

TOP STORIES

New Leadership for Board of Education



The Prince George's County [Board of Education](#) has new leadership! Welcome to Judy Mickens-Murray who will serve as Board Chair and Lolita E. Walker, who will serve as Vice Chair.

[Read More](#)

Preserving Our Planet



See how students are using school cafeterias as a platform to reduce food waste and take climate action!

Inspire a Love for Reading with BookNook Tutoring



Free virtual reading tutoring is available to students in kindergarten through fifth grade in partnership with BookNook! There is still time to register for session 2 or session 3 tutoring!

Session 2 and 3 tutoring will be offered three times a week beginning Feb. 27 and Mar.14 respectively.

Registration for session 2 closes this Friday, Jan. 20.

[Reserve a Spot Now](#)

PGCPS Celebrates Black History Month



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

Share Your Event

January 25: Virtual Learning Day

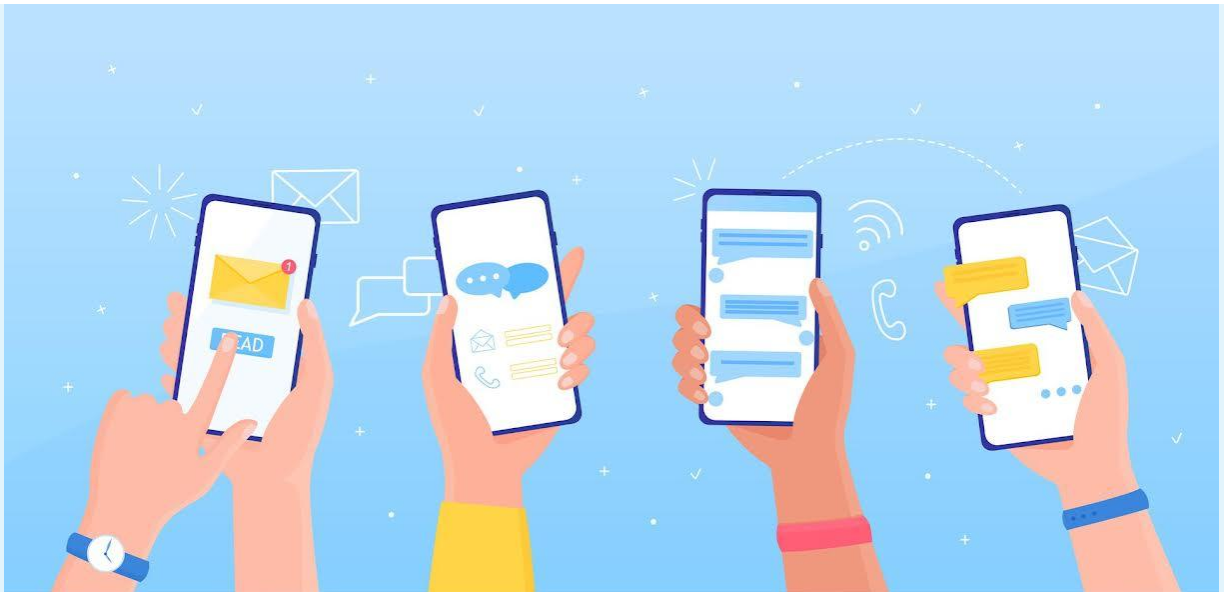


Wednesday, Jan. 25 is the second of three half-day virtual instructional days for this school year. **All students will attend school virtually from home Jan. 25 and then again on Mar. 31.**

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.

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](#)

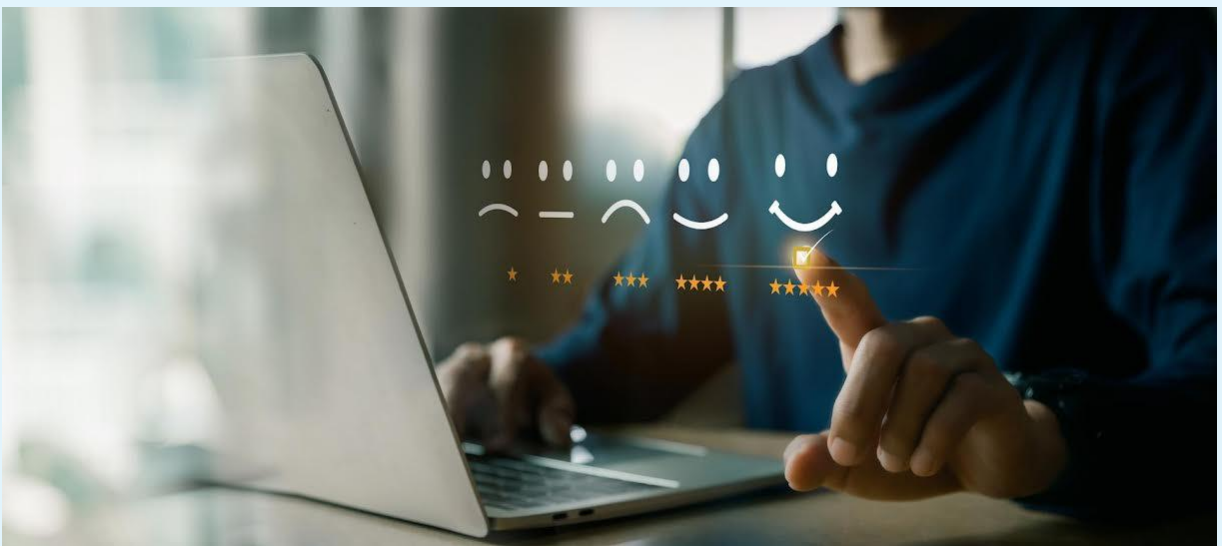
Talented & Gifted (TAG) Programs Lottery Open



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](#)

Thank You for Sharing!



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

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](#)

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK



Check out what to know this week including Virtual Learning Day, BookNook registration and Charter School and TAG Program application deadlines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Parents of Student in Grades 8-10



The Career and Technical Education Application closes on Friday, Feb. 17! CTE programs offer industry credentials and college credits to students while they are still in high school.

8th grade students – If your student is enrolled at Accokeek Academy, Benjamin Stoddert, Drew-Freeman, Gwynn Park Middle, Isaac Gourdine, James Madison, Oxon Hill Middle, Stephen Decatur, Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Jackson, Benjamin Foulois or Samuel Massie you are eligible to apply for a CTE program at our CTE Southern Hub.

9th grade students are eligible to apply for a CTE program that begins in 10th grade at his/her boundary school. Where applicable, additional enrollment opportunities are also available at our CTE Southern Hub.

10th grade students are eligible to apply for 2 year programs offered at our CTE hubs and for programs available at their boundary schools.

Visit www.pgcps.org/cte for more information about your eligible programs. Enrollment for school year 2023-2024 concludes **Friday, Feb. 17**.

[Apply Now!](#)

Call for Nominations: Christa McAuliffe Award



CHRISTA McAULIFFE AWARD

In honor of former PGCPSS 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 view project proposal request forms.

[Learn More](#)

Teacher Preparation Program Application Deadline Extended

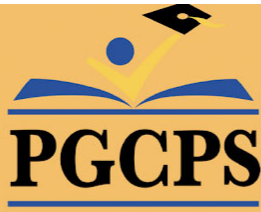


The Specialty Programs application deadline has been extended through Tuesday, Jan. 17 for the [Academy of Health Sciences Teacher Preparation Program](#).

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

Board Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Policies

On Jan. 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 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27.

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

Virtual Family Institute

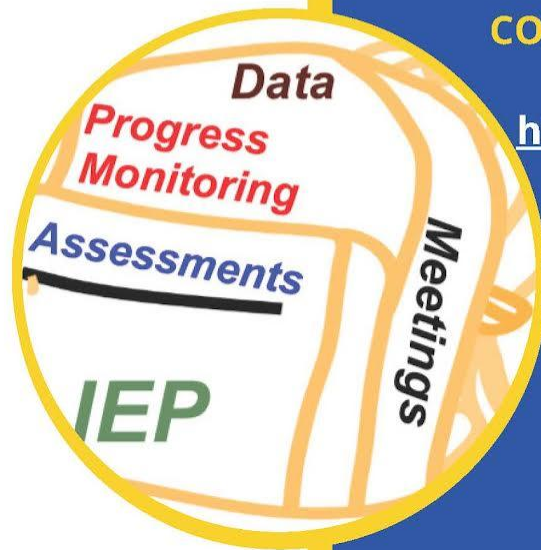
VIRTUAL FAMILY INSTITUTE SERIES

TOPIC: TIPS AND TRICKS: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING WITHOUT A FIGHT

THIS WORKSHOP WAS DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND. WE WILL COVER TOPICS RELATED TO SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING. COME LEARN SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU SET YOUR STUDENT UP FOR SUCCESS WHILE MAINTAINING YOUR ENERGY RESERVES.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
6-7:30 P.M.

TO REGISTER BY PHONE,
CONTACT US AT 301-431-5675
OR REGISTER ONLINE AT,
<https://tinyurl.com/BKPK23>



Join our Virtual Family Institute Series on Thursday, Jan. 19 to learn tips and tricks to support your child's learning at home.

To register by phone, call 301-431-5675 or [register online](#).

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 five 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

[6 p.m. Session](#)

Jan. 18

[9 a.m. Session](#)

[12 p.m. Session](#)

[3 p.m. Session](#)

[6 p.m. Session](#)

[Learn More](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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](#)

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[Registration/Enrollment](#)

[PGCPS TV](#)

[Vendor Managed Child Care](#)

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