

TOP STORIES

Students Speak Out on Dangers of Fentanyl



Did you know that 6 out of 10 fake prescription pills contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl and overdoses among teens are on the rise? Please help us share this important PSA.

Attend a community meeting on Monday, March 13 at Surrattsville High School to learn about the dangers of fentanyl and other illicit drugs, along with strategies to lower the risk of overdose. Narcan kits will also be available while quantities last.

Hands-On Learning in Our State Capital



See students working alongside elected delegates and senators in the Maryland General Assembly, receiving lessons in legislation and a head start on ideas of political careers of their own!

High School Specialty Programs Decisions



Families of rising 9th and 10th grade students who applied for specialty programs for next school year should be on the lookout for eligibility notifications! Admission decisions have been mailed to the address on file in SchoolMax and can be viewed in the lottery and registration application portal.

[Specialty Program Contacts](#)

Updates on New Schools



Join us for a [Steering Committee Meeting](#) for updates on the Blueprint Schools program on Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

Submit Public Comment

ICYMI: What to Know About the MCAP

The infographic, titled "Stars Awarded by Total Points Percentage" with the PGCPS logo, details the star rating system. It lists five star levels with their corresponding point percentages and visual star representations. A right-pointing arrow is positioned between the 4-star and 3-star descriptions.

| Stars | Percentage of Total Possible Points |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 5 stars (5 blue stars) | at least 75% |
| 4 stars (4 blue stars, 1 grey star) | at least 60% but less than 75% |
| 3 stars (3 blue stars, 2 grey stars) | at least 45% but less than 60% |
| 2 stars (2 blue stars, 3 grey stars) | at least 30% but less than 45% |
| 1 star (1 blue star, 4 grey stars) | less than 30% |

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Learn about the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP), Maryland School Report Card star ratings, and Individual Student Reports.

Thursday, March 16 | 6 p.m.
[A Guide to Individual Student Reports](#)

Learn how to interpret MCAP Individual Student Reports to improve your child’s academic performance. [Zoom registration](#) is limited.

The session will be live-streamed on the [PGCPS YouTube channel](#) and recorded for viewing on-demand following the event.

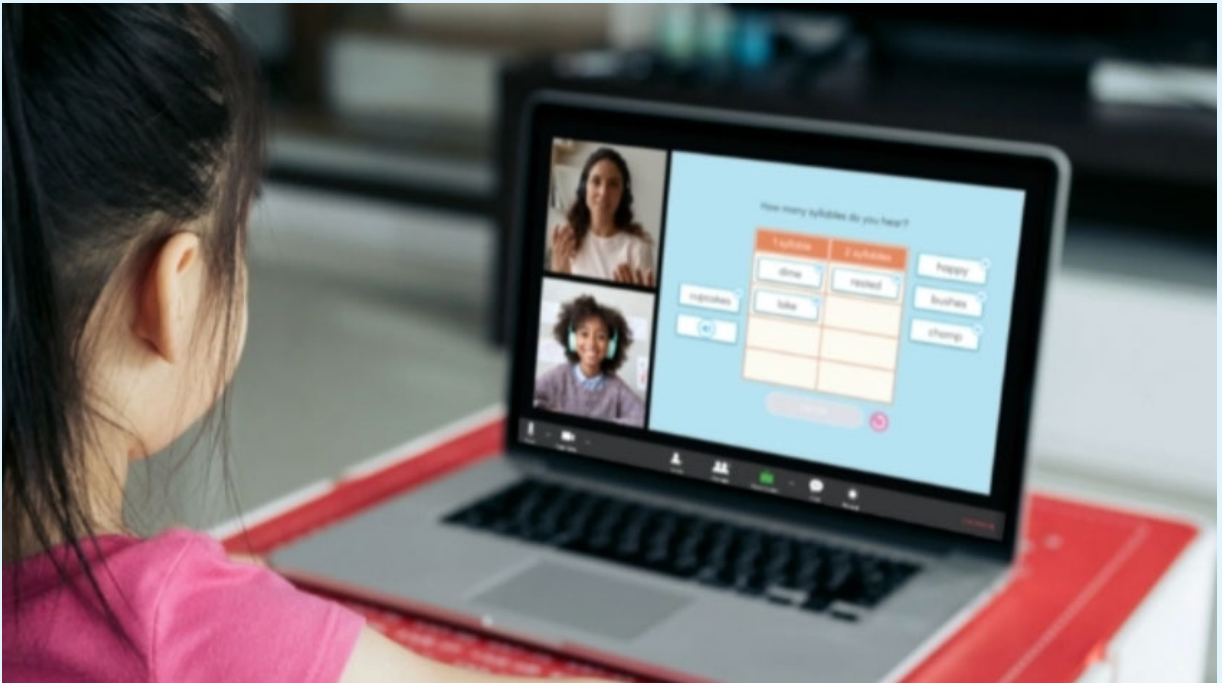
Save the Date: Special Education College and Career Fair



The Department of Special Education will host its annual College and Career Fair on Wednesday, April 12 at Fairmont Heights High School. The fair is open to all high school students with IEPs and 504 plans.

[Learn More](#)

BookNook Reading Tutoring Has Started



The first two cohorts of tutoring are off to a great start! Over 2300 students have participated thus far and we are seeing some terrific growth. If your student is signed up for BookNook tutoring sessions, please make sure that they are logged in at their designated time. The

data shows that the more sessions a student attends, the higher the likelihood of accelerating learning!

Deadline Soon: 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, March 17.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK



Check out top news this week: No school for students Monday, March 6, updates on new school construction and more!

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

Board of Education Seeks Applicants for Ethics Advisory Panel



The Board of Education is looking for members of the community with experience in reviewing ethical matters or providing advice on administrative and legal matters to serve on its five-member Ethics Advisory Panel.

Panel members are appointed by the Board Chair with Board approval to a three-year term. The Panel will be responsible for interpreting the ethics policy (Board Policy 0107), advising the Board concerning its application and addressing alleged violation complaints.

Panel members may not be:

- Incumbent members of the Board of Education or employees of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS)
- Elected officials
- Candidates for elective office or employed by businesses working with PGCPS

All applicants are subject to fingerprinting and a criminal background check before final approval.

Individuals interested in serving on the Panel must submit a letter of interest along with a resumé or other documentation to support the application by 5 p.m. on April 15.

[Learn More](#)

Share Feedback on Proposed Board Policies

The Board voted to approve the following policies for public comment before adoption. Comments are due by Friday, March 10.

[New policy](#) – Heroin and Opioid Education and Use of Naloxone or Other Overdose-Reversing Medication

[Revised policy 3506](#) – Public Charter Schools

[Revised policy 0122](#) – Data Dashboards

[Revised policy 2214](#) – Trespass Warnings

[Revised policy 8100](#) – Board of Education Standing Committee and Focus Work Groups

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bilingual Recruitment Event

A flyer for a Bilingual Recruitment Event. The background is blue with a yellow and white graphic element. The text 'Join PGCPS!' is written in a white cursive font. Below it, 'Bilingual Recruitment Event' is in a yellow sans-serif font. The location 'Mary Harris 'Mother' Jones Elementary School' and the date 'March 18, 2023' are in white, while the time '9:00 am to 12:00 pm' is in yellow. The PGCPS logo is at the bottom left, and a photo of a smiling young girl with a backpack is on the right.

Join PGCPS!

Bilingual Recruitment Event

Mary Harris 'Mother' Jones
Elementary School
March 18, 2023
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

PGCPS

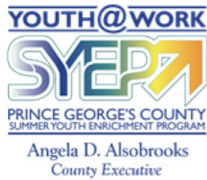
PGCPS will host an in-person, bilingual recruitment event on Saturday, March 18 at Mary Harris “Mother” Jones Elementary School from 9 a.m. to noon.

This event is for those interested in the following positions: Bus Drivers, Classroom Teachers, Custodians, Dedicated Aides (DA), Food Services Assistants, Itinerant Special Education Assistants, Nurses, Paraprofessionals, School Based Secretaries and Substitute Teachers. Candidates will have the opportunity to learn more about the application process and can apply onsite.

[Register](#)

[Download the Flyer](#)

Apply Now: County Youth Summer Work Program



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SUMMER JOBS!

The Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program Summer 2023 application is open until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 31.

To apply, click on the button below, select "How to apply" and click on your age.

[Apply Now](#)

[Download the SYEP
Flyer](#)

[Download the SYEP
Ready to Work Flyer](#)

School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

October 17-21, 2022

Program hosted by:

- AMERICAN SCHOOL BUS COUNCIL
- BLAZE BYRD
- NAPT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for PUPIL TRANSPORTATION
- NSTA National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services
- Thomas & Kinkadee

Love the Bus Month February 2023

In the past, bus safety has been and the 1974 School also programs for late 1800s.

SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT 20 WHEN FLASHING

BUS DRIVER = A BIG IMPACT ON EDUCATION

SCHOOL BUS

PAST PRESENT FUTURE

STOP

Created by Jihyeon (Elly) Han
Atamont Grade School in Atamont, Kansas

For additional information about National School Bus Safety Week, visit www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org/web site to obtain copies of this poster, email info@americanschoolbuscouncil.org

Students are encouraged to enter the National School Bus Safety Week [Poster Contest!](#) Submissions for the contest must be received by the Office of Pupil Transportation/ Emergency Management by March 15 (gabriel.rose1@maryland.gov). Winning posters are used to promote safer school transportation.

FAMILY RESOURCES

High School Journalism Camp



High school students with strong interest in all forms of journalism may apply to an all-expense paid multicultural summer camp at American University.

[The deadline to apply](#) is Friday, March 17.

Terp Young Scholars Program



The University of Maryland's summer [Terp Young Scholars Program](#) offers high school students and rising college freshmen an opportunity to earn college credits and explore majors/fields such as law, immersive media design, medicine, accounting, environmental biology and more!

[Learn More/Apply](#)

FAQ LINKS



How do I apply for free and reduced-price meals for my child?

[Learn More](#)



What tutoring services are available?

[Learn More](#)



Where can I find information on college scholarships?

[Current Opportunities](#)



What specialty programs are available in PGCPS?

[Learn More](#)



How do I report bullying?

[Learn More](#)



How do I report threats or suspicious activity in schools?

[Safe Schools Maryland](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 8 – [Blueprint Schools Steering Committee Meeting](#) – 6 p.m.

March 9 – [Family Institute: What Is Inflation and How to Survive It?](#) – 6 p.m.

March 13 – [Fentanyl Community Meeting](#) – 6 p.m.

March 16 – [PGCPS MCAP: A Guide to Individual Student Reports](#) – 6 p.m.

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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