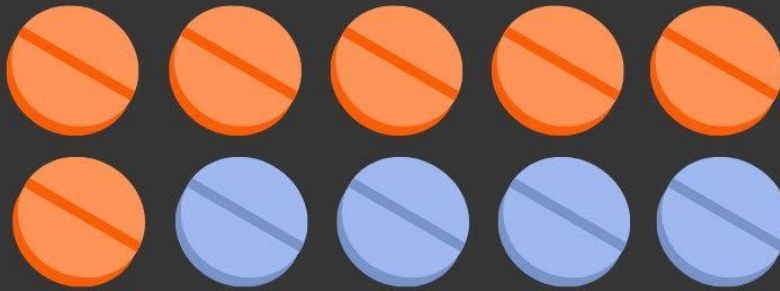


TOP STORIES

Prevention Starts With Parents

6 OUT OF EVERY **10***
PILLS CONTAIN A POTENTIALY
LETHAL DOSE



**IF YOU DIDN'T GET IT FROM A PHARMACY
IT COULD CONTAIN A LETHAL DOSE**

*Source: DEA.gov
Updated 2023

WWW.NATURALHIGH.ORG/FENTANYL

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With the spike in fentanyl-related overdoses across the nation, regionally and locally, it is more important than ever that families [learn about the risks](#). Fentanyl is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is often mixed with other drugs and 'fake pills' and kids are not aware of the danger.

Prevention starts with parents.

Talk to your kids about the risks of experimenting with substances. Unless prescribed by a doctor, encourage them never to take pills or treats – even from someone they may trust.



[Learn More](#)

#CTEMonth: Career and Technical Education Programs in Action



See how students in the Laurel High School Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM) are preparing for careers in teaching and other pathways in education!



NEWSBREAK
GETTING ARRESTED – WITH A SMILE

Go inside a “School in Court Day” where students from the CTE Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness program learn about the criminal justice system, interact with law enforcement and more!

The deadline to [apply](#) for CTE programs for next school year is Friday, Feb. 17!

Wise HS Grad Plays in Super Bowl



Photo by Justin Casterline/Getty Images

Dr. Henry A Wise Jr. High School graduate and Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Zach Pascal achieved a lifelong dream playing in the Super Bowl. Pascal graduated from Wise in 2012.

[View Now](#)

Celebrating Black Voices & Stories: An Interactive Periodic Table



Glenarden Woods Elementary School students created an interactive periodic table in celebration of Black History Month. Viewers scan the QR codes of each “element” in the table – all a famous person in Black history – to learn more about their contributions.

Climate Change Action Plan Biannual Report



Prince George's County Public Schools

Climate Change Action Plan

MID-YEAR COMMITTEE REPORT | JANUARY 2023

PGCPS is taking action to combat climate change. Learn how we are working to reduce our carbon footprint and how to support this continued work!

[View](#)

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](#)

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

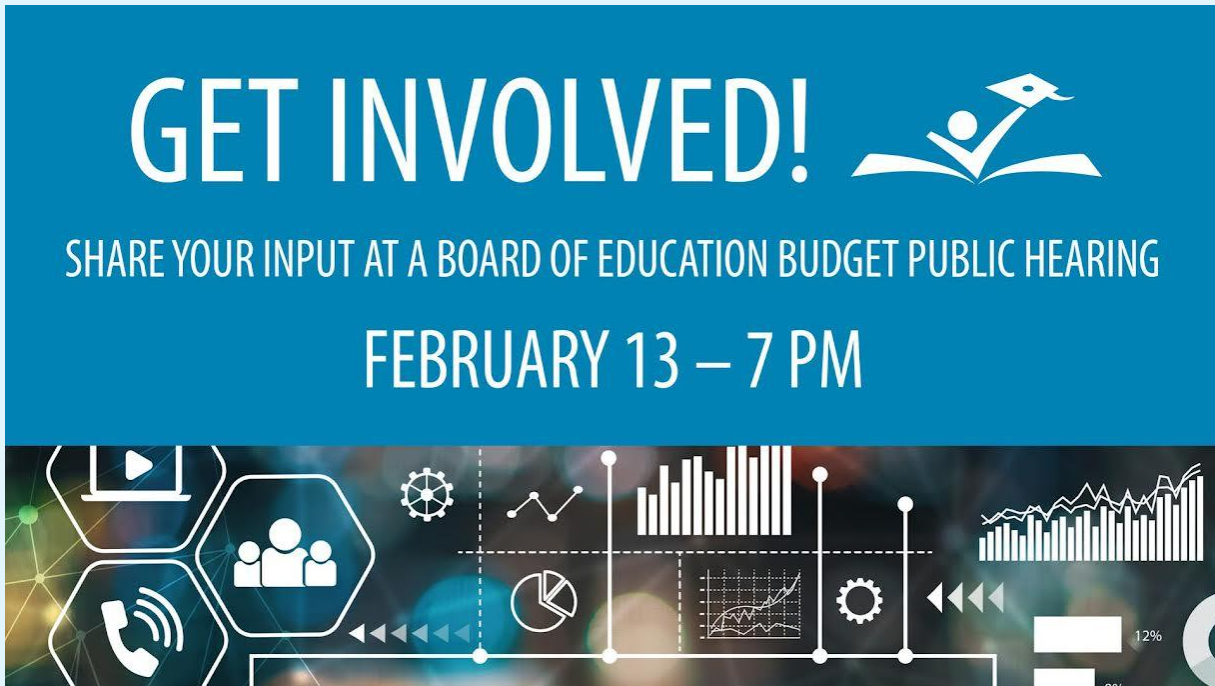
On-demand math tutoring for students in grades 3-12. Log in through the CLEVER tutoring app.

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.**

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](#)

FAMILY RESOURCES

Family Institute: What to Know About State and District Testing



Parents and families can learn more about the state and district academic tests for students in grades K-12 this school year.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 | 6-7:30 p.m.

[Session Zoom Link](#)

New K-3 Reading Assessment



Learn more about a new reading assessment that will soon be used to improve and offer feedback on student reading instruction and progress. Sessions are available Feb. 21, 22 and 23 from 1-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

[Register](#)

See Something? Say Something.



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(833-632-7233)



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Download the
SafeSchoolsMD app



It takes a village to ensure safe schools! The Safe Schools Maryland tip line is an anonymous reporting tool that allows officials to prevent potentially unsafe acts from occurring. The tip line can be accessed at 1-833-MD-B-SAFE (1-833-632-7233), online at safeschoolsmd.org, or by downloading the free app via the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).

[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 13** – Budget Public Hearing - 7 p.m.
- February 15** – [Family Institute: State and District Testing](#) – 6 p.m.
- February 15** – [Last Day for Grade Appeals](#)
- February 20** – [Presidents' Day](#) – Schools and Offices Closed
- February 21** – [Parent-Teacher Conferences](#) – [2-Hour Delayed Opening for Students](#)

QUICK LINKS

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

[Bus Info/Finder](#)
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