

TOP STORIES

Winter Break Begins Friday!



Schools and offices will be closed for Winter Break from Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Jan. 2. School resumes Tuesday, Jan. 3. Don't miss important academic, health and communication [reminders](#) ahead of break!

Talented & Gifted (TAG) Programs Lottery Open



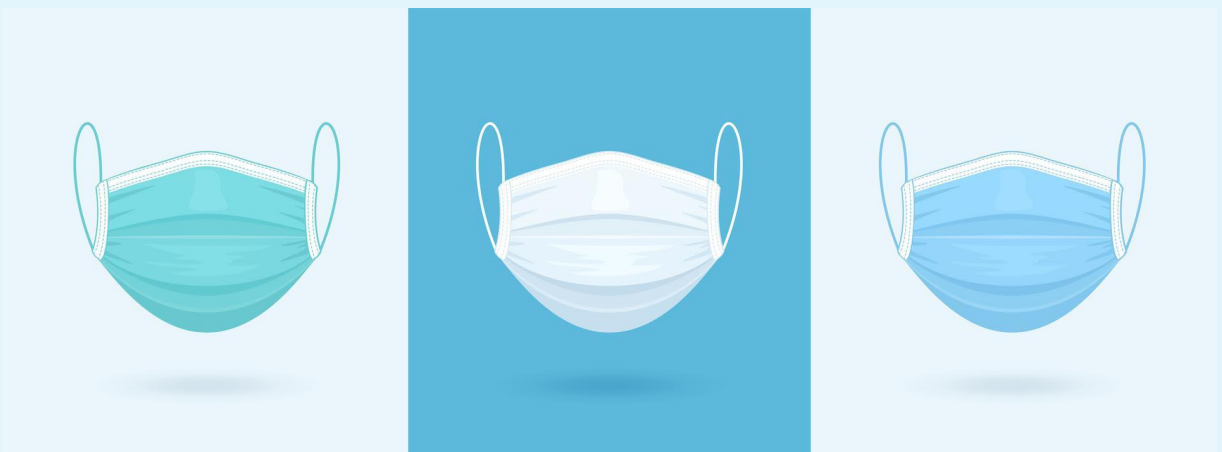
November Ed Camp at Capitol Heights ES

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. TAG programs provide advanced, enriched instructional programs to meet the unique needs of highly-able students. **The TAG Center lottery application is open through Mar. 1.**

[Learn More](#)

[TAG Center Lottery Application](#)

Reminder: PGCPS Is Mask Optional



As the presence of common respiratory viruses, flu, and COVID-19 converge, remember: masks are 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.

Hazel Mental Health Counseling from Home Over Winter Break



Hazel Health services can be accessed over winter break to help students cope with anxiety, depression, grief/loss, low self-esteem, bullying, academic stress and more. There is no cost to families for these services.

[Learn More & Sign the Consent Form](#)

[Support Your Child's Mental Health
During the Holiday Season](#)

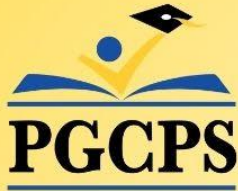
Find Out What's Happening in Academics!



Check out highlights from academics, including top performers in Scholastic's Literacy Pro Reading Program, the new ebook program in school libraries, a \$300K grant that will support green initiatives and environmental education and more.

[Read More](#)

School-Based Staff 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 for an in-person recruitment event and meeting with Human Resources staff to learn more about school-based employment opportunities including teachers, substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, aides and school secretaries.!

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School
12650 Brooke Lane
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

[Register Now](#)

Suitland Student Wins National Art Contest



Suitland High School senior Jaelyn Perkins has been named a [YoungArts](#) Merit winner. Jaelynn will receive mentorship, financial awards and more!

IB Math Educator Selected for Fulbright Teacher Exchange



Frederick Douglass High School math teacher Dr. Catherine Jones is among 20 U.S. citizens who will travel throughout the world as part of the 2022 Fulbright Teacher Exchange project! Dr. Jones will spend five weeks in Lima, Peru working with teachers to improve student achievement in mathematics and implement the math curriculum presented in the International Baccalaureate Program.

School Culture & Climate Survey Extended Through Dec. 22



Students in grades 6 - 12, families and staff are encouraged to share their school experience, perceptions and ideas through the Culture & Climate Survey.

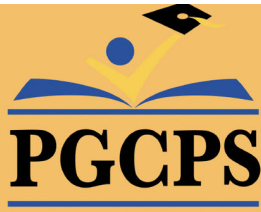
The survey is much shorter than last year's and only takes 5-10 minutes to complete. Everyone who completes the survey can enter a drawing for a \$50 gift card.

We have already heard from more than 3,000 stakeholders, and look forward to hearing from more of you before the survey ends on Dec. 22! For questions, please contact strategicplanning@pgcps.org.

[Take the Survey](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Creative Over Winter Break: 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
Department of the
ENVIRONMENT
Andrea Croome | Director

Keep
Prince
George's
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](#)

Nominate an Outstanding Educator for The Washington Post Principal and Teacher of the Year 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



After accepting the CEO's Proposed Operating Budget this month, 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.

Thursday, 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, January 7, 10 am-12 pm - Laurel Branch Library](#)

[Read More](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 23 - January 2 – Winter Break – Schools and Offices Closed

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

January 26 – Budget Public Hearing

QUICK LINKS

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)
[School Meals](#)
[SchoolMAX Family Portal](#)
[Fall Learning Information](#)
[School Violence Resources and Support](#)

[Bus Info/Finder](#)
[Registration/Enrollment](#)
[PGCPS TV](#)
[Vendor Managed Child Care](#)

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