All Purpose Room**

**PURPOSE:** **To learn about the PHS Magnet Programs Guest speakers:**

- **Mrs. Billie Bradshaw, PHS Magnet Coordinator**
- **Selected PHS Magnet and ISP Students**

**BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!**



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**\* Please arrange for transportation home.  
If your child needs to ride the activity bus, he or she  
must be in a supervised activity from 3:30 until 4:00.**



# MAGNET INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS

JOHN POOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MEDIA CENTER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30  
7:00-8:00 P.M.



SPECIAL GUEST  
*BILLIE BRADSHAW*  
*PHS MAGNET COORDINATOR*

LEARN ABOUT  
POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
MAGNET PROGRAMS,  
THE APPLICATION PROCESS  
AND MORE.

MAGNET APPLICATIONS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER.

## Stay Connected

The new *Stay Connected* website serves as a one-stop shop for all the tools that students, staff, and parents may use to stay informed and connected with MCPS. Visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/stayconnected/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/stayconnected/) for more information.

## Sign-up for *MCPS QuickNotes* and *Alert MCPS*

*MCPS QuickNotes* is a free e-mail service that provides subscribers with important news and information about MCPS programs and activities, plus emergency information. *MCPS QuickNotes* is offered in six languages: English, Spanish, French, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Visit [www.mcpsquicknotes.org](http://www.mcpsquicknotes.org) to subscribe. *Alert MCPS* allows you to receive text messages or e-mail from the school system during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. Signing up for *Alert MCPS* is free, but please check with your wireless provider about charges associated with text messages. Sign up at <http://alert.montgomerycountymd.gov>.

## Suscríbese Para Recibir *QuickNotes* y *Alerta MCPS*

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## MCPS News Update

*MCPS News Update* and *Noticias de MCPS* (in Spanish) are weekly, five-minute news programs that are cablecast on MCPS TV and may be viewed online.

- *News Update*: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/news/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/news/)
- *Noticias de MCPS*: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/es/news/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/es/news/)

## Education Matters

On the newest episode of *Education Matters*, Board President Christopher Barclay leads a conversation about the issues students and parents face as they make the transition from elementary school to middle school and middle school to high school. Topics of discussion include class schedules, parental supports, extracurricular and elective opportunities, anxieties, as well as counseling resources. The program can be viewed on MCPS TV (Comcast Ch. 34 and Verizon Ch. 36), and online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/edmatters/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/edmatters/)

## MCPS Moments

*MCPS Moments* are two-minute videos that highlight recent events, school programs, and more. The videos are featured online and on MCPS TV.

## MCPS News in 90

*MCPS News in 90* and *Noticias en 90* (in Spanish) are 90-second updates on what is happening throughout the district. The shows can be viewed at the following URL:

- *News in 90*: [montgomeryschoolsmd.org/news/](http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/news/)
- *Noticias en 90*: [montgomeryschoolsmd.org/es/news/](http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/es/news/)



# Save the Date!



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

September 18	Yearbook Portraits during PE
September 21	Poolesville Day
September 23	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)
September 25	Magnet Information Meeting for 8th Grade Students (2:30-3:30 PM at JPMS Media Center)
September 27	SSL Hours Due to Mrs. Arnold
September 27	Early Release Day (students dismissed at 11:50 a.m.)
September 30	Magnet Information Night at JPMS Media Center, 7:00-8:00 PM
September 30 - October 4	Blue Ribbon Week
October 4	Interims Mailed
October 7	Magnet Information Night at PHS (5:00 A-M; 7:00 N-Z)
October 8	PTA Meeting (6:30 PM)
October 14	Columbus Day – OPEN HOUSE
October 18	MSTA Conference – No School for Students/Teachers

## Softball Schedule

Boys' Coach: Bill Cartwright

Girls' Coach: Jami Earle

September 19	Girls play King at JPMS (2:50 PM)	Boys play King away (3:15 PM)
September 25	Boys play Clemente at JPMS (2:50 PM)	Girls play Clemente away (3:15 PM)
October 2	Girls play Kingsview at JPMS (2:50 PM)	Boys play Kingsview away (3:15 PM)
October 9	Boys play Neelsville at JPMS (2:50 PM)	Girls play Neelsville away (3:15 PM)
October 15	Girls play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 PM)	Boys play Rocky Hill away (3:15 PM)

## Coed Cross Country Schedule

Coach: Steven Schmidt

September 19	King at JPMS (2:50 PM)
September 25	Clemente at JPMS (2:50 PM)
October 2	JPMS at Kingsview (3:15 PM)
October 15	JPMS at Rocky Hill (3:15 PM)

# PHS NEWS

*Go Falcons!*



**Portraits – September 16 & 17**

## **Athletic Schedule (partial)**

<b>Boys/Girls Cross Country:</b>	9/17/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Northwest
	9/24/2013	3:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Churchill
<b>Boys Varsity Football:</b>	9/20/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. South Hagerstown
	9/27/2013	6:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Walter Johnson
	10/4/2013	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Catoctin
	10/11/2013	6:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Richard Montgomery
	10/18/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Brunswick
<b>Golf:</b>	9/16/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	Coed—Multiteam Event at Paint Branch (Northwest Park GC)
	9/18/2013	3:00 PM	(A)	Girls—Multiteam Event at Wheaton (Laytonsville GC)
	9/19/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	Coed—Multiteam Event at PHS (Hampshire Greens GC)
	9/25/2013	3:00 PM	(A)	Girls—Multiteam Event at Wheaton (Laytonsville GC)
	9/26/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	Coed—Multiteam Event at Blair (Hampshire Greens GC)
<b>Girls Varsity Soccer:</b>	9/16/2013	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Magruder
	9/18/2013	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Northwest
	9/23/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Quince Orchard
	9/26/2013	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Northwood
<b>Boys Varsity Soccer:</b>	9/16/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Magruder
	9/18/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Northwest
	9/23/2013	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Quince Orchard
	9/26/2013	5:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Northwood
<b>Girls Varsity Tennis:</b>	9/17/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Churchill
	9/19/2013	3:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. B-CC
	9/23/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Sherwood
	9/25/2013	3:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Walter Johnson
<b>Girls Varsity Volleyball:</b>	9/17/2013	6:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Kennedy
	9/19/2013	6:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Rockville
	9/23/2013	6:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Seneca Valley
	9/25/2013	6:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Damascus
	9/30/2013	6:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Northwest
<b>Field Hockey Varsity:</b>	9/17/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Seneca Valley
	9/19/2013	3:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Einstein
	9/23/2013	5:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Churchill
	9/25/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. B-CC
	9/30/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Watkins Mill



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Health Room 301-407-1029



## *And Ask for...*

Principal - Mrs. Boucher	Assistant Principal - Ms. Lemon
Technology & Arts IRT & Grade Level Coordinator	- Mr. Grotenhuis
English IRT	- Mrs. Lindsay
Social Studies IRT	- Ms. Nachlas
Math IRT	- Mr. McKay
Science IRT	- Mrs. Callaghan
Special Education IRT	- Ms. Turnbull
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold- Mrs. Eisenberg

**JPMS**  
**Timberwolves**  
**live with**  
**P**urpose  
**R**espect  
**I**ntegrity  
**D**edication  
**E**ffort

## **Our Vision:**

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

## **Our Mission:**

**At John Poole Middle School, our mission is to:**

- **promote joy in learning through motivation and engagement**
- **celebrate excellence by acknowledging achievement**
- **foster a shared responsibility for academic and social success**
- **value positive relationships, thereby promoting a respectful and supportive learning environment**

