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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

## Monday: College & Career Decision Day



PGCPS will kick off the 2023 graduation season on **Monday, May 1** with the first-ever [systemwide College and Career Decision Day](#) to celebrate graduates as they announce their future plans!

All employees are encouraged to join the celebration by wearing gear representing your alma mater or favorite college team.

Don't forget to show us your spirit by sharing photos on social media with hashtag: **#PGCPSGrads23**.

### Other Ways to Get Involved:

**Share** a congratulatory video or encouraging words for graduates.

**Download** College and Career Decision Day Signs for seniors [here](#).

**Encourage** seniors to [share](#) a photo or video to be featured across PGCPS social media channels on Monday, May 1. Seniors can share content [here](#).

We look forward to seeing your spirit on Monday!

## #ThankPGCPSTeachers: Nominate an Inspirational Educator!



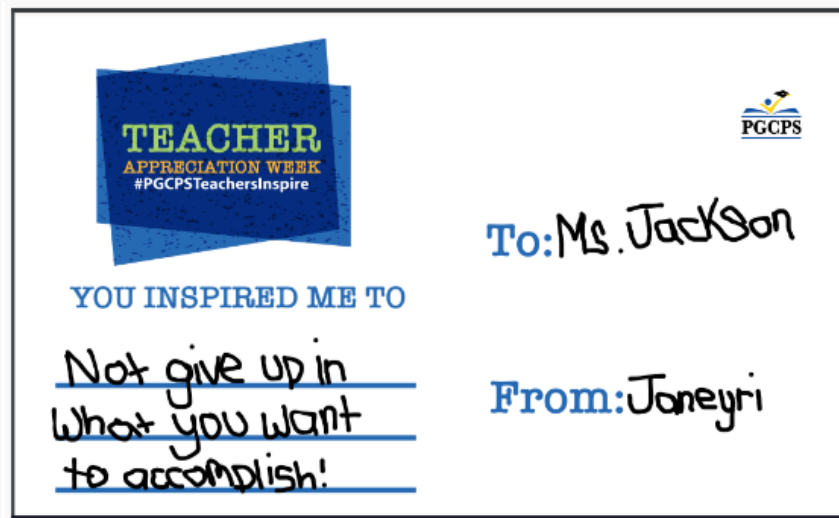
Spring is filled with celebrations and honoring our educators is at the top of the list!

For [Teacher Appreciation Week \(May 8-12\)](#), tell us about an inspirational educator to enter them for a chance to win prizes to be awarded during Teacher Appreciation Week May 8.

Winners will be selected randomly and can win prizes including teacher lounge/common area makeovers for their school, a staycation, class pizza parties and more!

[Learn More](#)

*Click on the postcard to view more ways to [get involved!](#)*



## BIPOC Educators Needed: Wellness Focus Groups



PGCPS is seeking educators who identify as Black or Latino/a/x to participate in feedback sessions on mental wellness, including perceived stress and professional burnout.

Feedback on perceptions, needs and experiences will help to develop wellness initiatives for next school year.

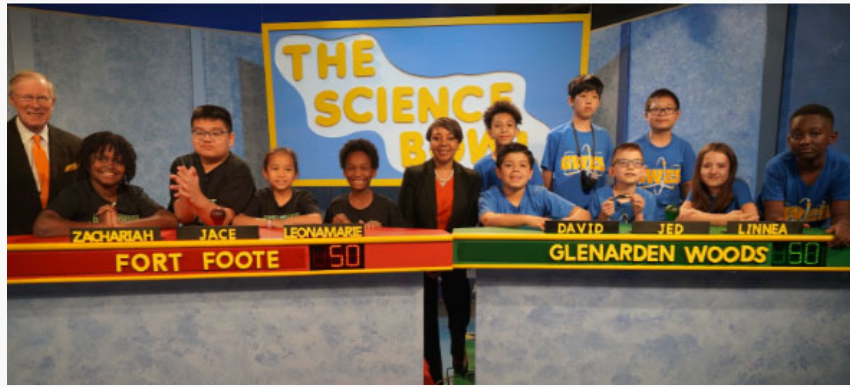
The hour-long sessions will take place during the week of May 8, either in-person or virtually, in small groups of eight to 10.

Sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$50 incentive is available for participating. Please complete a short interest form by Tuesday, May 2.

[Learn More/Sign Up](#)

## Spotlight

### Elementary Science Bowl Winners



This year's Elementary School Science Bowl championship match featured Fort Foote and Glenarden Woods elementary schools. Congratulations to the winning team from Glenarden Woods and runner-up Fort Foote!

## Culinary Arts Students Cook Up Win!



Seniors Shaunyce Dixon of Crossland High School and Briyah Spence of Gwynn Park High School won scholarships in the Annual Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) competition.

Dixon earned a full scholarship worth more than \$135,000 from the Culinary Institute of America and Spence received more than \$67,000 from the Culinary Institute of New York at Monroe College.

## In The News

### CEO Search Update



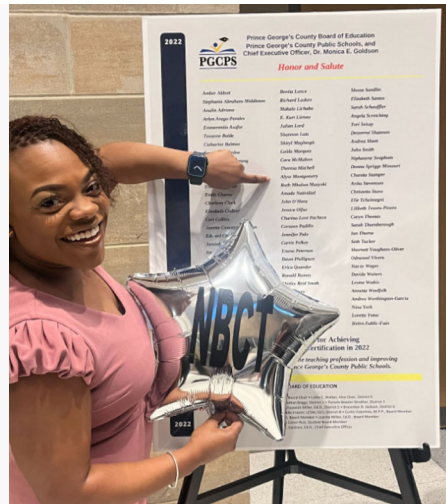
This week, the Office of the County Executive held a Public Engagement Forum about the search for the next Chief Executive Officer. Following the forum, the search process will continue in accordance with State law.

The search committee will conduct interviews with eligible candidates and recommend three to County Executive Angela Alsobrooks for consideration. The goal is to appoint a new CEO by Friday, June 30.

[Community Forum video](#)

## Announcements & Professional Development

### Explore National Board Certification



Are you interested in pursuing National Board certification during the 2023-2024 academic year? Don't pass up the opportunity to learn more about this prestigious certification and how it can advance your teaching career.

**Register immediately in eDoctrina for one of the final five National Board information sessions.**

You will receive valuable insight into the certification process, the benefits of certification, how to prepare for this rigorous process and scholarship opportunities. Applications are due Saturday, June 10.

### Empowering Your Learning — Summer Edition



Save the date: The Technology Training Team's popular Empowering Your Learning Conference will be held **Wednesday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

[Learn More](#)

### Retirement Celebration & Benefit



The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPHS will host a retirement celebration and benefit in honor of CEO Dr. Monica Goldson on Friday, June 23. All proceeds from this event will support students through the foundation!

[Tickets](#)



## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Help Students Experiencing Homelessness



Receive training to become a trusted point of contact for students experiencing homelessness through the McKinney-Vento Ally Partners Program. Some staff may be eligible for workshop pay. The last training is on Wednesday, May 24 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

[Register](#)

### PGCPS Paparazzi

A little rain did not stop students and staff at Francis Scott Key Elementary School from celebrating Arbor Day. With help from the County Beautification Committee, they planted 20 trees on school grounds!





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