Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for April 29 - May 3, 2024.

It’s hard to believe the calendar turns to May this week which means we are in the final stretch of the 2023-2024 school year.  The first day of Math MCAP testing is **Wednesday 5/1**; [**HERE**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F14HCFz2MAWbEShRvGJ3bgaAvi4MSEokRQUEwMO2LFGkk%2Fedit&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7Cfea158ef52144c7f82c908dc67d32e45%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638499403918241300%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BJPP6XzpC5coz3hIt5bJgA1S%2BMMu85ivQOvpW%2FA6wv4%3D&reserved=0) is the bell schedule that we will follow that day.  We will also follow this same schedule on **Wednesday, 5/8**.

Please remember to continually monitor your student’s grades and that they take every opportunity for re-assessments.  The 4th marking period speeds by so it’s important that we finish the school year strong.

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**JPMS Parent/Guardian Feedback Survey**

Since we are now in the final quarter of the 2023-2024 school year, we are encouraging our stakeholders to reflect and asking them to provide some feedback.  This spring, students will complete a feedback survey in one of their classes and staff will be given time to complete a similar feedback survey.  We would greatly appreciate it if parents/guardians completed [this feedback survey](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSdUKNyj7kzVcBDI3nZu_n3KLGp272AlVClJjtOC-vgFVTDkxQ%2Fviewform%3Fusp%3Dsf_link&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cdfa6cda63e1f4d55f85c08dc6239d914%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638493247791948320%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=V3y4RIVh1bAzdhnCfQDSy%2BDAOKpaiLWCm4baxBEeiw4%3D&reserved=0) by Monday, May 6th.  If you currently have multiple children at JPMS, then please complete the survey multiple times (once per child).  All stakeholder feedback is anonymous and will be reviewed and then used to help determine how JPMS can continue to improve as a school.  We thank you in advance for your helpful feedback!

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**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!  YOUR OPINION MATTERS!**

Parents or guardians of children receiving special education and related services were mailed the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services during the week of February 12, 2024.  Parents are asked to complete the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope by May 24, 2024.  The survey may also be completed online.  Please look for details in your survey packet.  Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system.  Your voice can make a real difference for your child and many other children across the state of Maryland.  To learn more, please visit [https://www.mdparentsurvey.com](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mdparentsurvey.com%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C4505cec441604708711a08dc5aef9cf3%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638485232368043312%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qto4QEKyNE1RZmCCbb3yVa5Ion4q7stOFyieJRIwH%2BM%3D&reserved=0)

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**JPMS PTSA News**

**The Parents vs. Staff Kickball game is back!**  Mark your calendars for May 8th at 6pm.  We need parents to sign up to play on the team as well as help run the event.  Please sign up here for either – [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FAEAE2EA0F8CF8-parent#/](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.signupgenius.com%2Fgo%2F10C0C4FAEAE2EA0F8CF8-parent%23%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cc096da5f8db84ab00fb008dc58b941bb%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638482799939327435%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yPlAgISQ9e35tAq5XVwhYNsHypkiwR8uo5%2FFnyeG9%2Fg%3D&reserved=0)    Also, the committee needs help with the planning before the event.  If you can help, please reach out to fundraiser Chair, Michelle Bender at [bender\_michelle@htomail.com](mailto:bender_michelle@htomail.com).  Without help, we can't have the event and this is an important (not to mention super fun) spring fundraiser to help fund year end needs for the students and staff at JPMS.

8th Grade Families - The 8th Grade Dinner Dance Celebration is coming up on May 31st.  The event is being held at Bally Cliff Farm in Poolesville from 7-9pm. The theme this year is Midnight Masquerade and it is sure to be a great time for all students to celebrate the end of middle school.  **Tickets are now on sale!**  $35 per ticket covers a full buffet dinner and an evening full of fun, surprises and dancing.  You can purchase your ticket here - [https://jpms.memberhub.com/store/items/1008248](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fjpms.memberhub.com%2Fstore%2Fitems%2F1008248&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cc096da5f8db84ab00fb008dc58b941bb%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638482799939337870%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tUor6vDykjlBxiITZLPmyWKmjrZ8%2BwxE2oqw%2BMyB0E0%3D&reserved=0)

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JPMS Spring Concert

The JPMS Spring Concert will take place on Thursday, May 16, 2024.  The concert will begin at 5:00 p.m.  Concert attire for students is jeans or khakis and the JPMS Music Shirt.  The concert is free and open to the public, so invite your friends and family members!

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**2024 Montgomery Can Code Summer Camp**

Registration is OPEN for the 2024 Montgomery Can Code Summer Camp! A free summer Coding camp for MCPS Middle School Students.

Montgomery Can Code is an annual free and fun summer camp held in July and August for any MCPS rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.  Campers in the program will learn to code with Swift, Apple’s easy-to-understand programming language used by professional developers to create world class apps. Students will complete creative projects with an established curriculum to learn Swift from coding experts.

Families have the choice to participate in a full day, in-person camp Weeks 1 and 2 at Montgomery College or a virtual camp Week 3. **The Camp is free to any Montgomery County Public School middle school students.**

This initiative is made possible through a partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation, Montgomery County Government and Apple, Inc..

REGISTER NOW [https://www.montgomerycancode.com/](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomerycancode.com%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJason_C_Godfroy%40mcpsmd.org%7Cff072d702e6b4cabe5c508dc59777e37%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638483617032617454%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YqRCrh8BkKCISSUqCM%2BRYHg8mge0528Ial9nOSfSFRI%3D&reserved=0)

For more information, learn more at montgomerycancode.com or email [montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org](mailto:montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org)

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RecXtra News

**Attention Timberwolves, it's never too late to sign up for RecXtra Clubs.  All RecXtra Clubs are free to join!**

These activities are open to all students. In addition, activity buses are provided at 4:15 p.m. to take members home.  To find more information about RecXtra Clubs, as well as, all after school offerings at John Poole, please visit our after school activities page on the school website. [Click Here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fschools%2Fpoolems%2Fclubs%2Factivities%2F&data=05%7C02%7CAlison_M_D%27Aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C401dff0d16a446aaffde08dc2e220775%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638435970896639459%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UNqp08jqfB%2FlbRWcr2gYGgEEPwWf971uCUsqQQAKazM%3D&reserved=0)

**RecXtra Tennis Club**

Tennis Club is back!  Whether you are a tennis veteran or someone new to the sport, the RecXtra Tennis Club is for you.  The tennis club will meet on Tuesdays after school from 2:45-4:15. Tennis racquets and balls are provided, and an end of the club party is included.  Sign up forms can be found in the main office or see Mr. Mattingly in room 310.  Tennis Club starts April 9th.

**RecXtra Gaming Club**

Students have the opportunity to explore and play games with their friends.  Make this your club with various creative opportunities including strategy games, retro games, and more.

**RecXtra Leos Club**

Join Mrs. Crutchfield for LEOS Club to plan and implement service projects to support the Poolesville community.

**RecXtra Chill Zone**

Join the Chill Zone to relieve stress and find your center.  Play games, hang out with friends and learn strategies to take stress out of your life.

**NEW** **RecXtra Chess Club**

Join Ms. Rice for our new RecXtra Chess Club.  The Chess club will meet every Wednesday.  Learn different strategies, compete against your friends, and take part in tournaments.

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**Intramurals:**

Intramural activities are open to ALL Timberwolves and are held right after school until 4:15 pm. Permission slips are located in the girls and boys locker rooms.

**Intramural Archery**

If you turned in your permission slip don't forget that we have our first practice on Tuesday, April 2 from 2:50-4:15.

**Table Tennis is with Ms. Gibbs**

Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7

All skill levels are welcome.

All equipment is provided by JPMS

**Basketball is with Mr. Hartley**

Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, Apr. 24, May 1 & 15

All skills levels are welcome

Questions: Reach out to our Intramural Coordinator @ [Kimberly\_S\_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly_S_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org)

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Please continue to check the [myMCPS Classroom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclassroom.mcpsmd.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7Cfea158ef52144c7f82c908dc67d32e45%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638499403918249253%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hXIlCQJd5aHTA0pK6yI358a0CCQSivpzvCa1Xx97I70%3D&reserved=0) calendar or our [JPMS school webpage](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fschools%2Fpoolems%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7Cfea158ef52144c7f82c908dc67d32e45%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638499403918253231%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FktZcT5bjKYsSEQXGDTJw7zfEfDWuivlZvuxVXaax0M%3D&reserved=0) for the most updated information, including upcoming events, bus routes, and other happenings occurring at school.

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Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:

Monday, April 29 - Make up Soccer game vs. Ridgeview.

Tuesday, April 30 - 8th Grade Class Panoramic Portrait

Wednesday, May 1 - Soccer vs. Lakelands Park.  Boys are home, girls are away

Tuesday, May 14 - NO SCHOOL.  Schools and offices are closed for elections.

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green