

TOP STORIES

Flowers Football Team Headed to First State Title Game



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The Charles Herbert Flowers High School varsity football team has advanced to the state championship for the first time in school history. Flowers defeated Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School over the weekend 20-13. Flowers will play Quince Orchard in the Class 4A Football Championship on Dec. 1.



PG13 Season 7/Episode 12: Flowers and Wise Vie for the State Championship

Thanksgiving week provides a special and emotional backdrop as the top two 4A schools in Prince George's County meet in a rematch of an early season thriller. Flowers and Wise vie for a spot in the Maryland State Championship game.

Hazel Mental Health Services Roll Out Next Week

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Connect your child or teen to virtual mental health support

With Hazel Health, your child can get the mental health support they need, at school or at home, **at no cost to you.**



Through continued partnership with Hazel Health and the Prince George's County Health Department, district-wide mental telehealth services will begin rolling out to middle school and academy students on Dec. 5 and to high schoolers on Dec. 12. (Elementary schools will begin rolling out in January.)

Online therapy sessions can take place at school or at home and are designed to help students cope with anxiety, depression, grief/loss, low self-esteem, bullying, academic stress and more. There is no cost to families for these services.

Look for details coming soon in your email and on our website!

[Learn More](#)

CEO in the Running for National School Leadership Award



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson is a finalist for the [AASA Women in School Leadership Award](#).

The award pays tribute to the talent, creativity and vision of outstanding women educational administrators in the nation's public schools.

The recipient will be announced in February. [AASA, The School Superintendents Association](#), founded in 1865, is the professional organization for more than 13,000 educational leaders worldwide.

[Read More](#)

Free Reading Tutoring for K–5 Students



Give your child a literacy boost with BookNook's free, small-group [virtual tutoring sessions](#) with BookNook!

Sessions are open to kindergarten through fifth-grade students. 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](#)

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK



Check out top news this week including important dates for grade appeals, specialty program

and charter school applications; free reading tutoring; and how to share your holiday photos and videos!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Construction Update Meetings



There will be virtual updates over the next two weeks on the following school construction projects:

Suitland High School

Wednesday, Dec. 7 | 7 p.m.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Colin L. Powell K-8 Academy

Thursday, Dec. 8 | 6:30 p.m.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

James E. Duckworth Elementary

Monday, Dec. 12 | 6 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

Springhill Lake Elementary

Monday, Dec. 12 | 7 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

Brandywine K-8 School*

Monday, Dec. 12 | 8 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

Margaret Brent Elementary*

Thursday, Dec. 15 | 6 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

Hyattsville Elementary

Thursday, Dec. 15 | 7 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

Robert Frost K-8 School*

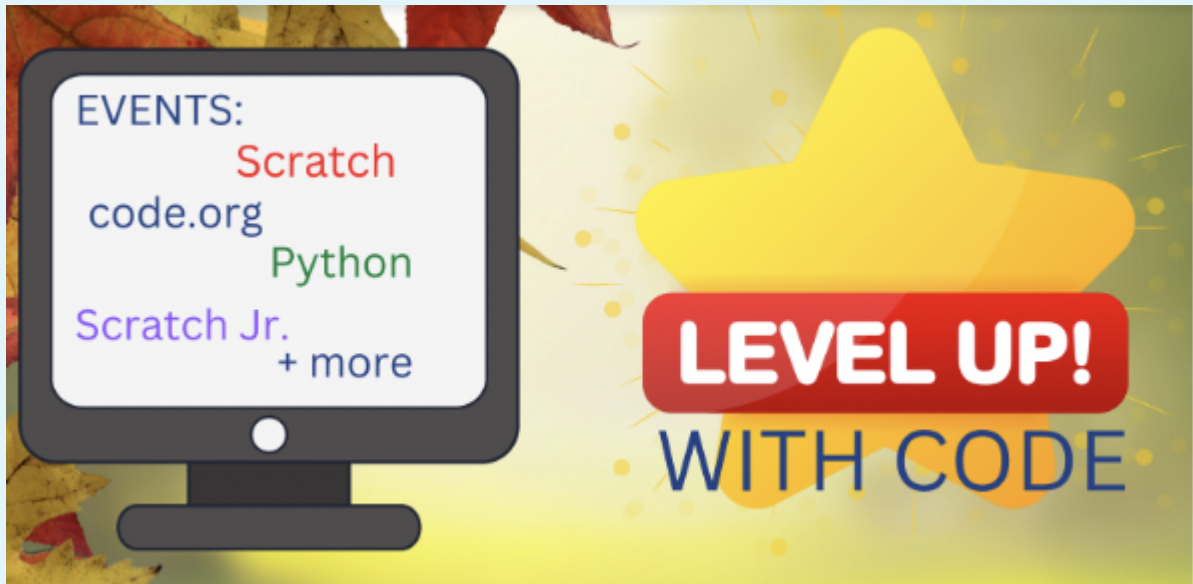
Thursday, Dec. 15 | 8 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

*School name pending confirmation

[Learn More](#)

Level Up with Code Virtual Family Event



Join the Department of Career and Technical Education on Monday, December 5 for a free Level Up with Code virtual event! Parents and students will participate in an 'hour of code' activity and learn more about Computer Science education. No coding experience required! [Register online](#) by Friday, Dec. 2.

[Download Flyer](#)

Wellness Wednesday Winter Session



Save the date! The next Wellness Wednesday for parents and guardians will be on Dec. 14 from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

The session, *The Struggle is Real - Navigating the Winter/Holiday Blues*, will focus on depression associated with this time of year and provide strategies, resources and tips for families struggling with the loss of loved ones.

Details coming soon!

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](#)

Nominate an Outstanding Educator for The Washington Post Principal and Teacher of the Year Awards



Each year, *The Washington Post* recognizes an outstanding principal and teacher from the Washington region. The Principal of the Year Award recognizes principals who go above and

beyond to create exceptional academic environments in their schools. The Teacher of the Year Award recognizes teachers who exemplify excellence in their profession.

PGCPS selects one nominee to represent the school district in the regional competition to be named finalist for The Washington Post Principal of the Year and The Washington Post Teacher of the Year awards. Winners will be announced in mid-April. For details, visit [The Washington Post's awards webpage](#).

Email nomination packets to communications@pgcps.org (the Office of Communications) by Friday, Jan. 13, 2023. **Do not send packets directly to The Washington Post.**

[Principal of the Year Application](#)

[Teacher of the Year Application](#)

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

Board Approves School Boundary Plan



The Board of Education approved final recommendations for the School Boundary Plan on Nov. 10. Boundary changes are expected to impact approximately 8,300 families. Letters were sent to impacted families on Nov. 18 detailing changes to their child's school assignment.

[Read the News Release](#)

[Learn More](#)

Learn More About House Bill (HB) 0355

House Bill (HB) 0355: Prince George's County Board of Education - Workgroup, Alterations,

and Orientation Requirement PG 503-22 establishes a 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

Speaking with Youth About Fentanyl



Illegal drug use is on the rise. Join us in educating our youth about risks.

[Learn More](#)

PGCPS will host a special information session on fentanyl for parents and guardians on Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Details to come!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 28 - December 2 – [Grade Appeal Window](#)

December 1 – [Family Institute: How Special Education Determines If Services Are Needed](#)

December 8 – [Board of Education Meeting](#)

December 16 – Deadline to apply to middle and high school specialty programs for the 2023-24 school year

December 16 – [Second Quarter Progress Reports released online](#)

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