

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service



Schools and offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 16 for the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday and day of service in celebration of the civil rights leader's life and legacy. MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off."

[Get Involved](#)

PGCPS Celebrates Black History Month



Help us recognize Black History Month by sharing how your school or office is celebrating!

[Share Your Event](#)

Spotlight

Preserving our Planet



The students at some Prince George's County high schools are 'talking trash' these days - but not about each other! By collecting table scraps from their cafeteria and sending them to the County's Organic Composting Facility, their trash soon becomes a nutrient-rich soil additive for farms and gardens throughout the County. It is a noble effort by civic-minded students to help our threatened environment.

Alum Leads in Financial Education



A Parkdale High School graduate and former Capital One student banker is featured in a documentary on personal finance education!

Announcements & Professional Development

Tune In: Middle School Basketball!

STREAMING ON: YouTube

PGCPS

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

GIRL'S CHAMPIONSHIP
STEPHEN DECATUR VS. WALKER MILL
6PM

BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP
ERNEST EVERETT VS ACCOKEEK
7PM

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@ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

PGCPSTV will live stream middle school basketball championship games Friday, Jan. 13 on the PGCPS YouTube channel.

Watch

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 March 3.

Learn More

Thank You! Culture & Climate Survey

More than 6,200 parents, guardians, students and staff responded to the Culture & Climate Survey. Survey results will be shared in February to help PGCPs plan for upcoming school year.

Congratulations to staff member Angela Alcain and student Kayla Shirley who won \$50 gift cards for completing the survey.

Share Your Input

Families, administrators and educators are encouraged to take a brief survey on supporting the development of the Family Engagement Birth to Age 21 Framework in Maryland.

Take the Survey

Board Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Policies

On January 12, the Board voted to approve the following policies for public comment before adoption:

Revised policy 3500 - Name of Schools, School District Facilities, Dedicating Areas of School and School District Facilities or grounds and Erecting Monuments

Click [here](#) to provide comments on revised policy 3500

Revised policy 4200 - Employee and 4-205 Appeals before the Board of Education

Click [here](#) to provide comments on revised policy 4200]

In addition to the online comment forms, comments on the proposed policy can be submitted by email to testimony@pgcps.org. Comments are due by 5 pm on Friday January 27.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

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 January 25. For details on scope and requirements, please view project proposal request forms.

Learn More

IRS Standard Mileage Rate Change



Employees using their cars for official travel will now be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.655 per mile. The new rate will be applied to any requests for mileage reimbursement for travel occurring on or after Sunday, Jan. 1.

Nominate a School for Green Initiatives!



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 divers advance the mission of DoE and KPGCB.

[Nomination Form](#)

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.

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