

DEDICATION PROGRAM

“An Evening of Excellence”

CABIN JOHN MIDDLE SCHOOL

10701 Gainsborough Road

Potomac, Maryland 20854



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rockville, Maryland

Thursday, April 26, 2012

6:00 p.m.

On September 8, 1892 a Boston-based youth magazine "The Youth's Companion" published a 22-word recitation for school children to use during planned activities the following month to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. Under the title "The Pledge to the Flag", the composition was the earliest version of what we now know as the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands:
one Nation
under God,
indivisible,
With Liberty
and Justice for all.**

June 14, 1954

FACULTY AND STAFF OF CABIN JOHN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The program for the April 26, 2012 Dedication Ceremony was developed by Mr. Allen J. Ambush.

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 Robyn Wagman, Arts/PE

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Robyn Wagman, Health/PE**
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 Cindy Copeland, Health/PE
 Jeff Fritz, Health/PE
 Nicolas Mast, Health/PE
 Manette Tao, Health/PE
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**Team Leader/Resource Teacher

COUNSELING

Joanie Bishow, 7th grade**
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 Sara Watts, Special Needs
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 Connie Jacobson, LAD/RES
 Mary Ann Klanke, Autism
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PROGRAM OF DEDICATION

Thursday, April 26, 2012

7:00 p.m.



Welcome and Opening Remarks	Dr. Paulette L. Smith Principal Cabin John Middle School
Special Music	Cabin John Middle School Chorus and Orchestra "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" from Gloria Antonio Vivaldi (1678-174) arranged by Sherri Porterfield Kathy Gomez, Choral Director - Scott Herman, Instrumental Music Director
Pledge of Allegiance	S.G.A. Officers Ms. Namrita Perincherry – President, Mr. Philip Ipe – 8 th Grd. V.P., Ms. Alice Park – 7 th Grd. V.P., Mr. Forest Wu – 6 th Grd. V.P.
Greetings	Mr. Chris Barclay Board of Education Vice President
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Ms. Merry Eisner PTSA President
Dedication Address	Dr. Joshua Starr Superintendent of Schools
Governor's Citation Presented	Ms. Jillian Storms Maryland State Department of Education
Presentation of the Building	Mr. Paul Falkenbury Architectural Firm: Samaha Associates, P.C.
Acceptance of the Building	Board of Education Superintendent of Schools Principal PTSA President
Response	Dr. Donna Hollingshead Community Superintendent
Welcome to the New Cabin John Middle School Presentation of the Students' Time Capsule	Ms. Namrita Perincherry S.G.A. President
The Time Capsule is scheduled to be opened on April 26, 2037	
Closing Remarks	Dr. Paulette L. Smith Principal Cabin John Middle School
"An Evening of Excellence"	7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Cabin John History

Building a Community

The Early Years

As a recognized place, Cabin John emerged only in the 19th century but of course there were inhabitants long before then. When the first European explorers appeared in the early 17th century, the Native Americans living in the area were the Susquehannahs. Later the Piscataways, and still later, the Senecas occupied the land.



School on Macadam Road, Tract No. 2 circa 1912-<http://glenecho-cabinjohn.com/CJ-02.html>

By the middle of the 17th century, Maryland was becoming a settled colony, and Lord Baltimore, proprietor of the colony, was making land grants along the Potomac River. Several of these grants embraced what is now Cabin John. During the 18th century, farming predominated, particularly of tobacco. In the 19th century, the building of the C & O Canal in the 1820's and 1830's brought settlers to the Cabin John area, and the population further increased with the construction of the Washington Aqueduct in the 1850's and 1860's. Land ownership remained concentrated, however, and at the end of the century, three families owned virtually all the property in today's Cabin John.

Cabin John Takes Shape In 1912 the American Land Company, represented by J. S. Tomlinson, bought up a large tract of land in Cabin John, divided it into residential lots, and began a vigorous sales campaign of what it called Cabin John Park. Although many of the new owners built houses for summer occupancy only, the town's year-round population grew steadily and a sense of community began to appear. A significant event was the founding, in 1919, of the Cabin John Park Citizens Association which immediately began to work for improved amenities for the community-better mail delivery, better street lighting, and better telephone service. The 1920's and 1930's also saw many other community endeavors-the Cabin John Home Demonstration Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and, most visibly, the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department.

How Cabin John Got Its Name There are several stories about the origin of the name "Cabin John." According to one of them, it was named for a hermit named John who had a cabin near the present Union Arch Bridge. Some versions say that the hermit was the husband of the "female stranger" whose tombstone is in Alexandria, Virginia. Edith M. Armstrong writes in her Cabin John history: "Another story makes the mysterious John a pirate who eluded his own crew and made his way up the Potomac to bury his treasure. This interpretation was also held in good faith by the American Land Co., which put in many deeds the intriguing provision that 'The Party of the first part reserves the right to one-half interest in any treasure or articles of special value which may have been hidden on said lot or parcel by John of the Cabin. However, in many old records, as far back as 1715, the creek is referred to as Captain John's Run or Branch. Thus it would seem that Cabin John is a corrupt spelling of Captain John." And who was "Captain John"? He could well have been Captain John Smith, founder of Jamestown and the first man to map the Potomac River near Cabin John. The following is a description of the Cabin John area as recorded by Captain Smith in 1608: "The river ... maketh his passage downe a low pleasant valley overshadowed in manie places mountian from whence distill innumerable sweet and pleasant springs ... Having gone so high as we could with the bote, we met divers savages in canowes well loaden with flesh of beares, deere, and other beasts whereof we had part. Here we found mighty rocks growing in some places above the ground as high as the shrubby tree." <http://glenecho-cabinjohn.com> by Richard A. Cook

Acknowledgements

This project would not have been possible without the dedication, commitment, and cooperation of large numbers of individuals in the Cabin John Middle School community.

We give special recognition to our MCPS Board of Education members.

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Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

January 10, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Acceptance of Cabin John Middle School Modernization Project

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Board of Education, Board Member Laura Berthiaume inspected the Cabin John Middle School modernization project on Thursday, December 8, 2011; now therefore be it.

Resolved, That the Board of Education accepts the Cabin John Middle School modernization project and that the official date of completion is that date when formal notice is received from the architect that this project has been completed in accordance with the drawings and specifications, and all contract requirements have been met.

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Excerpts from *Gazette.Net* and *The Observer*

Gazette.Net

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Fond farewell to Cabin John Middle School

Current and past members of the school community reunite before modernization
by Erin Donaghue | Staff Writer



A fond farewell to the old Cabin John Middle School on Thursday quickly turned into an informal reunion as students, teachers, parents and administrators — both past and present — gathered to recall memories before the quickly approaching modernization begins. "For me, it has a special place in my heart, because this is the place I was appointed principal," said the Paulette Smith, who was appointed principal in 2004. Acting as principal was a first for Smith, who previously worked at several schools around the county both as a teacher and administrator and as an assistant principal at Cabin John.

Dave McCutcheon, a social studies teacher at the school, not only instructs students but was one himself in the 1970s. He estimates he's taught in about nine different classrooms throughout his 20-year career at the school.

For many, the school community is more than just a group of students and colleagues — it's a family. Guidance counselor Joanie Bishow, also a long-time member of the school community, showed up with a black-and-white photo of the guidance department from the early 1990s clipped to her shirt. She described the entire school as close-knit. She too is saddened by the impending loss of the old building, but said the community would remain the same. "It's a change, but you can recreate it in whatever building you're in because of the relationships between kids and staff," she said.

The Observer

January 5, 2010

Cabin John Middle School Undergoes Reconstruction

Jenna Cantor, Public Relations and Andrea Mirviss, News Editor

Cabin John Middle School (CJMS) is currently undergoing a reconstruction that is scheduled to be completed for reopening in August 2011 with an estimated cost of about \$48 million. Demolition on the school began in July shortly after the completion of an asbestos abatement program. Students at CJMS are currently attending Tilden Holding Center in Rockville, where they will remain through the 2010-2011 school year. The new building must meet specific energy efficiency standards to receive an award for leadership in environmental and energy design which is awarded in two levels, silver and gold. All new MCPS schools are required to meet the silver standard, and the reconstruction team aims to acquire the gold award.

FACTS ABOUT CABIN JOHN MIDDLE SCHOOL

The original Cabin John Middle School opened in 1967 as a junior high school. In 1987, the school closed due to declining enrollment, but reopened in 1989 as a middle school. The modernized building opened in August 2011. The school is organized by interdisciplinary Super Teams in grades 6, 7, and 8.

Our Vision

Cabin John Middle School is committed to an academic environment that promotes rigor, relevancy and relationships.

Our Mission

Cabin John's mission is to educate all students in a supportive, challenging, and disciplined environment so that they become lifelong learners and a credit to themselves and society.

Cabin John Middle School is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certified building. It uses geothermal energy and is an environmentally friendly structure. The renovation had an estimated cost of about \$48 million and it included an asbestos abatement program.

Notable Alumni

- Dhani Jones, football player
- Simon Cho, short track speed skater

Facility Characteristics of Cabin John Middle School

Year Facility Opened: 1967

Year Modernized: 2011

Total Square Footage: 159,514

Site Size Acres: 18.2

Programs and Services Provided

Total Rooms: 55

43 for Regular Secondary

1 for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

2 for School Community Based (SCB)

3 for Learning for Independence (LFI)

2 for Learning and Academic Difficulties (LAD)

2 for Autism

3 for Autism Resource Services (ARS)

Architect:

Architectural Firm: Samaha Associates, P.C.; Paul Falkenbury

<http://www.samaha-arch.com/>

Contractors:

General: Dustin Construction: Todd Cummings, Pres.; Jeff Raney, Project Manager; Phil Hough, Superintendent

www.dustinconstruction.com

Plumbing/Heating and Ventilation: Towson Mechanical, Troy Schultz

Electrical: Young Electric, Nick Young

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