Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for June 3 - June 7, 2024.

As we near the end of the school year, we have two exciting events planned for this week.  On Monday, June 3, all of our students will have the opportunity to participate in impactful events and activities.  Our 8th-grade students will be walking over to Poolesville High School around 10:00 a.m. to participate in some high-school onboarding activities.  Before they leave, they will complete a Career and Tech Ed. course and work on their current SSL project.  Our 6th-grade and 7th-grade students will complete the same Career and Tech Ed. course as well as participate in a variety of STEAM activities, some facilitated by members of MCPS's Department of Digital Innovation and some facilitated by JPMS staff members.

On Tuesday, June 4, eighth grade students will have in-school presentations tied to their readings of Daniel's Story, The Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech by Elie Wiesel, and The Diary of Anne Frank. One presentation will be from a Holocaust survivor, who will share his or her experience and may have artifacts or visuals to accompany the presentation. The second presentation will be led by student facilitators and engage JPMS students in discussions of anti-hate and anti-bias. There is no cost associated with these presentations, nor will the schedule be disrupted. If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

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WUMCO Food Drive

Girls BSA scout troop 2027 is running a food drive to help restock the shelves of WUMCO, a local food distributing organization. Please help us fill up the boxes in the office with non-perishable food from May 21st to June 10th to support the less fortunate!

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All 8th grade students will be turning in their Chromebooks AND CHARGERS on Monday, June 10th.

If you are a current 6th or 7th grader, and you do not plan to use your Chromebook over the summer, you can take advantage of the media center's Chromebook Cleanup & Storage Service.

To do this, students can bring their Chromebook AND THEIR CHARGER FROM HOME to the media center on the last day of school.

Over the summer we will clean your Chromebook and have it charged and ready for the first week of school. We CANNOT accept any Chromebook without your charger from home.

THIS SERVICE IS OPTIONAL! CURRENT 6TH AND 7TH GRADE STUDENTS MAY KEEP THEIR CHROMEBOOKS OVER THE SUMMER IF THEY WISH.

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Media Center Needs Your Help

The end of the year is fast-approaching, and the Media Center needs you to bring back your overdue library books!  When you do, you might be eligible for a prize!

Here's how it will work: students who CLEAR THEIR LIBRARY ACCOUNT by returning all their library books by June 13th can get a scratch-off summer bookmark from Ms. Schartiger or Mrs. Kavanagh. If your scratch-off reveals you are a winner, you'll get to pick from the prize box!

Bookmarks available until supplies last, so be sure to return those books ASAP!

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Our JPMS 8th grade promotion and class cruise will take place on Wednesday, June 12 at 8:00 AM.  Specific information and details will be shared with 8th grade families soon.

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**JPMS Summer Reading Book Swap**

The Summer Book Swap has officially begun! Drop your unwanted, middle school-appropriate books and pick up new ones to keep from Book Swap boxes in the main lobby. The swap will continue through the last day of school.

Contact Ms. Schartiger or Mrs. Kavanagh in the media center if you have questions.

YOU CAN DROP:
Beginning June 3rd, bring in your middle school-appropriate books that you don't want anymore (get permission from your adults at home first, please!) and drop them in the Summer Book Swap boxes in the lobby.

YOU CAN SWAP ... BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO!
Any book that gets dropped in the boxes can be taken by any JPMS student to keep. You do not have to DROP books in order to be eligible to TAKE books!
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**2024 YEARBOOK INFORMATION:**

 [Here’s your 2024 yearbook sneak peek!](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1aoF4mTtahS9UdJlULFJ9P3Lk9jRCiEpe%2Fview%3Fusp%3Ddrive_link&data=05%7C02%7Ckaren_c_kavanagh%40mcpsmd.org%7C8efc36c978844a32d9d008dc63956878%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638494740912282916%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=H3XrVwHL0Yzq5qFayI%2BNlBb2M60q5FKgrItpBvDLSI8%3D&reserved=0)

The JPMS yearbook is hardcover, 48 pages and 1200+ color photographs!

Yearbooks will be distributed during school on June 6th. There are limited copies still available to purchase. If you still intend to purchase, please order as soon as possible at: [Jostens.com](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.jostens.com%2Fapps%2Fstore%2FproductBrowse%2F1028918%2FJohn-Poole-Middle-School%2F2024-Yearbook%2F20230810042348497136%2FCATALOG_SHOP%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C67ba6482aa6b422f6e0f08dc74dd3c10%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638513740750973327%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4TwmcAGEbD%2BG1wAkUTR62tRWjr9%2FfYqj7f9qPxiIYRQ%3D&reserved=0). **All orders must be made online by June 11th. The window for ordering will close on June 11th OR EARLIER if we run out of copies to sell.** Yearbooks will no longer be available after June 11. If you can’t remember if you purchased already, you can check here: [https://www.jostens.com/customer-service/yearbook-order-tracking](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.jostens.com%2Fcustomer-service%2Fyearbook-order-tracking&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C67ba6482aa6b422f6e0f08dc74dd3c10%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638513740750984364%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xuiH0wvFAWd8yrSOGQaGfksUTLTC%2FYKTSHKxRFhJrTg%3D&reserved=0).

Contact Mrs. Kavanagh (karen\_c\_kavanagh@mcpsmd.org) in the Media Center with questions.

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Timberwolf Ambassadors WUMCO Drive

DONATIONS NEEDED!  John Poole Middle School's 8th Grade Timberwolf Ambassadors, in collaboration with WUMCO, is again organizing a Spring Cleaning & Toiletries Drive to provide local families in need of these items.  Please consider donating cleaning supplies or toiletry items for this effort.  We are collecting items from May 13 until June 1, 2024.  All items may be dropped off in the box in the school lobby.  Thank you in advance for supporting the Timberwolf Ambassadors and WUMCO!

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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

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Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:

Friday, June 7 - Last day for Activity buses

Wednesday, June 12 - 8th grade promotion/cruise

Thursday, June 13 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.  Early release Day.  All students are dismissed at 12:10

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green