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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

## Hello, Spring Break!



Schools will be closed for students and teachers from Monday, April 3 through Monday, April 10. PGCPS Offices are also closed Friday, April 7 through Monday, April 10.

Check out these [Spring Break ideas](#) to help you recharge — whether by staying active, exploring, tapping into creativity or finding your zen!

## Women's History Month Wrap-Up



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson was honored with the 2023 Gladys Noon Spellman Public Service Award at Prince George's County's 38th Annual [Women's History Month Luncheon](#).



Students and staff at Capitol Heights Elementary School closed out Women's History Month with its annual Girls Empowerment Day, featuring special guests and an entire day of hands-on activities!



**Students Speak Out: Fentanyl**



PGCPS students are taking the lead in warning peers about the dangers of fentanyl.

[Watch NBC4 Story](#)



Fentanyl PSA in English



Fentanyl PSA in Spanish

## 2023-2024 Calendar Approved

2023-24 CALENDAR\*

- First Day of School — August 28
- Winter Break — Dec. 25 - Jan. 2, 2024
- Spring Break — March 25 - April 1, 2024
- Last Day of School — June 14, 2024

\*All dates are pending Maryland State Department of Education approval.

The graphic features a white calendar icon at the top, followed by the title "2023-24 CALENDAR\*" in white text. Below the title is a list of key dates with blue bullet points. At the bottom is a white logo of a person with arms raised above an open book, and a small disclaimer in white text.

The Board of Education approved the proposed calendar for the 2023-24 school year. As the calendar awaits final approval by the Maryland State Department of Education, here are key dates to know.

[View Calendar](#)

## Closing Today: CEO Search Survey



Weigh in on the search for our next Chief Executive Officer by taking a quick survey! The survey is conducted by a search firm, and responses are anonymous and confidential.

[Survey](#)

## Apply for Summer School Positions



Summer school employment opportunities are available! Apply by Monday, April 17.

[Program Listings](#)

[Application Process](#)

## Spotlight

### Building School Culture Through the Arts



The team at Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center designed Easter bonnets featuring student artwork for some friendly competition and a 'parade of bonnets!'!

"Frances Fuchs prides itself on building staff morale by encouraging friendly competition that fosters friendships and promotes a warm positive environment," said Parent Engagement Assistant Laura Martinez. "Our Morale committee, led by autism teachers Ms. Alma Alemany Torres and Ms. Aniece Martin, work hard to come up with activities each month to boost school morale!"

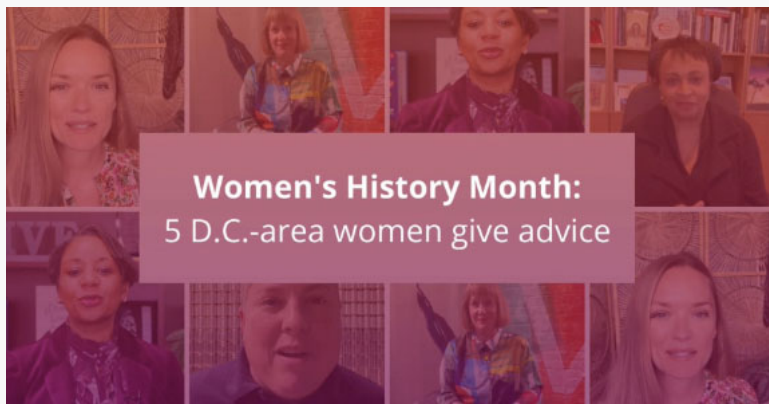
## College Tour and Star Sighting



During a Howard University campus tour, Beacon Heights Elementary School sixth graders met award-winning actress Phylicia Rashad, Dean of the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts!

## In the News

### Advice from Female Leaders for Women's History Month



Hear words of wisdom from women leaders in the region including CEO Dr. Monica Goldson and Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden in a WTOP feature for Women's History Month.

[Read More](#)

## Announcements & Professional Development

### Share Feedback on Proposed Board Policies

On March 23, the Board voted to approve the following policies for public comment before adoption:

[New policy](#) - Student Sunscreen Use

[Revised policy 0121](#) - People First Language

[Revised policy 5122](#) - Interscholastic and Extracurricular Activities

[Revised policy 5162.1](#) - Do Not Resuscitate Order

[Revised policy 5118.4](#) - Tuition Waivers for Summer School

In addition to online comment forms, comments on proposed policies can be submitted to [testimony@pgcps.org](mailto:testimony@pgcps.org). Comments are due by 5 p.m. Friday, April 7.

### Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month



Join us in April for Autism Awareness Month to promote acceptance, education and inclusion! Staff is encouraged to wear blue on Tuesday, April 11 and share photos to social media with: #PGCPSBlue

### 3 Resources for Families of Students with Disabilities



### 12th Annual Parent Empowerment Conference

The Annual Parent Empowerment Conference will feature virtual sessions for parents on a range of topics, including Executive Functioning, Autism, Dyslexia, Early Childhood Literacy, and so much more!

[Learn More](#)

### Special Education College and Career Fair

The Department of Special Education will host its annual [College and Career Fair](#) on **Wednesday, April 12** at Fairmont Heights High School. The fair is open to all high school students with IEPs and 504 plans.

### April 25 Spring Transitioning Youth Fair

The Department of Special Education will host a fair to help middle and high school youth with disabilities explore resources to plan for the future! Representatives from DORS, DDA and direct service providers will be on site.

[Register](#)

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Become an Ally for Students Experiencing Homelessness



Receive training to become a trusted point of contact for students experiencing homelessness in Prince George’s County through the McKinney-Vento Ally Partners Program. Some staff may be eligible for workshop pay. All training will be via Zoom. All sessions are at 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 19**

**Wednesday, May 24**

[Register](#)

## PGCPS Papparazzi

Dr. Henry A. Wise High School welcomes its newest inductees into the National Technical Honor Society!





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