

**PGCPS**

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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

## 2023-2024 Calendar Approved



2023-24 CALENDAR\*

- First Day of School — August 28
- Winter Break — Dec. 25 - Jan. 2, 2024
- Spring Break — March 25 - April 1, 2024
- Last Day of School — June 14, 2024

\*All dates are pending Maryland State Department of Education approval.

The Board of Education approved the proposed calendar for the 2023-24 school year. As the calendar awaits final approval by the Maryland State Department of Education, here are key dates to know.

[View Calendar](#)

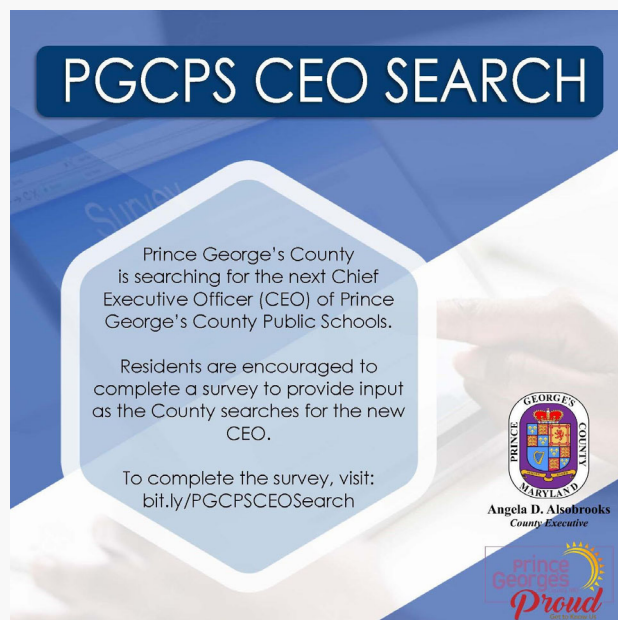
## Spring Break is Near!



Schools will be closed for students and teachers from Monday, April 3 through Monday, April 10. PGCPS Offices are also closed Friday, April 7 through Monday, April 10.

Reminder: all students will attend school virtually from home on Friday, March 31 for our third and final half-day of virtual instruction this school year.

## CEO Search Survey



Weigh in on the search for our next Chief Executive Officer by taking a quick survey! The survey is conducted by a search firm, and responses are anonymous and confidential.

[Survey](#)

## Saturday: Student Digital Film Festival

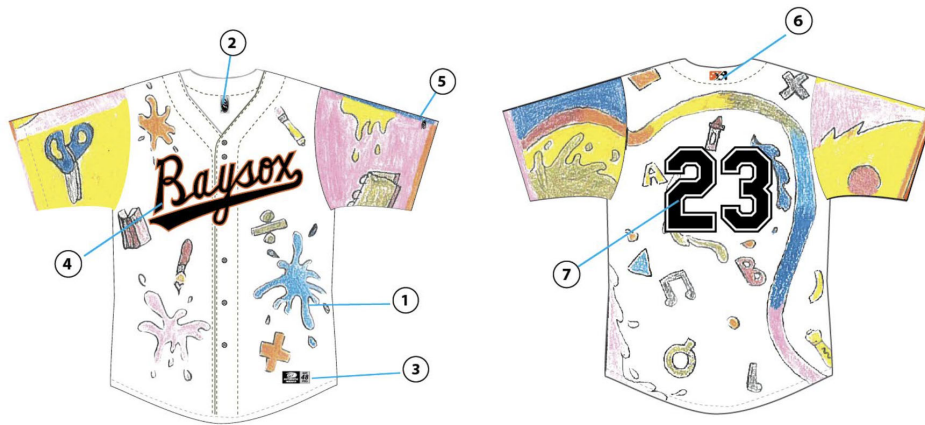


Don't miss the 11th Annual Digital Film Festival, which will be held virtually this Saturday, March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.!

[Watch via Zoom](#)

## Spotlight

### Student's Design Hits a Home Run



Heather Hills Elementary student Ruth Michael received a surprise visit from the Bowie Baysox after winning the team's jersey design contest! Ruth's design will come to life at three upcoming games (April 28, 29, and 30) and will then be autographed and auctioned to benefit the school. Art teacher Carmen Berces NBCT, encouraged Ruth to enter the contest after a career lesson on commercial artists!



## Power of One: School Counselor Inspires



Templeton Elementary professional school counselor Dr. Adrienne Smith teaches students how to journal about their goals, dreams and feelings, and actively seeks culturally relevant resources and materials to support students' social and emotional development.

## Announcements & Professional Development

## Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month



Join us in April for Autism Awareness Month to promote acceptance, education and inclusion! Staff is encouraged to wear blue on Tuesday, April 11 and share photos to social media with: #PGCPSBlue

## Apply for Summer School Positions



Summer school employment opportunities are now available! Apply by Monday, April 17.

[Program Listings](#)

[Application Process](#)

## 3 Resources for Families of Students with Disabilities



## 12th Annual Parent Empowerment Conference

The Annual Parent Empowerment Conference will feature virtual sessions for parents on a range of topics, including Executive Functioning, Autism, Dyslexia, Early Childhood Literacy, and so much more!

[Learn More](#)

## 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.

## April 25 Spring Transitioning Youth Fair

The Department of Special Education will host a fair to help middle and high school youth with disabilities explore resources to plan for the future! Representatives from DORS, DDA and direct service providers will be on site.

[Register](#)

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### 2023 America's Healthiest Schools Award Application



The Alliance for a Healthier Generation is [now accepting applications](#) for their America's Healthiest Schools recognition program. [Watch](#) as staff from Langley Park Elementary and schools around the country share what it means to be one of America's Healthiest Schools.

### Become an Ally for Students Experiencing Homelessness



Receive training to become a trusted point of contact for students experiencing homelessness in Prince George's County through the McKinney-Vento Ally Partners Program. Some staff may be eligible for workshop pay. All training will be via Zoom. All sessions are at 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 19**

**Wednesday, May 24**

Register

## PGCPS Paparazzi

Whitehall Elementary School staff celebrate St. Patrick's Day!



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