***Entire PHS Student Body Creating Mosaic Mural***

The Poolesville High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association, through the leadership of its cultural arts coordinator, Beth Poss, has initiated an ambitious and highly-unique art project. All twelve hundred students are taking part in the creation of a twenty-eight-foot high, four-foot-wide mosaic mural which will be placed in the new science building at the end of the school year.

The project is being done through the direction of teacher, Emily Sigman, and artist in residence, Carien Guiroga. Senior Julia Howard designed the mural, which symbolically releases the graduating students from the school into the future from the four houses of educational study at PHS (Global Ecology, Humanities, Independent Studies, and Science, Math, and Computer Science.). Assisting Ms. Howard was senior Diana Teppert.

***JPMS Junior Thespians: Only the Eighth School in Maryland***

Drama students at John Poole Middle School have become just the eighth middle school in Maryland to be recognized through the Junior Thespians Honor Society program. Junior Thespian troupes serve as the honors components of a school’s theatre program. Established by the International Thespian Society (ITS), the Junior Thespians is a division of the Educational Theatre Association. The mission of ITS is to honor student excellence in the theatre arts.

The impressive talent of the school’s drama club, the Phantom Players, will be on full display in their May 11 and 12 performances of the ever-popular musical, *Annie*. Set in 1933, this heartwarming tale tells the story of the little orphan girl who sets out to find her parents. Two of the most popular songs from the musical are “Tomorrow” and “It’s the Hard-Knock Life.” In watching rehearsals, we can attest that these powerful young voices are most impressive, and the audience will be delighted.

Taking the theme from the musical of others helping others to heart, the students are requesting attendees to the performances to bring three canned goods for the WUMCO food pantry; donors will receive a coupon for a free concession item.