

TOP STORIES

**#PGCPS Proud: High School Sports on State Stage!**



**Bulldogs Soccer are State Champs**

The Bowie High School varsity soccer team won their first Maryland 4A championship since 2011 in a 1-0 win over Severna Park!

**Jaguar Football Makes History**



Photo credit: AC Visuals

For the first time in school history, the Charles Herbert Flowers High School Jaguars varsity football team advanced to the Class 4A [state football championship](#).

Go inside the Maryland State Championship game in this week's PG13.



### PG13 Season 7/Episode 13: Championship Day

As the season comes to a close, Charles Herbert Flowers prepares for the State Championship game at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. Through our cameras,



viewers experience the emotional journey along with the scholars and school community!

## PGPD Issues Warning on Fentanyl



The Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD) has begun recovering fentanyl-laced, blue-toned pills with a distinct "M" emblem. These pills are linked to multiple suspected overdoses, including two fatal overdoses. The PGPD [urges](#) residents to avoid taking medication not prescribed to them by a medical professional and urges parents and guardians to talk to their children about this danger.

### Get Involved

[Join us](#) this Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the risks and prevention.

### Chat with the CEO: Student Safety

CEO Dr. Monica Goldson will discuss student safety issues on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. Families will receive a phone call or can dial-in at 844-734-8766. The Spanish simultaneous interpretation line is 508-924-5155.

## School Culture & Climate Survey



Students in grades 6-12, families and staff are encouraged to share their school experience, perceptions and ideas through the Culture & Climate Survey. The survey will be open from Dec. 5-16 and all survey takers will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card. For more information, please contact [strategicplanning@pgcps.org](mailto:strategicplanning@pgcps.org).

Take the Survey

## Hazel Mental Health Services Roll Out This Week

hazel.co

# 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, all students can now get teletherapy sessions from home. In-school visits for middle school and academy students are launching this week and to high schoolers on Dec. 12.



Online therapy sessions are available in multiple languages and 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.

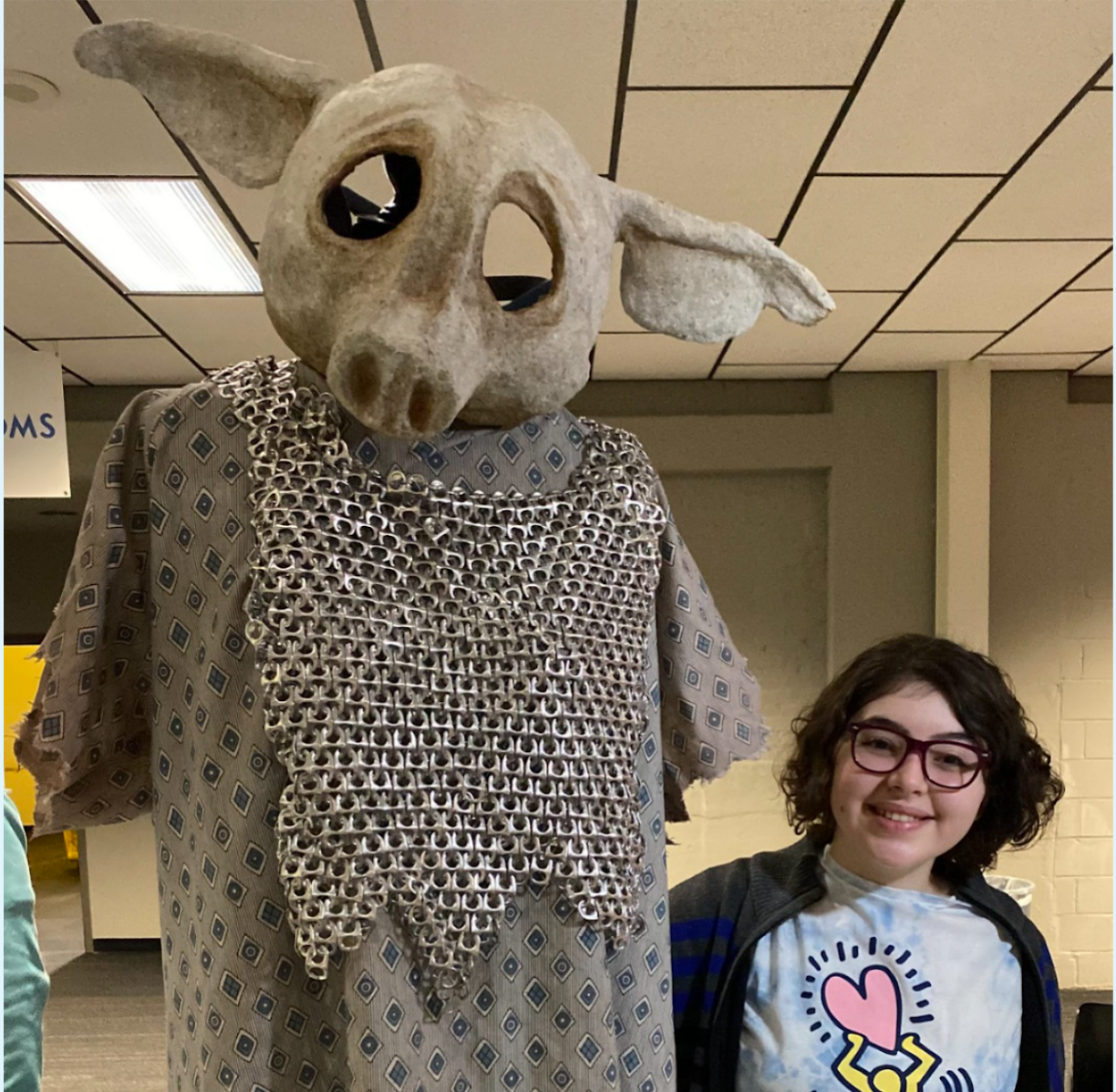
[Learn More and Sign the Consent Form](#)

## Suitland HS Students Honored in State Art Contest





Junior Samadhi Aurelia Jones won Best in Show in the Maryland Department of the Environment 21st Annual “Rethink Recycling” Sculpture contest for her sculpture, “Lyngbakr.”



Senior Kimberly Perez Toro was People’s Choice runner-up for her entry “Taming the Beast.”

[Read More](#)

## Potomac High School 3DE Students Featured







Learn about the Potomac High School [3DE program](#) student founders and how 3DE is engaging students with innovative learning, real world connections and the skillsets to navigate business and life!

## Alsobrooks Youth Leadership Institute



On Nov. 28, high schoolers from public, private and home schools were welcomed into



County Executive Angela Alsobrooks' Class of 2023 [Youth Leadership Institute](#).

The Institute is made up of 27 youth from diverse ethnic, economic and social backgrounds. It provides an immersive learning opportunity for students who want to be involved in their community through leadership and public service.

### **PGCPS Youth Leadership Institute Members**

Nigist Andargie, Grade 9, Academy of Health Sciences @PGCC

O'marie Barnes, Grade 9, Crossland

Sophia Becraft, Grade 11, Eleanor Roosevelt

Limar Bjbuuj, Grade 10, Charles Herbert Flowers

Nyree Crowell, Grade 11, Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr.

Nevaeh Jones, Grade 10, Surrattsville

Vicky Nguyen, Grade 11, Laurel

McKenzie Poole, Grade 9, Dr. Henry A. Wise

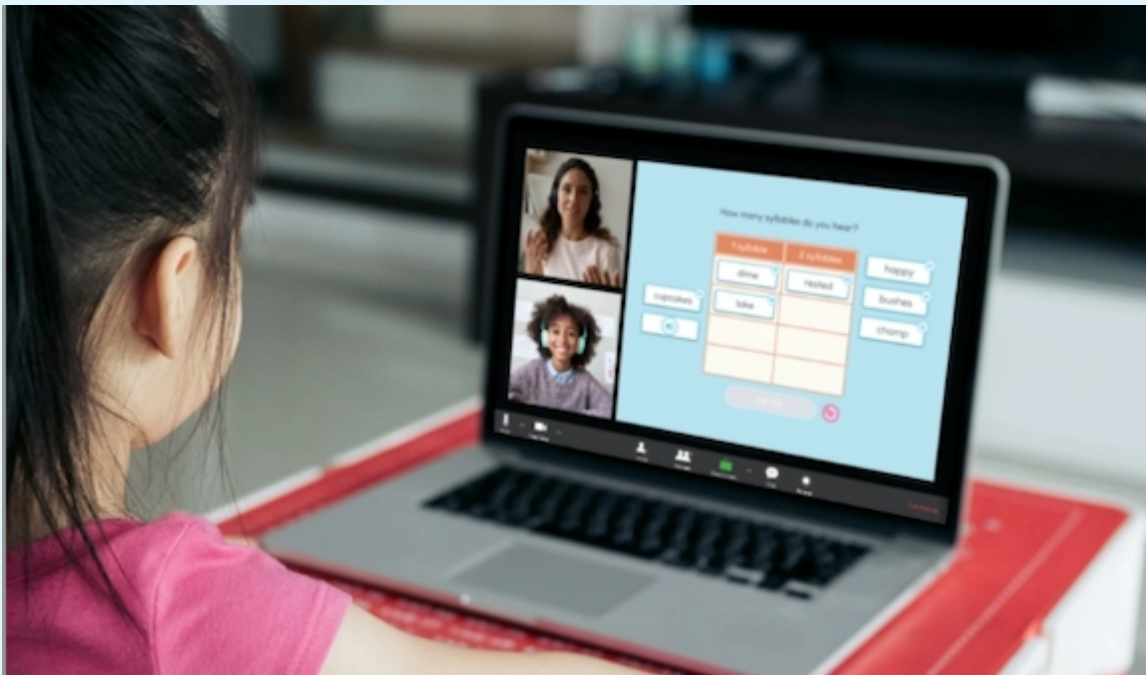
Treasur Thompson, Grade 10, Charles Herbert Flowers

Lavae White, Grade 9, Crossland

Maya Yansen, Grade 11, Gwynn Park

[View Photo Gallery](#)

## **Deadline Soon! K–5 Literacy Tutoring**



Give your child a literacy boost with BookNook's free, small-group [virtual tutoring sessions](#) with BookNook! The deadline to register for the first tutoring session is Friday, Dec. 16.

[Register Now](#)

## WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK



Check out top news this week including new school construction updates, Hazel Health, and a library makeover at Glassmanor Elementary School.

## 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](#) | [Download Flyer](#)

**Colin L. Powell K-8 Academy**

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

[Zoom Meeting Link](#) | [Download Flyer](#)

**PHASE II SCHOOLS**

[Download Flyer](#)

**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](#)

**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.

**ZOOM MEETING LINK:** <https://pgcps-org.zoom.us/j/85205834605>

**MEETING ID:** 852 0583 4605

## **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](mailto: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

### 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

### Operation Warm: Free Coats for Kids

# OPERATION<sup>®</sup> warm | more than a coat<sup>®</sup>



Saturday, December 17  
10 am - 12 pm

Oxon Hill Branch Library  
6200 Oxon Hill Rd, Oxon Hill, MD 20745

*A free coat for kids who need one this winter.*

*Limit 2 coats per family, while supplies last.*

*First come, first served.*

*Children must be present to receive coat.*

*Sizes 2T-size 18*



Special thanks to Operation Warm supported by Wawa for this donation.



The Prince George's County Memorial Library System and PGCMLS Foundation offer a free coat for kids who need one this winter. Limited to one coat per child, two coats per family while supplies last. Children must be present to receive a coat. Sizes 2T-18.

[Saturday, December 17, 10 am-12 pm - Oxon Hill Branch Library](#)

[Saturday, January 7, 10 am-12 pm - Laurel Branch Library](#)

[Read More](#)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**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](#)



## QUICK LINKS

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[Fall Learning Information](#)

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## STAY CONNECTED

