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STAY STRONG



THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ALMOST OVER!

Senior News

**Seniors,
Don't forget,
YOU NEED TO
MAKE SURE
YOU HAVE
ENOUGH
COMMUNITY
SERVICE
HOURS
TO GRADUATE**

GRADUATION 2022

May 31st, at 9am at
Wise High School.

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Any questions?
Please see
Mr. Phillips or
Ms. Robinson for
more information.



Croom H.S. Electric Car Program

The Washington DC Electric Vehicle Grand Prix is a hands-on educational program for high schools in Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia sponsored by the US Department of Energy.

This is the tenth year of the competition and it will be held on Saturday April 30, 2022 at the University of DC's Bertie Backus Campus located at 5171 S Dakota Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017.

Croom is being sponsored by PEPCO and the Omega Phi Psi Fraternity Inc.



Moving Forward: What to Expect This Spring at PGCPS

April 6, 2022

Dear Prince George’s County Public Schools Community,

As we settle into spring, I want to update you on our continued efforts to prioritize health and safety while easing back into normal routines.

We must remain diligent in helping to mitigate the potential COVID-19 spread over Spring Break (April 11-18). All students will receive home test kits by the end of this week. Results should be uploaded to the Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) website prior to returning Tuesday, April 19.

Our mask mandate in schools and offices remains in place; however, we are monitoring public health conditions in anticipation of lifting the policy by the end of this school year. We continue to encourage all eligible students, families and staff to get the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots.

With graduation season and other spring activities upon us, we are excited to announce that after spring break, schools will welcome parent volunteers back into buildings with proof of vaccination and a completed background check. Additionally, outdoor field trips will be allowed and spring concerts will resume with adherence to mask policy. We are also pleased to share that many culminating celebratory events will return for students this spring.

High school proms will resume. Attendees will be required to take a COVID-19 home test provided by PGCPS within 24 hours of the event and upload the results.

Indoor high school graduations at the University of Maryland and Show Place Arena. All graduations will continue to be live-streamed. Elementary and middle schools will communicate with families directly regarding scheduled year-end celebrations.

Lastly, we are continuing to provide additional academic and social-emotional supports to meet

student needs.

Our [summer program](#) for learning loss, acceleration, enrichment, transition, intervention, credit recovery or original credit will be available at no cost to families and offered in-person, virtual and hybrid for flexible scheduling. Registration is open for some programs. Please visit our website for more information.

Moving forward, I thank you for your commitment to community and resilience during these times. As always, I appreciate your partnership and continued support. Have a safe spring break!

**Sincerely,
Monica Goldson, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer**



Staff News

We would like to wish a **Happy April Birthdays to:**

- Mrs. Claggett (1)
- Mrs. Malloy (18)
- Ms. James (23)



**Faculty
&
Staff**



The Croom Cougar Positive Parenting Page

Welcome to the Positive Parenting Page.

This month, we are offering words of wisdom from the parents of our scholars.

"Never stop trying"

"Be your own person, don't depend on anyone to be that person for you"

"Without struggle, there is no progress"

"Every day is a new day, take advantage of the day that you are in"

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts"

"The best view comes after the hardest climb"

"Do it, and be done with it"

"Keep shooting for the moon, even if you miss, you

"It can't rain every day"

"You are braver than you believe

Stronger than you seem

Smarter than you think

And Loved more than you know

Never, never give up!"

"You are in control of your destiny"

"It doesn't matter how long it takes you, as long as you get there"

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude"

"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you"

"Be the change you want to see"

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Just for Fun! - April is Showered with Holidays

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April 1

April Fool's Day
Atheist Day
International Fun at Work Day
International Tatting Day
National Walking Day

April 2

Children's Book Day
National Burrito Day
National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
Reconciliation Day

April 3

Don't Go to Work Unless it's Fun Day
Find a Rainbow Day
National Walk to Work Day
Tweed Day
World Party Day

April 4

Hug a Newsman Day
Walk Around Things Day
School Librarian Day
Tell a Lie Day
World Rat Day

April 5

Deep Dish Pizza Day
Palm Sunday - date varies
Go for Broke Day
National Dandelion Day
Read a Road Map Day

April 6

California Poppy Day
National Tartan Day
New Beer's Eve
Plan Your Epitaph Day
Teflon Day

April 7

Caramel Popcorn Day
International Beaver Day
National Beer Day
No Housework Day
World Health Day

April 8

All is Ours Day
Draw a Picture of a Bird Day
Passover begins at sundown
Zoo Lover's Day

April 9

Name Yourself Day
Winston Churchill Day

April 10

Golfer's Day
Good Friday - date varies
National Farm Animals Day
National Siblings Day
Safety Pin Day

April 11

Barbershop Quartet Day
Eight Track Tape Day
National Pet Day
National Submarine Day

April 12

Big Wind Day
Easter Sunday
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
National Licorice Day
International Day of Human Space Flight
Walk on Your Wild Side Day

April 13

Dyngus Day
Plant Appreciation Day
National Peach Cobbler Day
Scrabble Day

April 14

Be Kind to Lawyers Day
Ex Spouse Day
Moment of Laughter Day
Look up at the Sky Day
National Dolphin Day
National Pecan Day
Reach as High as You Can Day

April 15

Income Taxes Due
Rubber Eraser Day
Take a Wild Guess Day
That Sucks Day
Titanic Remembrance Day
World Art Day

April 16

Mushroom Day
National Bean Counter Day
National Eggs Benedict Day
National High Five Day
National Librarian Day
National Stress Awareness Day Save the Elephant Day

April 17

Bat Appreciation Day
Blah, Blah, Blah Day
Herbalist Day
Haiku Poetry Day
National Cheeseball Day

April 18

Husband Appreciation Day
International Juggler's Day
Newspaper Columnists Day
Pet Owners Independence Day

April 19

National Garlic Day

April 20

Chinese Language Day
Look Alike Day
Patriot's Day
Volunteer Recognition Day

April 21

Kindergarten Day

April 22

Administrative Professionals Day
Earth Day (U.S)
Girl Scout Leader Day
National Jelly Bean Day

April 23

Lover's Day
National Zucchini Bread Day
Ramadan - begins at sundown, date varies
Take a Chance Day
Take Your Daughter to Work
World Laboratory Day

April 24

Arbor Day
Pig in a Blanket Day

April 25

East Meets West Day
National DNA Day
World Penguin Day

April 26

Hug an Australian Day
National Pretzel Day
Richter Scale Day

April 27

Babe Ruth Day
Morse Code Day
National Prime Rib Day
Tell a Story Day

April 28

International Astronomy Day
Great Poetry Reading Day
Kiss Your Mate Day

April 29

Greenery Day
National Shrimp Scampi Day
National Zipper Day

April 30

Hairstyle Appreciation Day
National Honesty Day
National Mahjong Day

Important Dates To Remember

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Sports Maybe You?
Photographer Maybe You?
Editorials Mr. Stephenson

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER			
April	7	F	End of 3rd Quarter
April	8	F	2HR Early Dismissal
April	9	Sa	Spring Break Begins
April	18	M	Tax Day
April	17	Su	Easter Sunday
April	18	M	East Monday (No School)
April	19	T	First day back from break
April	19-20		4th QTR Progress Rpt Due–Seniors
April	22	F	3rd QTR Report Cards
April	22	F	4th QTR Senior Progress Report Card
April	27	W	Bring in Your PGCPs Tech Check

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

I have been social distancing and avoiding people for over a year now, and I am worried I am going to go off the “deep end” if I don’t do something about it very soon, - Don’t Want To Lose It



Dear DWTLI,

You are not alone, most people have the same concerns and fears. This is so important I am asking Mr. Stephenson, our in house expert on these matters.

Thanks! Here are 5 practical steps to better mental health:

1. GET ACTIVE: We were not made to sit on a sofa and play games or watch TV all day. Go for a walk, it is one of the best ways to immediately get healthier!

2. GET NATURAL: Go on your walk through a park or a walking trail rather than along the road. The sights, sounds and smells of nature are all more beneficial.

3. Start Doing Something: A new hobby, especially one that has social opportunities with the right precautions. This will provide you with and opportunity to learn, have fun and a way out of social isolation that can be crippling to some.

4. GET SPORTY: Exercise and companionship are both greatly helpful for better mental health. Shoot some hoops, kick a soccer ball around the field, lift some weights out in the sun, or even play catch with a baseball or football.

5. GET CONTROL: Financial issues are a major cause of stress. Getting on top of debt, or other financial issues, will help you tremendously. There are even organization that are avaiable to help you out. Try going to the National Debt line at: www.nationaldebtline.org.

I hope that helps you out, and good luck! Remember how important your mental AND physical health is!



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Happy B'Day C, M & J!

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What do you C?
This is what we want everybody to C;
A Caring and Committed Campus Community where a
Challenging Curriculum produces Citizens that are College