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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

## #PGCPSBlackStories: Students Get on the Bus!

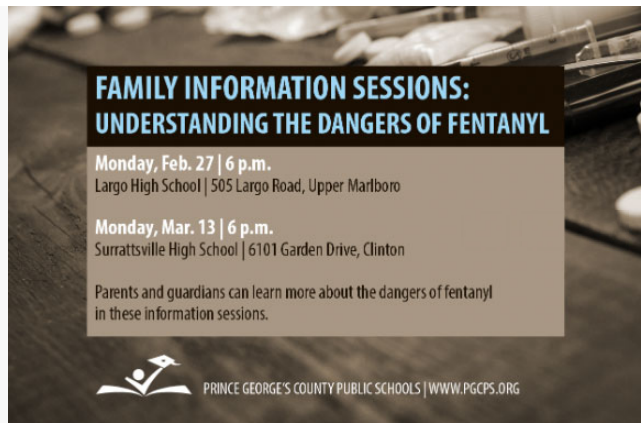


Civil rights icon Rosa Parks may have refused to give up her seat more than six decades ago, but her legacy and lessons are alive! Join students inside a 1957 replica bus and hear their thoughts on history.



It's not too late to [share](#) your Black History Month celebrations or tag us on social media with #PGCPSBlackStories to be featured in our [newsroom](#)!

## Community Meetings on Fentanyl



PGCPS will host community meetings to increase awareness of 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.

**Monday, Feb. 27 — 6 p.m.**  
Largo High School

**Monday, March 13 — 6 p.m.**  
Surrattsville High School

## MCAP Family Info Sessions



Families are invited to learn about the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP), Maryland School Report Card star ratings, and Individual Student Reports during two upcoming webinars.

Zoom registration is limited. Both sessions will be live-streamed on the [PGCPS YouTube channel](#) and recorded for viewing on-demand following the events.

**Monday, February 27 | 6 p.m.**

[A Guide to the Maryland School Report Card](#)

Review MCAP results and learn about all reporting measures that go into school star ratings on the Maryland School Report Card.

**Thursday, March 16 | 6 p.m.**

[A Guide to Individual Student Reports](#)

Learn how to interpret and best use the MCAP Individual Student Report to improve your child's academic performance.

## 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](#)

## Spotlight

### #PGCPSBlackStories: School Leader Makes History



**Retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant and Woodridge Elementary School Assistant Principal Joan Sabree** will receive the Maryland Veteran of the Year Award, making her the first African American and first woman to receive the honor!

### Middle & High School Basketball Champs



Congratulations to the Dr. Henry A. Wise High School lady Pumas, Largo High School boys, Walker Mill Middle School girls and Accokeek Academy boys who are this year's basketball champs! The high school matchups can be viewed on our [YouTube channel](#).

## Online Campus Recognized



The PGCPS [Online Campus](#) received an [Advocacy in Action Award](#) for their project "[PIECES: Year of Change, Year of Challenge](#)" which represented how students persevered through the pandemic!

## In the News

### Wise High School College & Career Center





Check out the ribbon-cutting for a new college and career center at Dr. Henry A. Wise High School!

Watch

## Announcements & Professional Development

### New Self Care Benefit



Through our new WellSet program, staff can access hundreds of live and on-demand classes taught by leading experts in holistic therapies such as breath work, acupressure, guided journaling, yoga and more! Questions: [wellness.benefits@pgcps.org](mailto:wellness.benefits@pgcps.org).

Sign Up

### Continuing Education Opportunities



At **American College of Education**, PGCPs employees enjoy a 5% tuition discount on more than 80 online programs and single courses for professional development. Explore programs and [enter to win](#) a \$100 amazon gift card on ACE!"

**Notre Dame of Maryland University** and Virtual Education Software are offering [online continuing education courses](#). Questions? Email [info@virtualeduc.com](mailto:info@virtualeduc.com) or call 1-800-313-6744.

## Reminder: Professional Development March 6

Our second systemic professional learning for this school year is Monday, March 6! Staff will have the option to choose a session or engage in self-directed learning.

## Bus Safety Poster Contest



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](mailto:gabriel.rose1@maryland.gov)). Winning posters are used to promote safer school transportation.

## Share: 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 March 17.

## Deadline Soon: FY24 Assistant Principal Application and Selection

The FY2024 Assistant Principal Application window closes March 3. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered. Please review the [application and selection process](#) information prior to submitting your application to IRC191400.

## Share! Scholarships Available for 2023 Seniors



Scholarship are available for PGCPs Class of 2023 seniors!

### **Excellence in Education Foundation Scholarships**

The Excellence in Education Foundation will award \$125,000 in scholarships to 34 deserving PGCPs 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 PGCPs 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 High School, Friendly High School, Oxon Hill High School and Potomac High School students may apply.

The deadline to apply to all scholarships is March 17.

[Learn More/Apply](#)

## **ICYMI: In Case You Missed It**

### **Save a Life: CPR/First Aid Certification**



Attend a CPR class hosted by the Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security to learn how to recognize a cardiac emergency, handle an unconscious person, give rescue breaths and perform CPR.

[Learn more](#)

### **Maryland Agriculture in the Classroom Workshop for K-8 Educator**

Learn how to teach your existing curriculum using agriculture as the real life, applicable context for your students' learning.

[Learn more](#)

### **2023 Summer AI Camp Scholarship**

Students can apply for a scholarship to attend the 2023 Summer Artificial Intelligence (AI) Camp to gain real-world experience, and get internships at top companies.

[Learn more](#)

## Summer Learning at Bowie State

Bowie State University is offering a summer institute for Conditional License Teachers to earn up to 15 graduate credits. Attend an upcoming virtual information session to learn more.

[More Information](#)

## PGCPS Paparazzi

Oxon Hill High School AP Government and Politics students visit with Governor Wes Moore and Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller at the Maryland State House!



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