

TOP STORIES

Celebrating Black Voices and Stories!



When World Read Aloud Day and the first day of Black History Month collide, an African American Read-In is the perfect way to honor history and a reminder to share black stories!

[Show us how you're celebrating](#) Black history throughout February by tagging us: #PGCPSBlackStories.

Speaking of stories: did you know students can access a wide selection of ebooks by black authors and featuring black characters on [Sora](#)?



Weigh In: 2023-24 School Calendar



Please review [Draft 1](#) and [Draft 2](#) of the 2023-2024 school calendar and take a short survey by **Wednesday, Feb. 15** to share your preference.

[Family & Community Survey](#)

[Employee Survey](#)

High Point High School to Host Community Meeting on Illegal Drug Use

BE INFORMED!

DRUG & AWARENESS COMMUNITY MEETING

Two vials and a syringe are shown on the right side of the header. The vials are labeled 'FENTANYL 200' and 'Fentanyl sublingual tablets'. The syringe is labeled 'DISCARD AFTER USE'.

High Point High School will host a community meeting Tuesday, February 7 to address illegal drug use. Families in Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) are invited to attend.

Narcan kits will be available for distribution while quantities last. The meeting will provide youth, families and community members with information about the dangers of fentanyl and other illegal drugs along with strategies to lower the risk of overdose.

There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions following the presentation.

Community meetings will be held in the central and southern areas of Prince George's County in the coming week.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

6-8 p.m.

High Point High School Auditorium

[3601 Powder Mill Road](#)

[Beltsville, MD 20705](#)

[Download Flyer](#)

#FutureReady: Scholar Athletes Celebrate Next Chapter



High school athletes and their families participated in National Signing Day this week, accepting scholarship offers and committing to play on the college level!

[Photo Gallery](#)

Criminal Justice Students Spend the Day in Court



Students in a CTE Criminal Justice class learned the importance of cooperating with the police and knowing your rights as they took part in a role-playing activity through Prince George's County's Schools in Court program.

ICYMI: Career and Technical Education (CTE) Town Hall



Learn more about our world of CTE programs! [Watch](#) a recent town hall featuring PGCPs staff and county business leaders or [listen](#) to an interview on WHUR's Daily Drum!

Get an Academic Boost with Tutoring



Want to help your student love to read?

Take advantage of our registration **deadline
extension** for Cohort 3—now **2/15/23!**

Accelerate learning and build academic confidence with these free tutoring opportunities!

TutorMe

Connect with an online tutor in less than 30 seconds, 24/7 for help with a single problem or a lesson! [Tutors](#) are highly qualified from the best universities and are ready to assist students.

Carnegie Learning Math

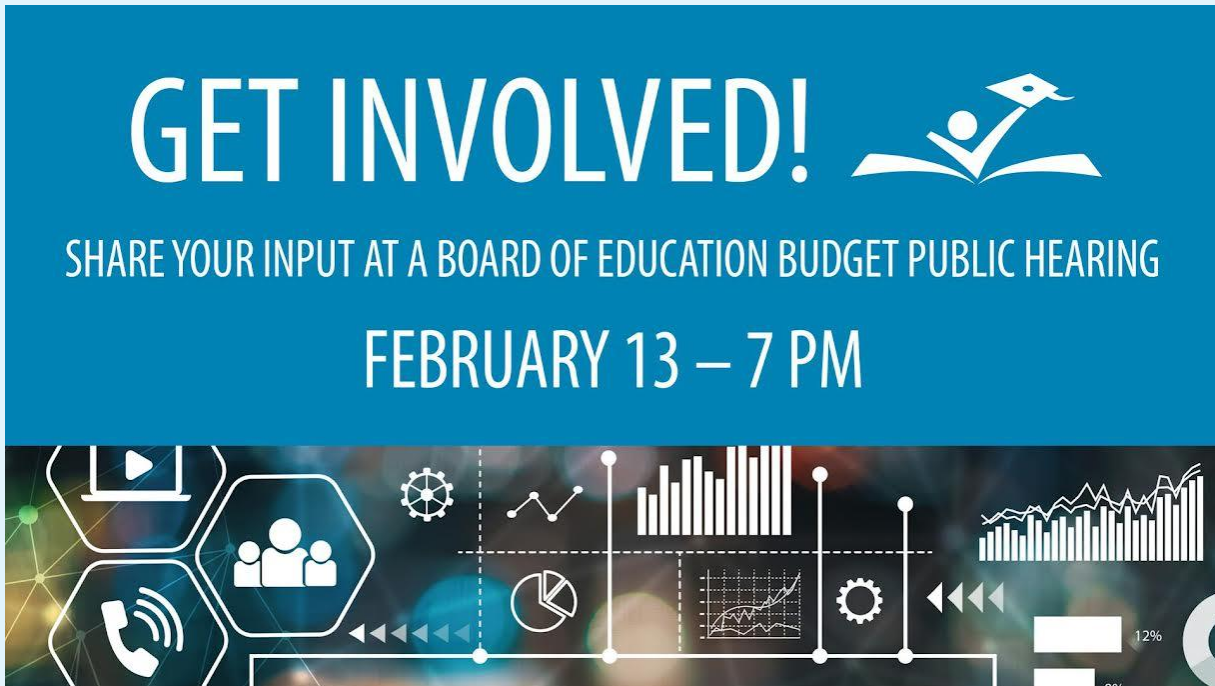
On-demand math tutoring for students in grades 3-12. Log in through the CLEVER tutoring app.

BookNook

This is the last opportunity to sign up for free tutoring for students in kindergarten through fifth grade! The deadline to [register](#) has been extended through Wednesday, Feb. 15 for

Cohort 3 sessions.

Operating Budget Public Hearing



GET INVOLVED!

SHARE YOUR INPUT AT A BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

FEBRUARY 13 – 7 PM

The Budget Public Hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. is the last opportunity to share input on the 2023-24 school year operating budget. The Board of Education will vote on the budget Thursday, Feb. 23.

Written or pre-recorded comments may also be submitted to the Board Office at testimony@pgcps.org by noon the day of the meeting.

[Register to Speak](#)

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](#)

Blueprint Schools Implementation Plan Survey



Share input on [plans](#) to improve Maryland schools by taking the Blueprint Schools Implementation Plan [survey](#).

The survey is open through **Sunday, Feb. 19.**

National School Counseling Week: Thank Your School Counselor!



This week is National School Counseling Week! (Feb. 6-10). We encourage students, families and staff to recognize school counselors for all they do using the hashtags #PGCPSProud and #NSCW23!

[Learn More](#)

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK



Check out what to know this week including how students can help celebrate Black History Month, Q2 report cards, tutoring opportunities and how to report bullying.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Science Bowl on Demand!



Don't miss this season of the Science Bowl! The entire season of matchups can be viewed on the [PGCPS YouTube](#) channel.

Call for Nominations: 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

Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line



**A SAFER SCHOOL
BEGINS WITH YOU.**

833-MD-B-SAFE
(833-632-7233)



safeschoolsmd.org

Download the
SafeSchoolsMD app



The Safe Schools Maryland tip line is an anonymous reporting tool free to all Maryland public, private, and nonpublic schools, and is accessible for all Maryland residents by phone 1-833-MD-B-SAFE (1833-632-7233), online at safeschoolsmd.org, and by downloading the free app via the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).

Designated school officials are immediately notified about a tip concerning students, teachers and/or activities at, near or related to their school, allowing officials to respond accordingly and prevent an unsafe act from occurring.

[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 8 – [2nd Quarter Report Cards Released](#)

February 9 – [Family Institute: Helping Your Student Develop & Enhance Executive Functioning Skills](#)

February 9 – [Colin L. Powell K-8 Academy Project Update Meeting](#)

February 13 – Budget Public Hearing - 7 p.m.

QUICK LINKS

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)
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[SchoolMAX Family Portal](#)

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