Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for March 4 - March 8, 2024.

Welcome to March and to spring!  It’s hard to believe we are almost halfway through the 3rd marking period and spring break is almost here.  Tryouts for spring soccer begin this week for all 7th and 8th grade students who have been pre-approved to try out.  Good luck to all participants!

Teachers are finalizing their grades for interims and the interim reports will be available in ParentVUE next Monday, March 11.

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**PTSA Raising Funds for Year-End Events at JPMS**Need a birthday gift, basket filler, spring break treat, or Mother's Day surprise?  
Grab certificates for Krispy Kreme donuts *AND* earn dollars for JPMS PTSA!  
Want your treats sooner? We've got you covered!  
    
Whether you're a donut or coffee fan (or both!), we'll bring your yummies (and certificates) to town for you. Pay the same price for a dozen, easy pick up in Poolesville, JPMS PTSA earns dollars. Win, win, win!  
  
See the attached [flyer](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstorage.googleapis.com%2Fpt04-1%2Fmessages%2Fattachments%2F9868f10e7781ba8c5e3c8163b98fbc11%2FKrispy_Kreme_Fundraiser_Flyer_only.pdf%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0E416Wg2-UkdJnN3BHkd3U_eaT05lcpLTGT_bUa4loj5v4Jt22qyGuQhw&data=05%7C02%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7C499652b0f9d14e5acb5208dc395be7ff%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C1%7C638448314100643513%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QJXojHYXfAtmmf5wh41M%2BJf2natpHHQlmmq7RFCV5vk%3D&reserved=0) for details on how to order on [JPMS PTSA's online store](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fjpms.membershub.com%2Fstore&data=05%7C02%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7C499652b0f9d14e5acb5208dc395be7ff%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C1%7C638448314100654166%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QT%2BYgjDxZ7hqQleeNPVzmTnpWaZuf78gdsKEB%2By1MtE%3D&reserved=0).  
Orders due: 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4th. (extended from original deadline)  
Pickup: JPMS cafeteria, Friday, March 8th, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
  
**Save the Date: JPMS PTSA General Member Meeting #4**Join us Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the JPMS Media Center or via [zoom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FJPMSPTSAMemberMtgZoom2324&data=05%7C02%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7C499652b0f9d14e5acb5208dc395be7ff%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C1%7C638448314100660949%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zKcb8O8n4GVBl6LsNZZqjLriYk5uCwKu3wnIBvQu%2BzA%3D&reserved=0) for our 4th General Member Meeting of the year. Agendas will be sent via email to members ahead of the meeting. All Timberwolves and parents are invited to join. Students who participate may earn one SSL hour.   
  
Interested in serving on the PTSA’s Nominating Committee or in another way? E-mail us: [jpmsptsa.678@gmail.com](mailto:jpmsptsa.678@gmail.com).

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**MCPS Parent & Caregiver Climate Survey**

MCPS is inviting all parents and caregivers to share their experiences concerning and thoughts on academics, communication, and more.  The information and feedback you provide by completing [**this survey**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fparentsurvey.mcpsmd.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C6d795deab15b4bdac70e08dc2fe95e98%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638437926574695893%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uhSmf2jBBaOtQYvevehj9uHxiAjGdvyyDxMX38UjRh0%3D&reserved=0) will help MCPS improve the ways your child(ren) is/are taught, the culture and climate of schools, and the relationship MCPS has with families.  MCPS thanks you in advance for taking some time to complete the survey linked above by Friday, March 8.

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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 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.

**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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All students will soon be taking the Maryland State (MSDE) Survey and Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics.  Students in the 8th grade will also be taking the Science and Social Studies MCAP.  The MSDE survey is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2024, during TAP classes.  Please click on this link [http://marylandpublicschools.org/marylandschoolsurvey](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmarylandpublicschools.org%2Fmarylandschoolsurvey&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7Cb6903694c1c847e150b808dc3bda2fd1%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638451055489915445%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=srpUoG3gPsdUBf85g2HP%2FEmjdvhVOmvBuyiHXJJ5Kpo%3D&reserved=0) for details.

MCAP assessments of Maryland College and Career Ready Standards (MCCRS) will build a pathway to college and career readiness by the end of high school, mark students’ progress toward this goal from grade 3 through high school, and provide teachers with timely information to inform instruction and provide student support (<https://support.mdassessments.com/>).

All students will take the ELA/Literacy MCAP the week of April 15, 2024, and the Mathematics MCAP on May 1 and 8, 2024.  Students in the 8th grade will take the Science MCAP in their Science classes the week of March 12, 2024, and the Social Studies MCAP in their Social Studies classes the week of May 13, 2024.   Please email [Jacqueline\_L\_Orrence@mcpsms.org](mailto:Jacqueline_L_Orrence@mcpsms.org) with any questions.

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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%7Cb6903694c1c847e150b808dc3bda2fd1%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638451055489924786%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KeOTjAfwIxS6%2F5%2FbiCxxX42AoWC6mQOfbIh4G46tFVw%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%7Cb6903694c1c847e150b808dc3bda2fd1%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638451055489932381%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oFLNKiF39qj19KmWMnVCtPvONoGQtzkoJ06dIWM3Bhc%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, March 11 - Interims will be available in StudentVUE/ParentVUE

Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15 - 8th Grade Science MISA Testing

Wednesday, March 20 - Spring Student Picture Day

Thursday, March 21 - Book Wars

Monday, March 25 - Monday, April 1 - SPRING BREAK.  Schools and offices are closed.

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green