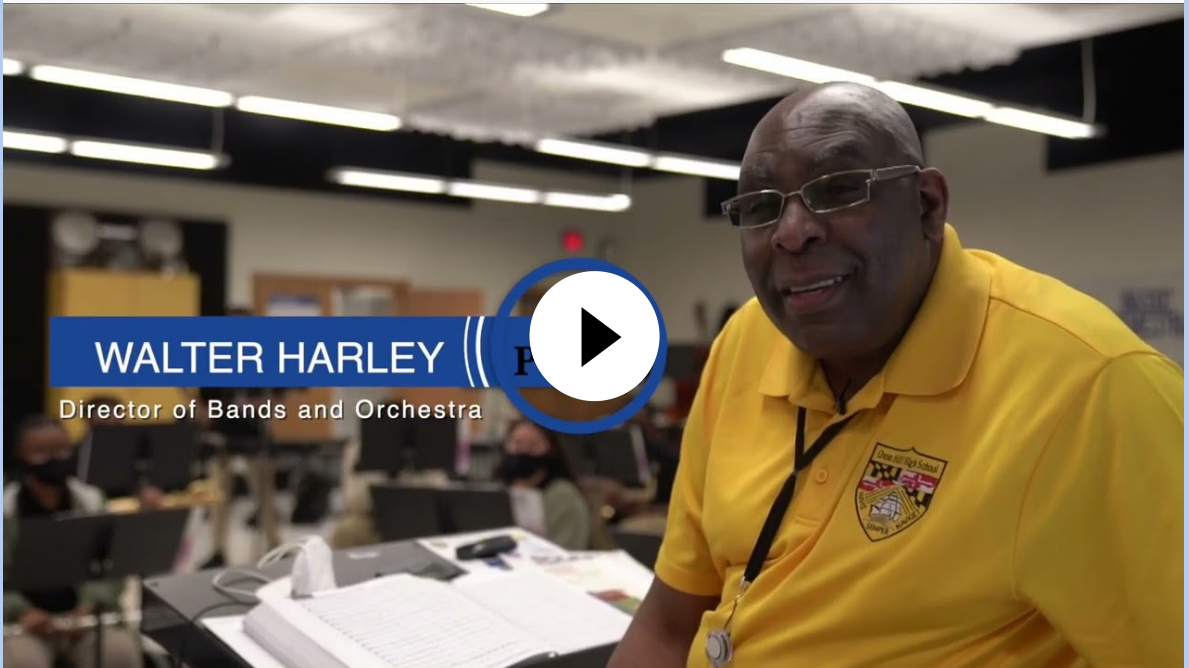


March 18, 2022

## Top News

### “Traveling the World Through Music”



**WALTER HARLEY**

Director of Bands and Orchestra

“Music gives young people an opportunity to dig deep and find other creative ways to express themselves. Even though we’re still in the pandemic, we are still making music. Students are coming to school eager to learn, eager to explore, eager to travel the world through instrumental music.” - Walter Harley, Oxon Hill High School Director of Bands and Orchestra

For [Music in Our Schools Month](#), meet Mr. Harley, Oxon Hill's first African American Director who has nearly three decades of service to PGCPs!

## **Book Vending Machine Serves Up a Love of Literature**



Bladensburg Elementary School Parent Engagement Assistant Diana Franco saw her dream come true this week with the unveiling of a new book vending machine to encourage a love of reading and enthusiasm for books among students! Sponsored by Geico, the concept is an incentive for the school's book challenge winners and students who achieve perfect attendance and good behavior. Students who receive tokens throughout the week can select a book from the vending machine.

## **Hyattsville Elementary Gets Students Motivated for Testing!**



The team at Hyattsville Elementary spread some extra cheer to support fifth graders preparing for the Maryland Integrated Science Assessments (MISA). In addition to a spirit week, staff greeted students on the day of the test with clapping and encouragement to do their best! The school also engaged parents and the community to celebrate students during the testing season with donations and incentives.

### **Seniors: Share a Video for College/Career Signing Day**



Do you work with high school seniors? Encourage them to get involved in College and Career Signing Day by submitting a short video sharing their post-



graduation plans —whether heading to college or into a career or military! Submit videos (15 to 25 seconds) to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org) with subject "College Signing Day" by Monday, April 4.

## #TeachWithUs: Help Spread the Word!

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TEACH  
WITH US!  
EVENT

[Click here to  
learn more!](#)

JOIN US!  
Saturday, March 26  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

BOOKING WINDOW IS NOW OPEN!  
Download the *Career Fair Plus* App today!

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[www.pgcps.org/careers](http://www.pgcps.org/careers)

It's time to get social! Here are three ways you can get involved as a #PGCPSpride ambassador to help us spread the word about careers with PGCPSPride:

**DOWNLOAD & DISPLAY** a [social media banner](#) and [Zoom background](#) using the #TeachWithUs Toolkit below!

**SHARE** our [#TeachWithUs message](#) with your social media networks to show your #PGCPSpride.

3. **REFER** teachers to our 'Teach With Us' Virtual Event on Saturday, March 26 hosted through Career Fair Plus.

## CTE Virtual Open House



Join the Career and Technical Education (CTE) team for a virtual open house on Tuesday, March 29 at 6 p.m. to explore the many programs of study.

[Zoom Link](#)

## Spotlight

**Eleanor Roosevelt HS Wins Fourth State Title in 10 Years!**



The Eleanor Roosevelt High School boys basketball team is this year's 4A state champions after defeating Montgomery County's Churchill 54-49 in double overtime! This is the fifth state championship for the Raiders, who most recently won the 4A title in 2019.

## Arts Educators Honored for Excellence



JACLYN MARTIN



ANGELA BATTEN



PATRICE LAWRENCE



TODD POZEN

Congratulations to the following educators who were honored for instructional leadership by the Arts Education in Maryland Schools: **Jaclyn Martin** (Dance Resource Teacher), **Angela Batten**, Media Arts Teacher (Eleanor Roosevelt High School), **Patrice Lawrence**, Media Arts Teacher (Frederick Douglass High School) and **Todd Pozen**, Instructional Lead Teacher (Whitehall Elementary School).



## Immersion Programs Featured in American School Board Journal



We are #PGCPSProud of our language immersion team for being featured in the American School Board Journals for their 2022 Magna Award! Check out page 38 of the April issue to read about the many innovative programs that help students succeed.

[Read Article](#)

## Announcements

### University of Maryland Programs for Aspiring Leaders



The University of Maryland (UMD) is accepting applications for aspiring leaders in the **School Improvement Leadership Certificate** program (w/Admin 1 certification) and the **School Systems Leadership Ed.D.** program (w/Superintendency II certification). The application deadline for both programs is June 15. Candidates can learn more and view upcoming virtual info sessions here: UMD [Admin 1 program](#) and UMD [Ed.D. program](#).

For questions about the Admin 1 program, candidates may email Dr. Jean Snell at: [jsnell@umd.edu](mailto:jsnell@umd.edu). For questions about the Ed.D. program, candidates may

email Dr. Doug Anthony at: [danthony@umd.edu](mailto:danthony@umd.edu).

## Professional Development for Special Education Paraprofessionals

Maryland's Council for Exceptional Children will host a virtual professional development event for special education paraprofessionals on March 26 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event is free for Maryland CEC members and \$12 for non-members. New and future special educators are also encouraged to attend.

[Register](#)

## Nominate an Outstanding Educator!



The Christa McAuliffe Award recognizes excellence in teaching in honor of the educator who lost her life in the 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger explosion. The award is presented annually to a teacher who shares the mark of distinction that McAuliffe achieved for the teaching profession. **Deadline: April 1**

[Learn More/Nominate](#)

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

**“Teacher Talk:” Building Civic Engagement in Students**





Learn from fellow PGCPS educators on ways to encourage students to use their voices and take action to grow into the leaders of tomorrow. During this panel, PGCPS teachers will discuss strategies for building civic engagement in students through community service, social media and more.

Register

## Upcoming Special Education Resources for Transitioning Youth



Transitioning youth ages 13-21 with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and their families are invited to attend a **College and Career Fair** on April 6, 6:00 p.m.

Register

**#TeamPGCPS Paparazzi**



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