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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

## Excellence in the Classroom for Real World Results



Students and schools are seeing the payoff of academic rigor as underscored by announcements this week!

## Schools, Staff Honored for Talented and Gifted Education

Kingsford and Whitehall elementary schools have earned the 2023 Maryland Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools designation, bringing the total to 21 in PGCPS!

The designation is a first for Kingsford and the second for Whitehall. Both schools, along with more than 30 PGCPS educators, administrators, students and parents, will be honored for excellence in gifted education at a virtual statewide Gifted and Talented Award Ceremony on February 28.

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## Seniors Earn Full College Scholarships

Fourteen seniors have been named 2022 Posse Scholars and will receive four-year, full-tuition college scholarships from The Posse Foundation's partnering schools.

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## Power of One: Teacher's PSAT Bootcamp Sees Scores Soar



To prepare Samuel Ogle Middle School eighth graders for high school specialty programs, RELA Chair Dr. Mabel Smith hosted a PSAT/NMSQT Bootcamp three times a week from September to December. With high student participation and parent support — an average of 60 students attended weekly, rain or shine — Ogle eighth graders outperformed both the school district and state on the PSAT 8/9 examination!

“There was an overwhelming level of parental involvement and students were vested in the program, evident in their attendance and work ethics,” Smith said. “Several students scored over 1,000. Parents, staff, and students are quite elated. With hard work and determination we made it happen!”

## Bowie Band Plays Historic Inauguration





The Bowie High School Marching Band [performed](#) at the historic inauguration ceremony of Maryland Gov. Wes Moore and Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller!

## College Scholarships Available for 2023 Seniors



Scholarship opportunities are available for PGCPSS Class of 2023 seniors!

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

The Excellence in Education Foundation will award \$125,000 in scholarships to 34 deserving PGCPSS 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 PGCPSS 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](#)

## January 25: Professional Day & Virtual Learning



Wednesday, Jan. 25 is the second of three half-day [virtual instructional days](#) for this school year. Students will attend school virtually from home, offering teachers time for end-of-quarter grading and planning.

## Spotlight

### PGCPS-TV Showcases Student Athletes



The Office of Communications PGCPS-TV is livestreaming select high-interest sports contests this school year to offer exposure for athletes and provide hands-on experiences for students interested in broadcasting.

View last week's girls and boys middle school basketball championship games and stay tuned for upcoming contests!

[View '22-'23 Sports Streams](#)

## Science Bowl on Demand!



Don't miss this season of the Science Bowl! The entire season of matchups can be viewed on the [PGCPS YouTube](#) channel.

## Announcements & Professional Development

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## Call for Nominations: Christa McAuliffe Award





# CHRISTA McAULIFFE AWARD

In honor of former PGCPS teacher and America's Teacher-In-Space Christa McAuliffe, the Board of Education established an annual award to recognize an outstanding teacher based on competitive standards of excellence. The [nomination](#) deadline is March 3.

## How Will You Celebrate Black History?



[Share an Event](#)

## Board Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Policies

On January 12, the Board voted to approve the following policies for public comment before adoption:

Revised policy 3500 - Name of Schools, School District Facilities, Dedicating Areas of School and School District Facilities or grounds and Erecting Monuments

Click [here](#) to provide comments on revised policy 3500

Revised policy 4200 - Employee and 4-205 Appeals before the Board of Education

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In addition to the online comment forms, comments on the proposed policy can be submitted by email to [testimony@pgcps.org](mailto:testimony@pgcps.org). Comments are due by 5 pm on Friday, January 27.

**ICYMI: In Case You Missed It**

## New Leadership for Board of Education



The Prince George's County Board of Education has new leadership! Welcome to Judy Mickens-Murray who will serve as Board Chair and Lolita E. Walker, who will serve as Vice Chair.

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## Board of Education FY2024 Budget Calendar



The Board of Education will continue the budget development process with work sessions and public hearings in January and February.

### **Thursday, Jan. 26**

Budget Work Session - 5 p.m.

Budget Public Hearing - 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, Feb. 2**

Budget Work Session - 5 p.m.

Budget Public Hearing - 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Feb. 15**

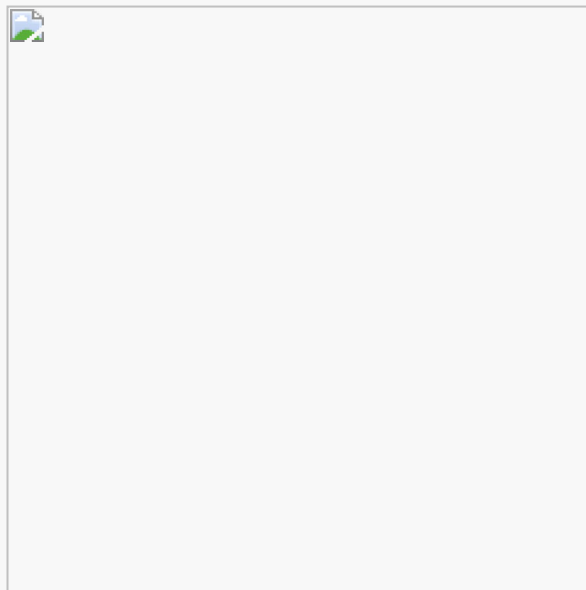
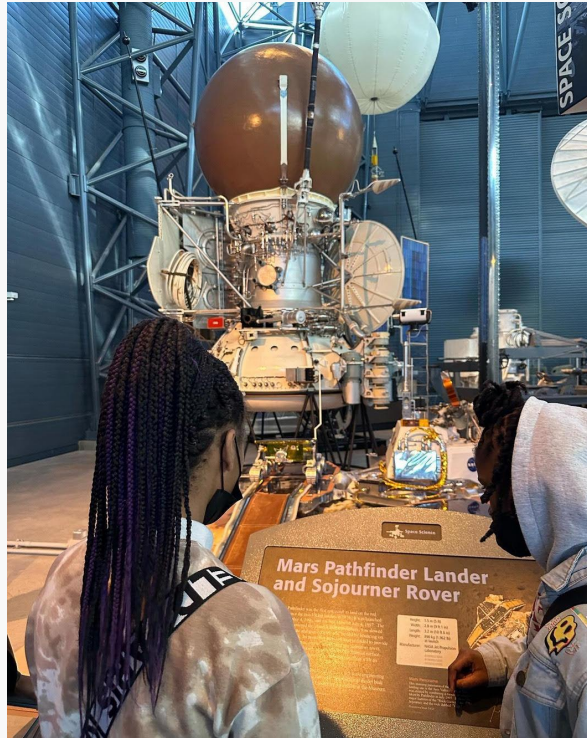
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**Thursday, Feb. 23**

Board Meeting - Requested Budget Approval - 7 p.m.

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## PGCPS Paparazzi



**Highland Park Elementary School** Regal Eagles take flight at the National Air and Space Museum! Sixth grade scholars explored space and created balloon rockets during a STEAM



Lab!

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