

TOP STORIES

CEO Retiring at End of 2022-23 School Year



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson plans to retire at the end of the 2022-2023 academic year, bringing to an end her 32-year career with the school system.

“After careful thought, prayer, and discussions with my family, I have decided to move to my next journey in life: retirement,” said Dr. Goldson. “It has been an absolute honor to lead over 131,000 students in the place I call home.”

[Read More](#)

[CEO's Mid-Year Report](#)

12 Seniors Named Posse Scholars



Twelve high school seniors have been named 2022 Posse Scholars and will receive four-year, full-tuition college scholarships from The Posse Foundation's partnering schools.

Posse Scholars from across the nation will enter colleges and universities in multicultural groups of 10 known as "posses." Throughout their college career, they will support each other and receive ongoing assistance from The Posse Foundation. Posse Scholars have a 90 percent college graduation rate and demonstrated potential to positively impact their professions. Each scholarship is worth approximately \$140,000. Nearly 100 PGPCS students have received Posse scholarships since 2013.

This year's Posse Scholars include:

- Hillary De La Cruz, Charles H. Flowers | Bucknell University
- Mia Mezge, Friendly | Bucknell University
- Addyson Powell, CMIT Academy - South | Bucknell University
- Jaheim Johnson, Suitland | Lafayette College
- Tyler Salm, CMIT Academy - South | Lafayette College
- Dianara Sagazstizado, Eleanor Roosevelt | Lewis & Clark College
- Felix Rivera, International High School at Langley Park | Lewis & Clark College
- Jessica Gabriela Garcia Bocaletti, International High School at Langley Park | Lewis & Clark College
- Trinity Reddick, CMIT Academy - South | Sewanee: The University of the South
- Alriana Buller-Jarrett, Charles H. Flowers | University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Ruth Olawumi, Eleanor Roosevelt | University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Marco Assam, Eleanor Roosevelt | University of Wisconsin-Madison

[Learn More](#)

"Shaping Classrooms of the Future"



Hear from Chief Information and Technology Officer Andrew Zuckerman about the school system's efforts to leverage technology in supporting innovation!

[EdTech Story](#)

January 25: Virtual Learning Day



Wednesday, Jan. 25 is the second of three half-day virtual instructional days for this school year. **All students will attend school virtually from home Jan. 25 and then again on Mar. 31.**

Virtual instruction days will provide teachers with additional time for end-of-quarter grading and planning, while maximizing learning opportunities for students.

The PGCPS [virtual day instruction plan](#) was approved in September by the Maryland State Department of Education for extended days of inclement weather as well as teacher professional days this school year.

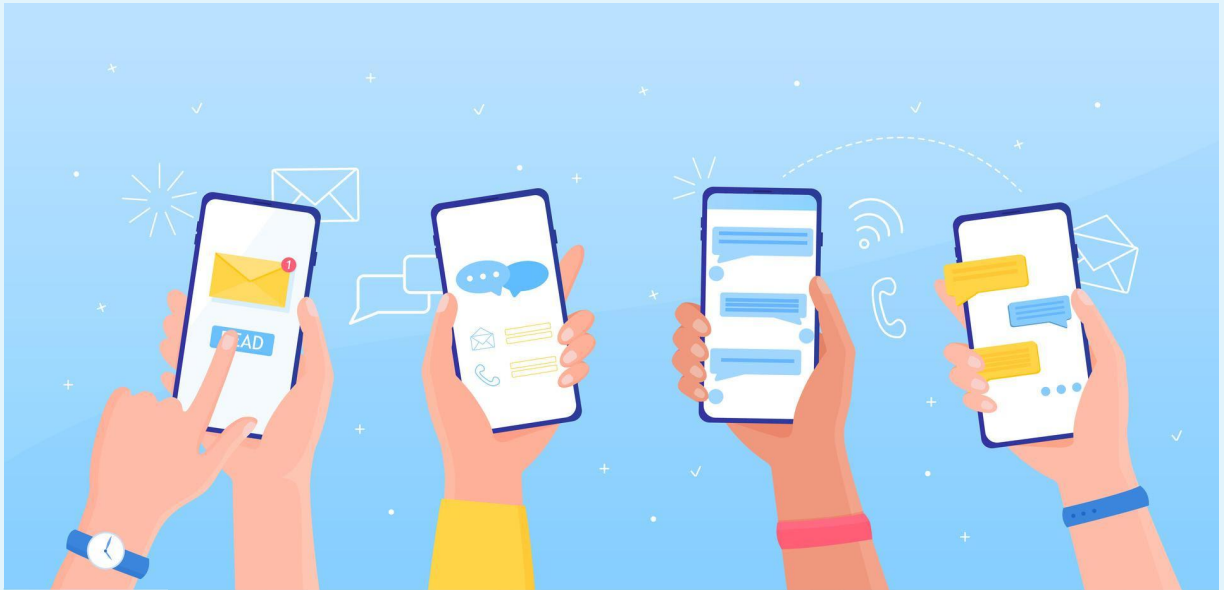
Cool Spring Students Learn Science of Roller Skating



Cool Spring Elementary School scholars participated in “The Science of Skates” STEM lesson! Scholars learned about engineering, friction and design as they apply to roller

skating.

Don't Miss PGCPS 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](#)

Charter School Lottery Open Through Jan. 27



Charter School Lottery applications are open through Friday, Jan. 27 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Be sure your application includes a valid student identification number and phone number. You can make changes to your application up until the lottery closes.

Please keep all email confirmations as your record of lottery entries. Parents are encouraged to check with individual charter schools for updates and changes.

[More Information](#)

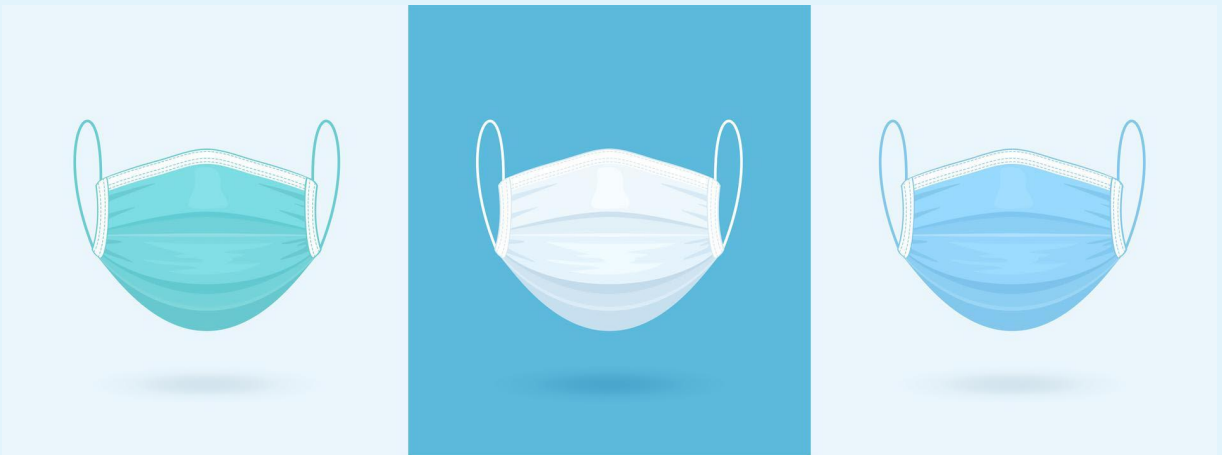
Talented & Gifted (TAG) Programs Lottery Open



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 Mar. 15.**

[Learn More](#)

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.

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK



Check out what to know this week including the TAG program lottery and CEO Mid-Year News Update.

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](#)

Local Artists Wanted for New School Building Murals



The Office of Alternative Infrastructure Planning and Development is accepting proposals from local artists to collaborate on mural installations for six new school buildings under construction! Proposals are due by Wednesday, Jan.25.

For details on scope and requirements, please attend a pre-proposal meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. or view project proposal request forms.

[Learn More](#)

Teacher Preparation Program Application Deadline Extended

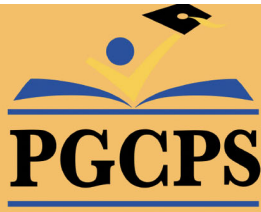
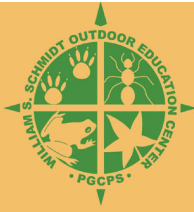


The Specialty Programs application deadline has been extended through Tuesday, Jan. 17 for the [Academy of Health Sciences Teacher Preparation Program](#).

Students interested in applying must have participated in the PSAT 8/9 during the 2022-2023 school year.

[Apply Now](#)

Deadline Extended! Create Art to Inspire Climate Change Action



THE WILLIAM S. SCHMIDT CENTER PRESENTS...



Entry deadline has been extended to Friday, Jan. 30!

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.

[Download the Flyer](#)

TODAY: 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 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
AWARDS

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

Family Information Sessions: Supporting Your Scholar at Home with i-Ready



These sessions are designed to help families engage with i-Ready to support students at home. Families will learn more about i-Ready and its core components: how it works, how students will use it and resources to support students.

Register online for one of eight sessions below by clicking on the time link. Select either Jan. 17 or Jan. 18 on the registration form. Families will receive a confirmation email with details on how to join their session.

Jan. 17 or Jan. 18

[9 a.m. Session](#)

[12 p.m. Session](#)

[3 p.m. Session](#)

[6 p.m. Session](#)

[Learn 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

[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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