



September 20, 2013

John Poole's **BACK POCKET**

A Thought for Today:

**A proper community... is a commonwealth: a place, a resource, an economy.
It answers the needs, practical as well as social and spiritual, of its
members - among them the need to need one another. - Wendell Berry**

Building Community Helps Us All



Poolesville Day is a great event here in town. I hope every family not marching in the parade will be at the flagpole on Whalen Commons just before 10:00 AM Saturday morning to hear and see JPMS students performing the *Star Spangled Banner*. This year's rendition will be extra-special with a trio of alums from our Sign Language class interpreting as the musicians play. Don't miss it! After the parade, I hope you'll look for the JPMS Drama Club and Music Department booths. Both these programs do great work developing our students' interests and talents, and giving them opportunities to be members of high-quality ensembles.

Belonging is a big deal for middle school students. That's why we encourage them to participate in school activities, and why we take such a strong stand in favor of respectful, civil behavior and against bullying. All year long we emphasize the supportive ways to treat each other as we help kids understand the nature and seriousness of bullying. We provide them with strategies for responding when bullying occurs, and we strive to prevent bullying in the future by replacing negative attitudes and behaviors with positive ones. The kick-off for the year's program is coming up: **Blue Ribbon Week (September 30 – October 4)**.

Blue Ribbon Week is another example of our community at its best. Monocacy Elementary, Poolesville Elementary, and Poolesville High School join JPMS in this initiative, working together to send the same message to all our students. This year's theme is "**Kindness Counts! Be a HERO – Help Everyone Respect Others.**"

That's a pretty heavy message, so we deliver it in ways kids can relate to and enjoy. Each day of **Blue Ribbon Week** has a theme and a specific focus delivered in engaging lessons. Students can show their support by wearing outfits for each theme and displaying the bracelets, stickers and other reminders

News Flash!

**6th Graders
are getting an
Outdoor Ed
make-up day on
September 26.
Details inside →**

we give them during the week. It's fun, and there is something for everyone.

Every kid has something blue to wear on **Monday, September 30 – Blue Day**. The weather is cool enough now for jeans to be comfortable if that's the easiest blue clothing to wear. On **Team Jersey Tuesday**, October 1, it's easy to see our commonalities of interest in the team logos, colors and mascots everyone wears. **Wacky Wednesday**, October 2, lets us all have fun dressing as weirdly as we can – and enjoying our differences. Thursday, October 3, is **HERO Day**, when dressing like your favorite hero is the plan. Finally, Friday October 4 is **Timberwolf PRIDE Day**, when we'll all be wearing our JPMS gear. The PE uniform is a perfect outfit for PRIDE Day, and if it gets worn home, you'll be able to put it in the laundry without having to remind your kid to bring it in his or her back pack.

One of the most important aspects of **Blue Ribbon Week** is the community support we see all over town. Wouldn't you like to be part of that, too? On the next page of this newsletter is this year's official poster. We'd be delighted for all our families to print the poster and put it up in the window of their home and/or business. Please share it with a neighbor, too. Let's show our children that they belong to a community of caring adults who value kindness and civility.

Once **Blue Ribbon Week** is over, we keep our students focused on positive interactions in many ways. **Blue Mondays** happen once a month. On these days, we ask students to wear JPMS' color – blue – to show solidarity with our school's commitment to working together in positive ways. There are short lessons each **Blue Monday** as well as assemblies and PBIS activities all year long. With our great kids and a consistent message that Kindness Counts, we hope to keep JPMS the kind of school where everyone feels safe and happy to learn.

Thanks! See you at Poolesville Day!

- Charlotte Boucher

Kindness "Help Everyone Respect Others" Counts



I will be
a role
model-

I will make it clear that I
do not support bullying. I
will help the target get
away from the situation.

I will
advocate-

I will stick up for others
who need help even when
they are not my close
friends. Bullying is
unacceptable; I will do
something about it.

I will speak up
for others-

I will take a stand when I see someone
being bullied. I will speak to other
students and adults in my life about the
effects of bullying.

Kindness Counts! Be a HERO!

Help
Everyone
Respect
Others



Day/Date Activities
Sept 30th Blue Day
Everyone wear blue.

Oct 1 Team Jersey Day
Support your team and
respect our similarities.

Oct 2 Wacky Wednesday
Wear Wacky clothes
to respect our differences.

Oct 3 HERO Day
Dress like your favorite Hero!

Oct 4, Timberwolf Pride Day
Wear your best Timberwolf shirt!

Blue Ribbon Week
September 30-Oct 4

WE SUPPORT
POOLESVILLE CLUSTER SCHOOLS
BLUE RIBBON
WEEK

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4, 2013

KINDNESS
COUNTS

HELP
EVERYONE
RESPECT
OTHERS



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!

Alivia Atkins

Kyle Burns

Jacob Kasten

William Batres

Fernando Carranza

Ben Kovich

Kyra Bertolini

Chloe Insalaco

Rachel Tievy



What Is TAP?

Every Wednesday we take 30 minutes out of the daily schedule to hold TAP – the Timberwolf Achievement Program. There are three purposes for TAP:

1. **Re-teaching and re-assessment.**

Students who have missed work, need additional instruction, or wish to redo assignments for a higher grade have the opportunity to work with a teacher without having to stay after school.

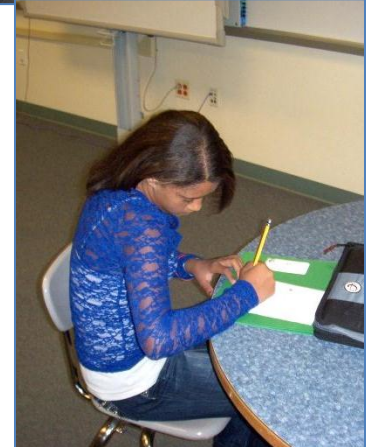
2. **Assessment preparation.** With the

Common Core coming in and the MSA going out, TAP gives us the opportunity to help our students get ready for the new forms of instruction and assessment they will be encountering.

3. **PBIS lessons.** Positive Behavior

Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is how we build Timberwolf PRIDE. We work for a strong community of positive school citizens and against bullying and other forms of unkindness.

TAP classes are held in the same locations where homerooms met at the beginning of the year. Students will also report here to pick up their report cards at the end of each quarter and to sit for the standardized tests we give in the spring. The familiar surroundings and comfortable working relationships established during TAP will help everyone do their best.



Outdoor Education, Part 2!



As soon as our students and staff returned early from the Smith Center, we began working with MCPS to get us back to complete the program.

Now our make-up day is all arranged, but it's happening right away, so we need our sixth graders and their families to help us move fast!

What: Outdoor Ed Make-up Day

Where: Smith Center, where we were before!

When: Thursday, September 26

Buses will leave JPMS by 7:30 AM.

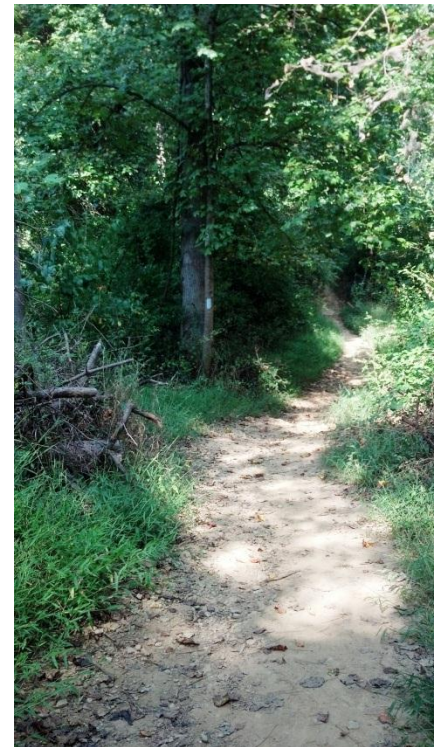
Students will return in time to catch their regular buses home.

Cost: Nothing.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the Smith Center.

What do I need to do?

- Sign and return the permission slip ASAP – Monday if possible.
- Send your child to school next Thursday in long pants and closed-toed shoes
- Don't be late! You could miss the bus!
- Contact Ms. Rice if you have any questions
Rebecca_Rice@mcpsmd.org or 301-972-7979
- That's it! Thanks!





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 7th 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 6th 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 7th 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.

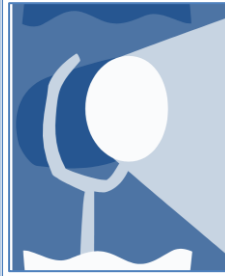
Event	Date	Time	Location
Q & A for 8 th grade JPMS students with Mrs. Bradshaw	October 3, 2013 (Note Date Change from 9/25/13)	2:30 – 3:30 PM	JPMS APR
Q & A for 8 th grade JPMS Parents with Mrs. Bradshaw	September 30	7:00 – 8:00 PM	JPMS Media Center
PHS Magnet Information Night for all interested families	October 7	5:00 pm Last Name A-M 7:00 pm Last Name N-Z	PHS Auditorium
Application available	Distributed at JPMS already Application posted online 9/21 at http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/applications.aspx		
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		

PLEASE NOTE: The first date – *After School Q&A for JPMS Students with Mrs. Bradshaw* – has changed. If you printed this calendar last week, you need to update it to show the student meeting is now scheduled for October 3. Thanks!

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

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 gotlewski@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 ASAP. Please respond to jpmsptsa@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with the event.

Are you missing out on emails from JPMS?



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.

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!

Poolesville Day is this Saturday!

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 eligible for Student Service Learning. Please Contact Mrs. Faith Etheridge for more information ASAP!

Faith.Etheridge@MONEYMANAGEMENT.ORG

The MC library is also looking for volunteers to assist 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>





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.
- 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!

Help Sweep Sligo Creek on National Public Lands Day and Earn SSL Hours!

Calling all teens who need to earn SSL hours!

If you like the outdoors and our wonderful creek right near your school – Sligo Creek – then help us with our Sweep the Creek on:

- **Saturday, September 29, 9:00 – 11:00 am**
Creek Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10 Lower, 10 Middle, and 12
- **Sunday, September 30, 1:00-3:00 pm**
Creek Sections 4 and 9



We need teens to help with greeting people, handing out supplies, showing people where to go, and answering any questions with the help of the section leader.

If you want to help, please contact Henry using his information below. He'll tell you which section needs your help!

Henry Coppola - henry.coppola@montgomeryparks.org

VOLUNTEER IN MONTGOMERY PARKS FALL 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, OR TO APPLY
GO TO WWW.PARKSVOLUNTEERS.ORG

Children's Day, "School's Outside", Brookside Gardens, Wheaton

Saturday, Sept. 21. We're using cool displays and activities that connect the Garden to Math, Science, Reading, Lunch/Recess, Music, Art, and Geography. Volunteers will help our visitors (children of course!) interpret displays and assist with our fun but educational activities. 9am to 5pm, Minimum Age is 14. **Student Service Learning (SSL) approved.**



Apple Festival and Campfire, Meadowside Nature Center, Rockville

Friday, Sept 27. Show off your skills making fresh apple cider, teach our guests some apple lore, and have fun assisting with other apple related hands-on activities. Training will be provided; shift is 5:15 – 8:30pm. Minimum Age is 14. **SSL approved.**

Great Pumpkin Fun, Meadowside Nature Center, Rockville

Friday, Oct. 18. Wear a family friendly and comfortable costume, and help us share some pumpkin fun! We need help with our trail hunt, teaching fun crafts, leading games and more! Training will be provided; shift is 9:15am to 1:30pm. Minimum Age is 14. **SSL approved.**



Nocturnal Neighbors Festival, Locust Grove Nature Center, Bethesda

Saturday, Oct 19. Help us celebrate our underappreciated nocturnal friends that keep our neighborhood parks and forests in balance. Assist our guests on night hikes, support our experts, and help with games, crafts and a campfire. Shift is 4:30 to 8:30pm, minimum Age is 14. **SSL approved.**

Fall Apple Festival, Brookside Nature Center, Wheaton

Sunday, October 20! Volunteer duties include leading craft activities, pressing cider, teaching about apple varieties, playing apple games, Set up/takedown and much more. Volunteers can sign up for 4 hour or 8 hour shifts, from approximately 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Minimum Age is 14. **SSL approved.**



Owl-O-Ween Campfire, Meadowside Nature Center, Rockville

Friday, Oct. 25. Help us show off how cool owls are this magical evening around the campfire! We will be sharing facts, folklore and fun...and S'mores! We need your help with setup, fun activities and cleanup. 5:15 to 8pm. Minimum Age is 14. **SSL approved.**

The C.P. Hauntington, Haunted Train, Wheaton Regional Park & Eye Spy Train, Cabin John

Various dates between October 12-30. Be a part of this fun and scary event in Wheaton and/or not so scary event in Cabin John! We need lots of volunteers to dress up as their favorite ghouls, princesses, etc. 16 and older (or 13 -15 with parent) in Wheaton or 14 and older at Cabin John. We need Face Painters for the weekends, too. Get your friends together for a fun night! **SSL approved.**



Fruit Flies Festival, Locust Grove Nature Center, Bethesda

Friday, November 1. Celebrating those tiny, annoying flies!?! Nah....we're just launching apples into the air. It's all part of our seasonal seed dispersal bash. Help us fling apples into the meadow, make flying seeds and seed 'bombs', and teach our visitors how seeds stick to us and our animal friends. Shift is **9am-1:30pm.** **SSL approved.**

Natural Surface Trail Workdays

Build new trail, repair erosion, stabilize muddy tread surfaces, and help with bridge construction. Connect with new people and learn about trail building and maintenance techniques while getting exercise. The minimum age to volunteer is 16, but sometimes youth 12-15 years old can volunteer if accompanied by an adult. **SSL approved.**



Park and Stream Cleanups

We are gearing up for a busy fall with many cleanup days, starting with a Day to Serve & National Public Lands Day in September and Community Service Week in October. Minimum age is 14 on your own, but younger volunteers are welcome with a parent. Go to www.montgomeryparks.org/team/npld.shtm to see different locations/dates, or to sign up to host your own cleanup! **SSL approved.**

Other “Long Term” Volunteer Opportunities available:

Nature Center Host/Hostess; Oakley Cabin Docent; Volunteer Naturalist; Historic Interpretation Docents; Gardeners and Groundskeepers; Trail Rangers, and many more opportunities with all the details are on our website at www.ParksVolunteers.org.

Questions about these opportunities or how to apply?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, OR TO APPLY

GO TO WWW.PARKSVOLUNTEERS.ORG





1800 Glenallan Ave.
Wheaton MD 20902



Brookside Gardens SSL Volunteer Opportunities Fall & Winter 2013

Volunteer at Brookside Gardens to make a difference, to broaden your skills, or just for fun. Apply for any of these Brookside Gardens volunteer opportunities at <http://www.parksvolunteers.org>.

Children's Day Festival (age 14 and up, or age 11-13 when accompanied by a parent or guardian) Volunteers will help set up and conduct children's crafts and activities at our annual Children's Day festival. **Saturday, September 21**. Shifts are either 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Gift Shop Assistants (age 16 and up) Assist in the operations of the Visitors Center and Conservatory Shops. Basic computer skills are required to operate the cash register. Work shifts are 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. or 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Monday - Saturday and 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Adult Education Assistants (age 16 and up) Help at evening and weekend programs and workshops at Brookside Gardens, including gardening workshops, art classes, cooking classes and more.

Community Service Day (age 14 and up; age 11-13 permitted if accompanied by a parent or guardian) Invasive Plants Removal on **Saturday, October 26, 9:00 am-12 noon**. Help us remove ivy and other invasive plants from garden areas here at Brookside Gardens as well as at McCrillis Gardens, our satellite location in Bethesda.

Garden of Lights (age 16 and up) Volunteers are needed in the Conservatory where we have a model train display and seasonal plants, or help as a Light Show Monitor outside among the holiday light displays. Show runs **November 29 through January 5, except December 24-25 and January 1-2**. Volunteers needed 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

New Year's Eve (age 16 and up) Help with face painting or crafts at this family event on **December 31** from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Additional volunteer opportunities may be available.

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (301) 962-1429 or

MCP-GardenVolunteer@MontgomeryParks.org to request information on submitting a volunteer application and for more information.

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.



Prudential

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 30th.

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.

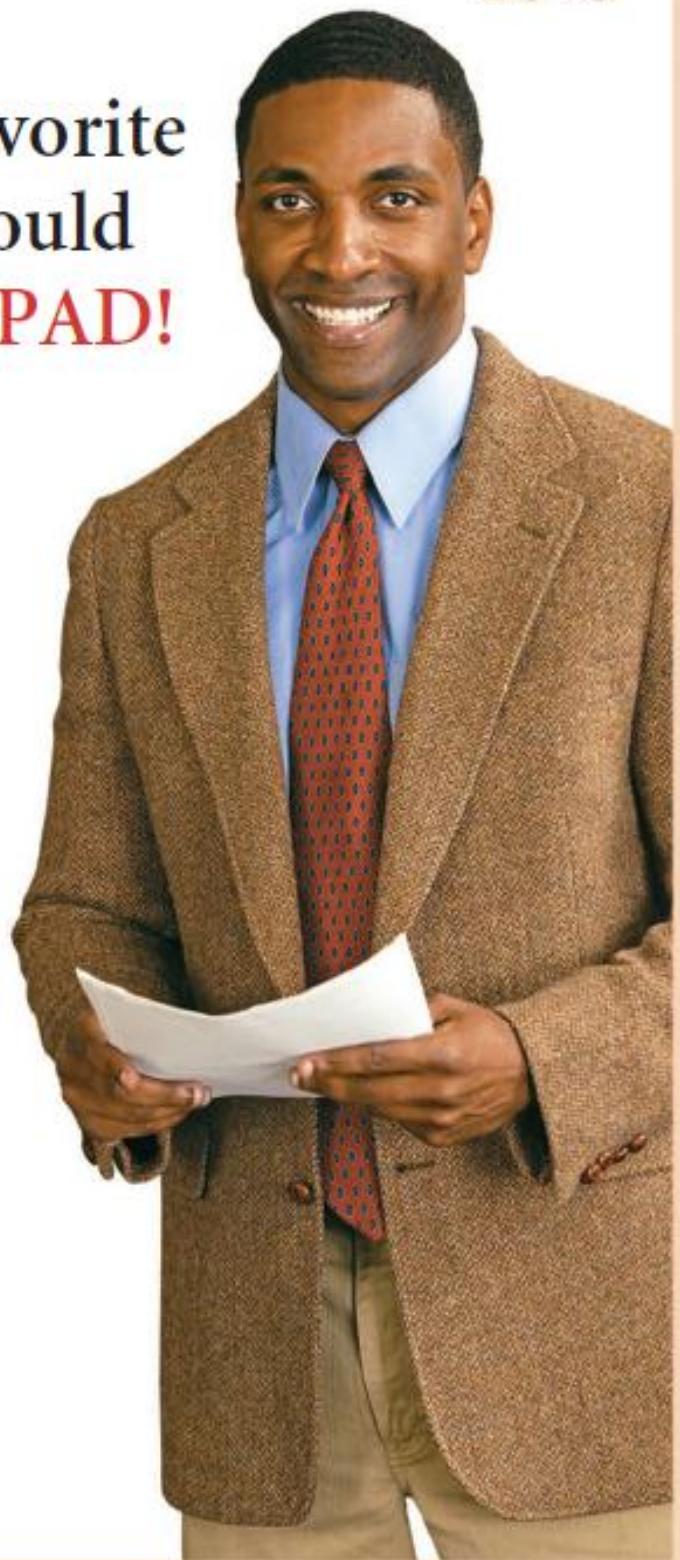
The Gazette
my favorite teacher
2013

Nominate your favorite
teacher and you could
WIN AN APPLE iPad!

The Gazette is looking to honor
the best teachers in the county
and we want to hear from you!

Visit www.favoriteteacher.net
and submit a short essay telling
us why this teacher deserves to
be recognized. Deadline for
submissions is Monday,
October 7th!

The winning teachers will be
based on your votes so don't
forget to check back as we'll
feature the finalists for **MY
FAVORITE TEACHER 2013!**





Noteworthy

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).

“Piggy Banks to Portfolios”

This one-day workshop sponsored by the Financial Literacy Organization for Women and Girls is scheduled for Saturday, October 26. The focus is on helping girls aged 11 to 17 learn about money management. It's not free – the cost is \$35. If you're interested, you can get full details at www.sitting-pretty.org



Homework Hotline Live

Homework Hotline Live has returned to the web and TV! Go to 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.

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.

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 or search Strategic Planning Framework.



Time²Talk

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
Prevention Forum

*A conversation on youth substance abuse in
Montgomery County for concerned residents and
parents who want to learn about drugs, addiction,
and promoting wellness in our community.*

October 7, 2013

Resource Fair: 6:30–7:00 p.m.

Presentations/Q&A: 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Richard Montgomery High School Auditorium

250 Richard Montgomery Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

For more information and to register, please
visit us at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, and click
on “Preventing Alcohol and Drug Abuse”
or contact us at (301) 279-3100.



Speakers

Dr. Joshua P. Starr
Superintendent of Schools
Montgomery County
Public Schools

Dr. James M. Bjork
Program Officer
Division of Clinical
Neuroscience & Behavioral
Research, National Institute
on Drug Abuse

Dr. Raymond L. Crowel
Chief
Behavioral Health and Crisis
Services, Montgomery
County Health and Human
Services

Dr. Ursula Hermann
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MAGNET INFORMATION MEETING FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

DATE: **Thursday, October 3, 2013**
(Note Date Change from 9/25/13)

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!



★ 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.

Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

September 21	Poolesville Day
September 26	6 th Grade trip to the Smith Center to finish Outdoor Ed
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: Kindness Counts Monday – wear Blue Tuesday – wear Team Jerseys Wednesday – wear Wacky outfits Thursday – wear what your favorite Hero wears Friday – wear a Timberwolf shirt
October 3	Magnet Information Meeting for 8th Grade Students (2:30-3:30 PM at JPMS APR) (Note Date Change from 9/25/13)
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 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 25	Clemente at JPMS (2:50 PM)
October 2	JPMS at Kingsview (3:15 PM)
October 15	JPMS at Rocky Hill (3:15 PM)

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Go Falcons!



Athletic Schedule (partial)

Boys/Girls Cross Country:	9/24/2013	3:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Churchill
	10/3/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	Multiteam Event at Richard Montgomery
Boys Varsity Football:	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. Catocin
	10/11/2013	6:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Richard Montgomery
	10/18/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Brunswick
Golf:	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)
	10/2/2013	3:00 PM	(A)	Girls—Multiteam Event at Wheaton (Laytonsville GC)
	10/3/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	Coed—Multiteam Event at Gaithersburg (Falls Road GC)
	10/7/2013	9:00 AM	(A)	Coed—Multiteam Event at Wheaton (Poolesville GC)
	10/9/2013	12:00 PM	(A)	Coed—Multiteam Event at Wheaton (Laytonsville GC)
Girls Varsity Soccer:	9/23/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Quince Orchard
	9/26/2013	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Northwood
	10/1/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Einstein
	10/4/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Damascus
	10/9/2013	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Watkins Mill
	10/12/2013	12:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Wheaton
Boys Varsity Soccer:	9/23/2013	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Quince Orchard
	9/26/2013	5:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Northwood
	10/1/2013	5:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Einstein
	10/4/2013	5:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Damascus
	10/9/2013	5:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Watkins Mill
	10/12/2013	10:00 AM	(A)	PHS vs. Wheaton
Girls Varsity Tennis:	9/23/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Sherwood
	9/25/2013	3:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Walter Johnson
	10/1/2013	3:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Richard Montgomery
	10/4/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Wootton
	10/8/2013	3:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Seneca Valley
Girls Varsity Volleyball:	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
	10/2/2013	4:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Clarksburg
	10/9/2013	6:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Watkins Mill
Field Hockey Varsity:	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
	10/4/2013	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Walter Johnson
	10/7/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Damascus
	10/9/2013	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Wheaton

Call John Poole!

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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

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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**