

TOP STORIES

End of Quarter & Thanksgiving Break Reminders



Plan ahead by taking note of these important upcoming dates:

Nov. 16 – First quarter report cards available in SchoolMax

Nov. 21-22 – 2-hour early dismissal

Nov. 23-25 – Thanksgiving break

Nov. 28 – Grade appeal window opens

Dec. 2 – Grade appeal window closes

[View Calendar](#)

Special Education Teacher Wins National Award for Innovation



Charles H. Flowers High School special education teacher LeAnn Holden-Martin [won first place](#) in the national Voya Unsung Heroes program for her innovative Sonny House Job Skills Program! The program helps high school students with severe cognitive disabilities develop real-world job skills.

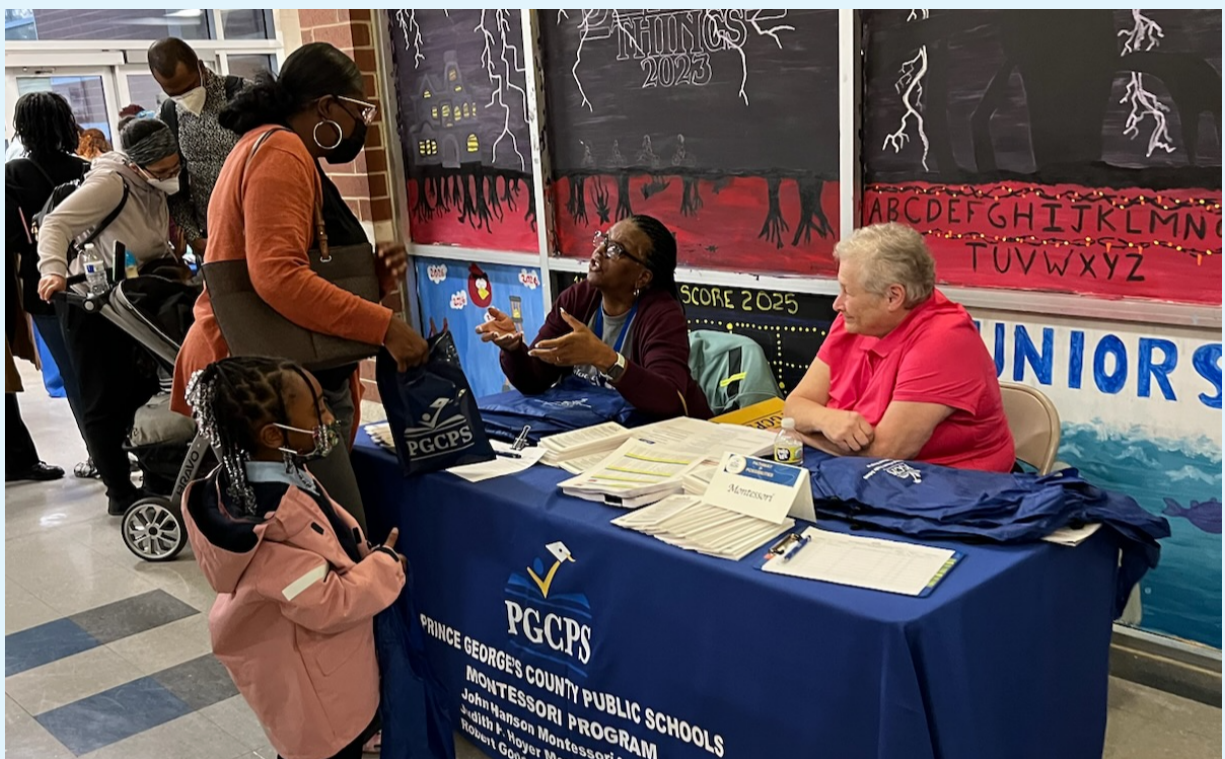
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Future Ready: College Application Night



College Application Night was an opportunity for seniors and their families to meet admissions counselors and learn about resources to maximize the application process!

Share Your Feedback on the Specialty Programs Showcase



On Nov. 3 more than 800 participants attended the PreK-12 Specialty Programs Showcase at Charles Herbert Flowers High School.

Families who attended are encouraged to share their feedback to help make Showcase 2023 even better!

[Share Your Feedback](#)

Specialty Program and Charter School Application Window

High School Specialty Programs – Oct. 1 - Dec. 16

High School Charter Schools – Nov. 1 - Jan. 27

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs – Oct. 1 - Feb. 17

[Learn More](#)

Top Readers Recognized



Scholastic sponsored a special viewing of the new movie *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* for K-5 students who were top performers in Scholastic’s Literacy Pro Reading Program last school year!

Free Reading Tutoring for K–5 Students



Give your kindergarten through fifth grade student a boost in reading with free, small-group virtual tutoring sessions with [BookNook!](#) Your child will connect with a tutor online twice a week with late afternoon and early evening time slots available.

The first tutoring session for this school year begins Tuesday, Jan. 24 and goes through June. Register today!

[Sign Up](#)

Crossland High School Inspires Future Educators



The [Teacher Academy of Maryland \(TAM\)](#) and the Educators Rising Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) at Crossland High School are working together to prepare students for teaching careers.

Teacher Lynnette Coles (pictured left) encouraged students to participate in the statewide Educators Rising Moment competition this fall which asked students to share why they want to become a teacher. Eleventh-grade TAM student Gelsy Carranza Garcia (pictured right) won Third Place in the competition!

[Learn More About Educators Rising](#)

Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion Students Enjoy Inaugural Trip to Spain



Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion fifth-grade students traveled to Spain for the program's first international trip!

[Read More](#)

Sign Up for Free Telehealth Services

Are you wondering how the new telehealth service for students works? See it in action!





NEWSBREA

The Doctor Is In

[Please sign up](#) to provide consent for care. Hazel Health is available to every student at no cost, regardless of their insurance or financial status

[Learn More](#)

PG13: The Joy of the Playoffs

SEASON 7 - EPISODE 10



Coaches and players go through the mind boggling, yet fun exercise of trying to predict their playoff opponents. During practice week, teams work hard, but mix in a lot of fun too. Check out the shout-outs, touchdown celebrations, and dance moves!!

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK





Check out top news this week including when you can view first quarter report cards online, when schools are closed for Thanksgiving and new free literacy tutoring from BookNook!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CEO's Boundary Initiative Recommendations Approved by Board of Education



On Nov. 10, the Board of Education approved Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson's final recommendations for the Comprehensive School Boundary Initiative after weeks of community input.

The consultant team's preliminary recommendations were released in late September. Dr. Goldson's major changes include:

- Delaying the consolidation of Concord and Pointer Ridge elementary schools until fall 2024, placing the schools on the same timetable as Rose Valley Elementary;
- Allowing rising fifth and eighth grade students who would be impacted by boundary changes to remain at their current school for the final year. Transportation must be provided by parents. Siblings will be permitted to remain at the current school for that year only;
- Eliminating boundary changes at 29 schools that would have impacted fewer than 20 students at each school.

[Read the News Release](#)

[Boundary Initiative Webpage](#)

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week – Nov. 12-20



Each year, the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness sponsor **National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week** the week before Thanksgiving.

The event is designed to educate the public about homelessness, draw attention to the issue of poverty and increase volunteerism and support for local anti-poverty efforts.

The Department of Student Services and the McKinney-Vento Program Office encourage staff and students to show their support on **Wednesday, Nov. 16** by wearing a black shirt to represent the invisibility of persons experiencing homelessness.

Students can also support the event on social media. [Download the TikTok Challenge poster](#) for details.

[Learn More](#)

November Is Family Engagement Month



November is Family Engagement Month! This is the time to highlight and celebrate the crucial role of families in the education and well-being of children. When families take an active role in their child's education, students are more motivated to succeed and teacher and administrator morale also improves.

[Family & School Partnerships Webpage](#)

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

Top Board of Education News

Highlights from the Thursday, Nov. 10 meeting of the Board of Education include:

[Approval](#) of Phase II of Blueprint Schools to build five new middle schools and a K-8 academy totaling more than 8,000 seats. [View updates](#) on schools presently under construction.

[Approval](#) of the CEO's School Boundary Initiative and aligning of sixth grade with middle schools.

Public Hearings: All-Elected Board

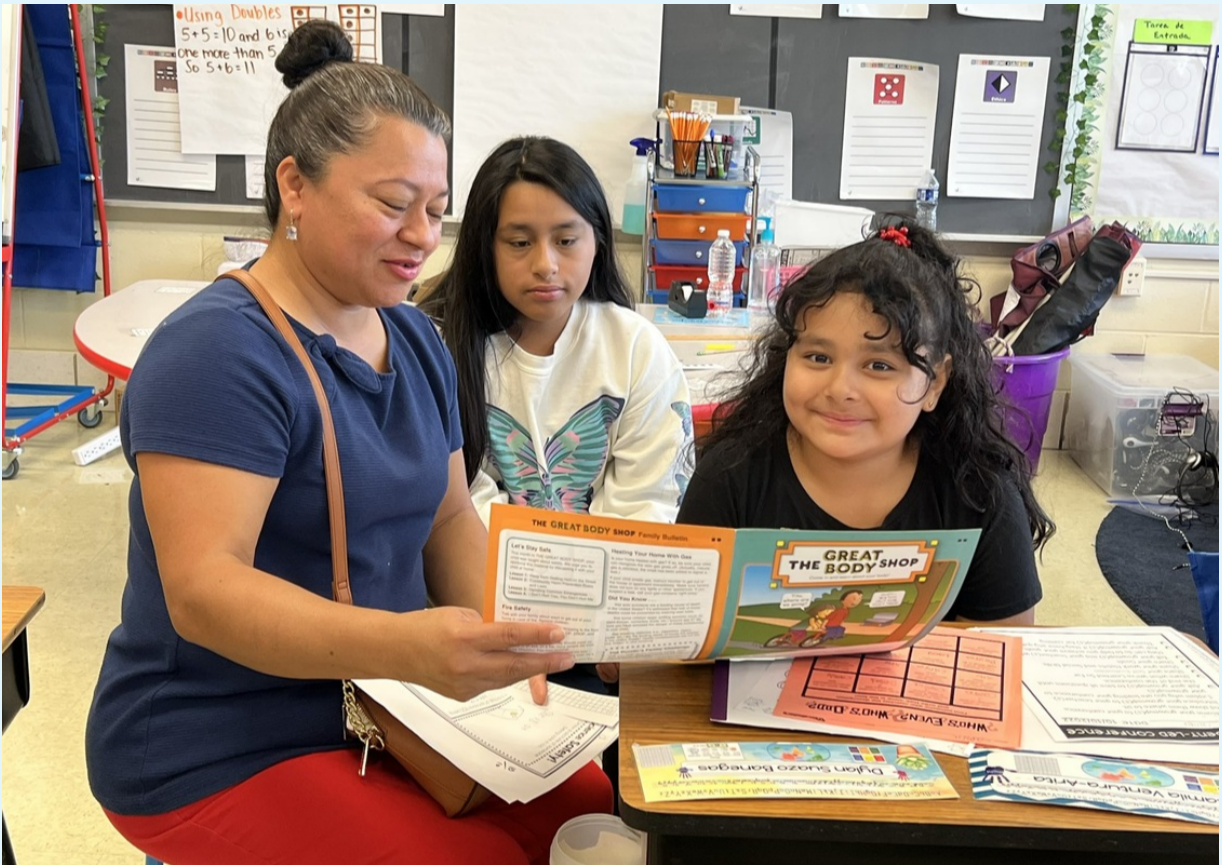
There will be three public hearings to receive community input on House Bill (HB) 0355: Prince George's County Board of Education - Workgroup, Alterations, and Orientation Requirement PG 503-22.

The bill establishes the workgroup to study and make recommendations on implementation of an electoral process for an all-elected Board, appropriate compensation and an appropriate phase-in period for changes to Board composition.

[Learn More](#)

FAMILY RESOURCES

New! Parent-Teacher Conference Guide



A Capitol Heights Elementary School family participates in student-led parent-teacher conferences.

The end of the first quarter means parent-teacher conferences are around the corner! Check out tips to make the most of check-ins with your child's teachers.

[Tips for Parents](#)

#PGCPSGreen: Celebrating America Recycles Day!



America Recycles Day is this Tuesday, Nov. 15. [Show us](#) how you or your school are recycling rockstars for a chance to win!

Wear blue to school on Nov. 15 to show your support for recycling.

[Recycling Webpage](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 15 – America Recycles Day

November 16 – Report cards available in SchoolMax

November 21 – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students

November 22 – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students

November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break – Schools and Offices Closed

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