

TOP STORIES

Happy New Year!



Welcome back! We look forward to a successful second half of the school year. Please take note of these January calendar reminders:

- Schools and offices are closed Monday, Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24 is the end of the second quarter.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25 is a half-day of asynchronous virtual learning from home for students and a professional day for teachers. [Learn more](#) about virtual learning days this school year.

ICYMI: CEO's Mid-Year News Update

FROM THE DESK OF DR. MONICA E. GOLDSON

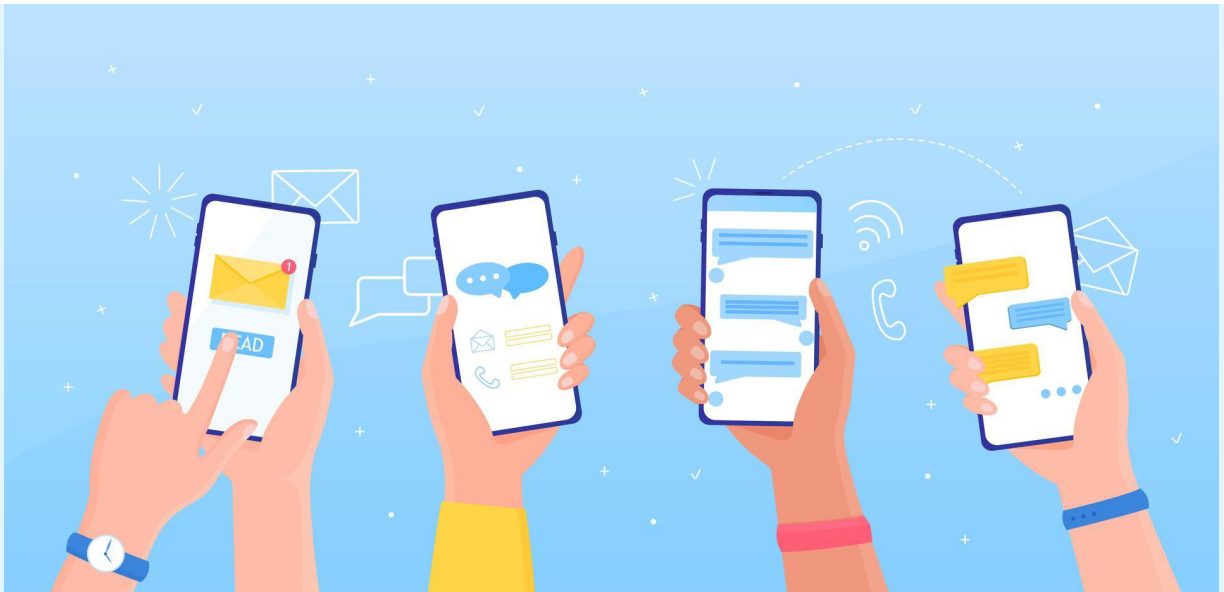
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MID-YEAR NEWS UPDATE
DECEMBER 2022



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
www.pgcps.org

[Check out](#) top news and highlights from the first half of the 2022-2023 school year.

Don't Miss PGCPSS Calls & Texts



Add PGCPs' main number (675-87) as a contact in your phone to avoid our alerts being flagged as spam.

If you are not receiving text messages (such as inclement weather closings) you may need to update your information in SchoolMAX or create a subscriber account with SchoolMessenger.

Parents should ensure all contact information including home, cell, and work phone numbers and email addresses are up to date in SchoolMAX.

PGCPS employees who want to receive text alerts (such as inclement weather closings) must create a SchoolMessenger subscriber account. Staff **MUST NOT** use their PGCPS email when creating a subscriber account. Be sure to use a personal email address and the phone number to which you'd like to receive text alerts. When signing up, subscribe to PGCPS under topics.

[Learn More](#)

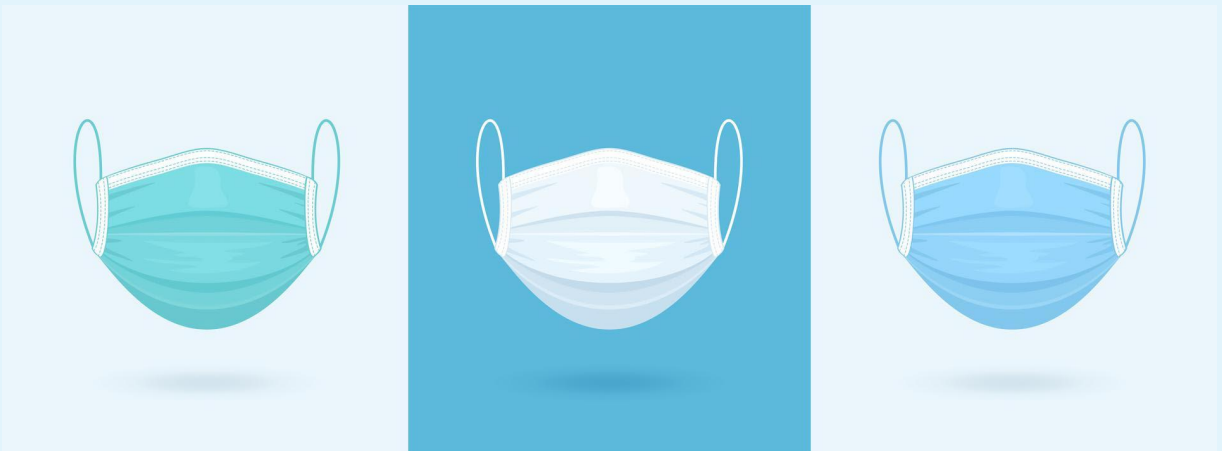
Talented & Gifted (TAG) Programs Lottery Open



TAG programs provide advanced, enriched instructional programs. All students are assessed for gifted and talented identification in grades 1 and 4. New students entering grades 2, 3 and 5 are also tested. **The TAG Center lottery application is open through March 15.**

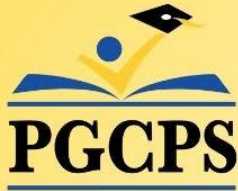
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Reminder: PGCPS Is Mask Optional



Remember: masks remain a tool to reduce the spread of illness and vaccinations continue to be the best defense against COVID-19. When children are sick, please keep them home.

This Weekend: PGCPS Recruitment Event



Prince George's County Public Schools

You're Invited!

PGCPS Winter
RECRUITMENT
Event

Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School
Saturday, January 7, 2023
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Learn about eligibility requirements
and how to join the
PGCPS School Community!

[Register Here](#)

**Immediate
Openings**

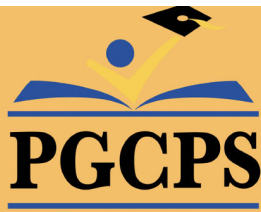
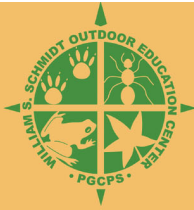
Classroom Teacher
Substitute Teacher
Paraprofessional
ISEA
Dedicated Aide
School Secretary

Looking for a job in our schools? Join us Saturday, Jan. 7 at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School to learn more about school-based employment opportunities for teachers, substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, aides and school secretaries!

Register

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Create Art to Inspire Climate Change Action



THE WILLIAM S. SCHMIDT CENTER PRESENTS...



The William S. Schmidt Center is sponsoring a challenge for students to create an original 2-dimensional piece of art that showcases their understanding of and intended action to combat climate change. This year's challenge theme is: **If not you, who? If not now, when?**

One winner will be chosen in each division for all three county regions (North, Central and South) for a total of 15 winners:

Division 1: Pre-K - Grade 2

Division 2: Grades 3-5

Division 3: Grades 6-8

Division 4: Grades 9-10

Division 5: Grades 11-12

Entries will be judged on their environmental message, visual presentation and creativity/craftsmanship.

The Sierra Club of Maryland will also award a grand prize for winners in each division, and all winning pieces will be exhibited throughout Prince George's County during the 2023-2024 school year.

Entries must be received by Friday, Jan. 6, 2023.

[Download the Flyer](#)

Nominate a School for Green Efforts!



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

**WASTE DIVERSION
AND RECYCLING
AWARDS**

2022

Prince George's County
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County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF THE
ENVIRONMENT
Andrea Croome | Director

Keep
Prince
George's
County
Beautiful

**Submit your
nominations!**

Deadline:
January 9, 2023

For forms and
more information,
visit bit.ly/KPGCB

Nominations have been extended through Jan. 9 for the Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE) and [Keep Prince George's County Beautiful \(KPGCB\) 2022 Waste Diversion and Recycling Virtual Awards](#).

The awards recognize commercial businesses, schools and other entities who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in recycling and waste diversion to advance the mission of DoE and KPGCB. A virtual awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18 to recognize award winners.

[Nomination Form](#)

Deadline Soon: Nominate an Outstanding Educator/Principal for The Washington Post Awards



TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL
OF THE YEAR
A W A R D S

The Washington Post

Each year, *The Washington Post* recognizes an outstanding principal and teacher from the Washington region. The Principal of the Year Award recognizes principals who go above and beyond to create exceptional academic environments in their schools. The Teacher of the Year Award recognizes teachers who exemplify excellence in their profession.

PGCPS selects one nominee to represent the school district in the regional competition to be named finalist for The Washington Post Principal of the Year and The Washington Post Teacher of the Year awards. Winners will be announced in mid-April. For details, visit [The Washington Post's awards webpage](#).

Email nomination packets to communications@pgcps.org (the Office of Communications) by Friday, Jan. 13, 2023. **Do not send packets directly to *The Washington Post*.**

Principal of the Year Application

Teacher of the Year Application

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

Board of Education Continues Work on FY2024 Operating Budget



The Board of Education will continue the budget development process with work sessions and public hearings in January and February.

Thursday, Jan. 26

Budget Work Session - 5 p.m.
Budget Public Hearing - 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Budget Work Session - 5 p.m.
Budget Public Hearing - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Budget Work Session - 5 p.m.
Budget Public Hearing - 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Board Meeting - Requested Budget Approval - 7 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

FAMILY RESOURCES

Operation Warm: Free Coats for Kids

OPERATION[®] warm | more than a coat[®]



Saturday, December 17
10 am - 12 pm

Oxon Hill Branch Library
6200 Oxon Hill Rd, Oxon Hill, MD 20745

A free coat for kids who need one this winter.

Limit 2 coats per family, while supplies last.

First come, first served.

Children must be present to receive coat.

Sizes 2T-size 18



 Special thanks to Operation Warm supported by Wawa for this donation. 





The Prince George's County Memorial Library System and PGCMLS Foundation offer a free coat for kids who need one this winter. Limited to one coat per child, two coats per family while supplies last. Children must be present to receive a coat. Sizes 2T-18.

[Saturday, Jan. 7, 10 am-12 pm - Laurel Branch Library.](#)

[Read More](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 16 – Martin L. King Jr. Day – Schools and Offices Closed

January 24 – End of Second Quarter

January 25 – Professional Day for Teachers – 1/2 Day for Students with Asynchronous Learning

January 26 – Budget Public Hearing

QUICK LINKS

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