

TOP STORIES

Parent-Teacher Conference Guide!



Halfway through the school year, check out tips to make the most of check-ins with your child's teachers.

[Tips for Parents](#)

Black Stories Come to Life



Community partners and PGCPS staff narrated stories by African American authors during a read-in at Bladensburg Elementary School.

This is the last week of Black History Month! [Share moments](#) from your celebrations at school and home, and tag us on social media with **#PGCPSBlackStories** to be featured in our [newsroom!](#)

Top of the Trade: From CTE to Prime Time TV!



"Don't fold under pressure." [Those were the words](#) of chef Nuri Muhammad six years ago when he was a Bowie High School student preparing for the National ProStart Invitational culinary competition.

Today, 22-year-old chef Nuri is putting those words to the ultimate test as a [contestant on *Next Level Chef*](#), a show where 18 chefs compete for a one-year mentorship with Gordon Ramsay.

PGCPS CTE

Waste Diversion & Recycling Winners



A student at C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional demonstrates recycling.

The Prince George's County Department of the Environment's Resource Recovery Division and Keep Prince George's Beautiful (KPGCB) recognizes exceptional efforts in recycling and waste diversion.

Eleanor Roosevelt, Largo and Laurel high schools and Laurel and Scotchtown Hills elementaries were recognized, as well as the following individuals and groups:

- Allison McMahon, Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- Principal Adelaide Blake, C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School
- Lauren Geatz, Bond Mill Elementary
- Green Team and Environmental Science Students, Central High School
- Principal Deatrice Womack and Teacher/Green School Coordinator Tracy Wescott, Robert Goddard Montessori School
- Brendan Rohr, Robert Goddard Montessori School PTSA Volunteer
- Kim Carrington, James G. Gholson MS

Watch Live: County Basketball Championship



This Wednesday, Feb. 22 see the top girls and boys basketball teams face off for the championship! The livestream begins at 5:45 p.m.

Tune In

Prevention Starts With Parents

6 OUT OF EVERY **10**^{*}
PILLS CONTAIN A POTENTIALY
LETHAL DOSE

**IF YOU DIDN'T GET IT FROM A PHARMACY
 IT COULD CONTAIN A LETHAL DOSE**

*Source: DEA.gov
 Updated 2023

WWW.NATURALHIGH.ORG/FENTANYL

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With the spike in fentanyl-related overdoses across the nation, regionally and locally, it is more important than ever that families [learn about the risks](#). Fentanyl is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is often mixed with other drugs and 'fake pills' and kids are not aware of the danger.

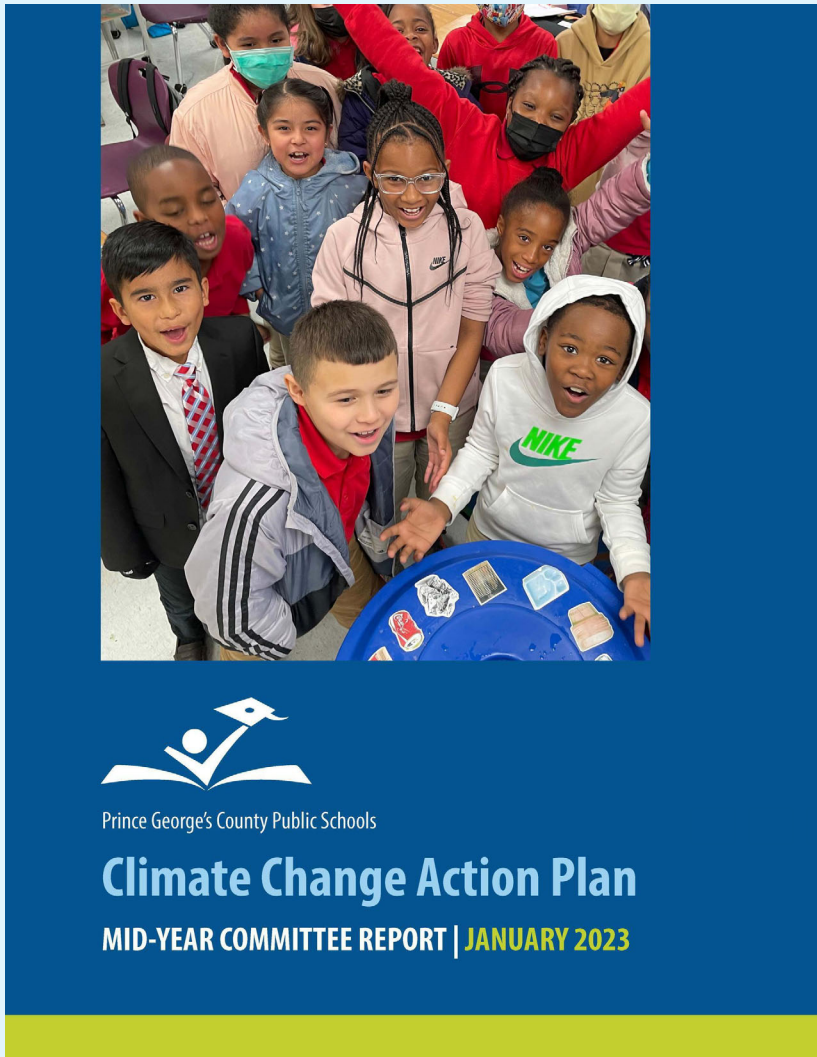
Prevention starts with parents.

Talk to your kids about the risks of experimenting with substances. Unless prescribed by a doctor, encourage them never to take pills or treats – even from someone they may trust.

[Watch Video](#)

[Learn More](#)

Climate Change Action Plan Biannual Report



PGCPS is taking action to combat climate change. Learn how we are working to reduce our carbon footprint and how to support this continued work!

[View](#)

College Scholarships Available for 2023 Seniors



Scholarship opportunities are available for Class of 2023 seniors!

Excellence in Education Foundation Scholarships

The Excellence in Education Foundation [will award](#) \$125,000 in scholarships to 34 deserving graduating seniors in various categories.

MGM Local Development Council Scholarship Program

Additionally, the Prince George's County Local Development Council will award \$200,000 in scholarships to 40 graduating seniors who best personify an ongoing commitment to "having a positive impact on others." For the [MGM scholarship](#), seniors must attend an eligible high school within the vicinity of the MGM complex: Crossland, Friendly, Oxon Hill and Potomac students may apply.

The deadline to apply for all scholarships is Friday, Mar. 17.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK



Check out what to know this week including school closure on Monday, delayed opening on Tuesday, scholarships for seniors and a sneak peek inside the student built house project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Nominations: Christa McAuliffe Award



CHRISTA McAULIFFE AWARD

In honor of former PGCPs teacher and America's Teacher-In-Space Christa McAuliffe, the Board of Education established an annual award to recognize an outstanding teacher based on competitive standards of excellence. The nomination deadline is Friday, Mar. 3.

[Learn More](#)

FAMILY RESOURCES

Terp Young Scholars Program



Terp Young Scholars courses are close to filling (although the application remains open through May 1).

Do you have a rising 10th, 11th, 12th grader or a rising college freshman? If so, your student may be eligible to enroll in the University of Maryland's [Terp Young Scholars Program](#) this summer. Students earn three college credits and explore majors/fields such as law, immersive media design, medicine, accounting, environmental biology and many more. A full list of courses can be viewed at go.umd.edu/tyscourses.

New this year, Terp Scholars also includes a robust introduction to the college admissions process. Students will learn college search strategies, how to access financial aid resources and how to craft a personal statement that stands out.

Scholarships for Terp Young Scholars are available and PGCPs is one of the few districts that includes summer classes in its dual enrollment policy.

For more information, see tys.umd.edu or contact program staff at tys@umd.edu.

New K-3 Reading Assessment



Learn more about a new reading assessment that will soon be used to improve and offer feedback on student reading instruction and progress. Sessions are available Feb. 21, 22 and 23 from 1-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

[Register](#)

See Something? Say Something.



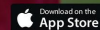
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(833-632-7233)



safeschoolsmd.org

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It takes a village to ensure safe schools! The Safe Schools Maryland tip line is an anonymous reporting tool that allows officials to prevent potentially unsafe acts from occurring. The tip line can be accessed at 1-833-MD-B-SAFE (1-833-632-7233), online at safeschoolsmd.org, or by downloading the free app via the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).

[Learn More](#)

How to Report Bullying



Safe learning environments are a priority! Did you know PGCPS has an online [reporting form](#) that can be used to report alleged incidents of bullying?

[Learn More](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 23 – [Dual Enrollment Program Virtual Overview](#) – 6-7:30 p.m.

February 23 – [Board of Education Meeting](#) – 7-9 p.m.

March 3 – Third Quarter Progress Reports Released Online

QUICK LINKS

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