



APRIL 2024

Mustang Minutes



Message From Administration

Dr. Dana Doggett, Principal

Dr. Tracie Connelly, Assistant Principal

Students will return to class at 8:15 am on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. By 8:15 am, every student must be seated in their homeroom class.

Students are prohibited from wearing Crocs to school to protect everyone's safety during recess and physical education sessions. It is not appropriate for students to bring any balls—soccer, baseball, or basketball—to class. Except for football, the school will supply these items to our students during recess. It is not permitted to play football on school property while classes are in session. Once again, the Bookfair was a great success thanks to your help.


Attendance

Our attendance data for March 2024 was 89.53%, with a cumulative average of 89.39%. Your child must report to school daily and arrive at school on time. When your child is absent and late to school, they miss important class information.

MCAP Testing

All 3rd–5th-grade students will be administered the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) in Reading and Mathematics from Monday, April 8, 2024, to Friday, May 10, 2024. Students will not be tested on Mondays except Monday, April 8, 2024. It is important that all 3rd–5th grade students report to school and arrive on time! Please avoid appointments that may take your child out of school during this time. Ensure your child is well rested, eats a good breakfast, and has a positive attitude towards testing.

Listed below are important dates for

April 3, 2024 School resumes 

April 8, 2024, MCAP begins 

April 10, 2024 Eid al Fitr (schools are closed)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (301) 817-0488 and by email, at Dana.Doggett@pgcps.org and Tracie.Connelly@pgcps.org

Intermediate News



Fourth Grade Reading/Math

For Reading, our focus will be reviewing MCAP Practice Assessment. Students will recognize the characteristics of tales in Modules 6 and Module 10. In writing, the teacher will review opinionated, narrative, and expository forms of writing with evidence of students typing a clear beginning, middle, and conclusion independently. In social studies, students will learn about how to create a business as a producer as well as meet the needs of consumers. Students will explore goods and services as well.

In Math Students will learn about data and how it can be collected and represented through picture graphs, bar graphs, and line plots for the purpose of analyzing information in the world. In Science students will analyze and interpret images to determine if they are fossils. Students will also analyze fossils to get an understanding of what the environment was like when the organism was alive. In Health students will learn about body challenges, their causes and effects, physical impairments, learning disabilities, and special needs in the community.

Fifth Grade Reading

Reading:: Fifth grade scholars are learning about Natural Disasters

Essential Question: How can learning about natural disasters make us safer?

Eruptions: Students will learn about narrative nonfiction that will give them factual information by telling a true story. Students will write what they know about volcanoes? What do they want to learn? Students will use a KWL Chart to record their answers

Students will also learn about the Alaska Earthquake through an informational video that will present information about a topic, person, or event in visual and audio form. As they watch the video they will think about the kinds of events that occur during and after a large earthquake. They will use a KWL Chart to write what they already know about earthquakes. What do you want to learn?

Writing: Students will write a News Report on how they could help save lives during an eruption. Students will write a Video Promo on events, experiences, and feelings, surrounding the largest earthquake in North American History.

Social Studies:

Students will be learning about Women's History and the contributions they made.

5th Grade Math

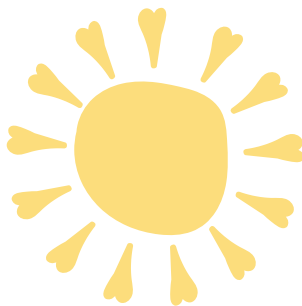
The Third Quarter is done! Our scholars continue to work hard preparing themselves for middle school.

For the month of April, our students will continue to learn how to divide fractions. Topic on Volume will be introduced.

In Science, we'll start with Effect of Gravity and Patterns of Motion in the Sky.

Health focuses on Blood and HIV.

Our scholar will be taking the MCAP in Math this month. Let us all help prepare them to be successful.





Specialist News

Physical Education

It's April! Spring has begun! It's time for a P.E. Fun Fact! Did you know that the human heart pumps about 2,000 gallons of blood per day? This means that your heart works tirelessly to circulate blood throughout your body, delivering oxygen and nutrients to your tissues and organs while removing waste products. Regular cardiovascular exercise helps strengthen your heart, making it more efficient at pumping and improving overall cardiovascular endurance.

During April, students will be tested on their muscular strength, flexibility, cardiorespiratory fitness, and cardiovascular endurance. During this time, I will closely monitor those with health issues and have an alternative fitness plan (if necessary) to ensure their overall safety throughout this month.

The weather has already started to shift; especially in the afternoon. Therefore, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct shoes and clothing on P.E. days: no Crocs, flip-flops, dress shoes, boots, or cleats. Also, please make sure that the young ladies have on shorts underneath their skirts and that they stay hydrated at school and home. If you do send your child to school with shoes or clothes that are not suitable for P.E., please ensure that they have a set of spare shoes and a change of clothes to put on.

If you need to reach me at any time for any reason, please send me an email:

calvin.thomas@pgcps.org

Media

Thank you all for supporting our annual Spring Book Fair! All books need to be checked in by May 22, 2024. Overdue books fines will be deleted. Parents and scholars, Concord will be closed at the end of this school year. We do not want overdue books to continue.

Have a wonderful April!



Special Education

Parents Tips on How to Prepare their Children with Disabilities for Tests By Sonia D. Bobis Students with disabilities appear defeated and stressed when it comes to taking tests, particularly, state tests. Parents can help their children with disabilities prepare for the tests. Parents must be familiar with the test accommodations for their children. They must talk to teachers what test accommodations will be given to their children. They must also request for review materials, including strategies and skills, to be able to prepare their children. It will be very helpful to conduct a daily review months before the test dates. This will strengthen the skills and self-confidence of the children. Make sure the children are eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and rest.