

Top News

#PGCPSsuperheroes: Countdown to Teacher Appreciation Week!



Teacher Appreciation Week kicks off on Monday, May 2 and we are excited to recognize our everyday superheroes — our teachers!

We have partnered with Kaiser Permanente, American College of Education, and Educational Systems Federal Credit Union to help us honor teachers. Here are a few opportunities to consider next week:

- DonorsChoose has planned a week full of funding and festivities for teachers. All you have to do to participate is have a project live by May 2!
- Register for our *Pull Up to My Bumper* virtual dance party on Friday, May 6 from 5-6 p.m. Teachers can win gas cards courtesy of the American College of Education. While we fill your tanks, we will also fill the trunks of two lucky educators by way of a \$500 Amazon classroom refresh, courtesy of Educational Systems Federal Credit Union.

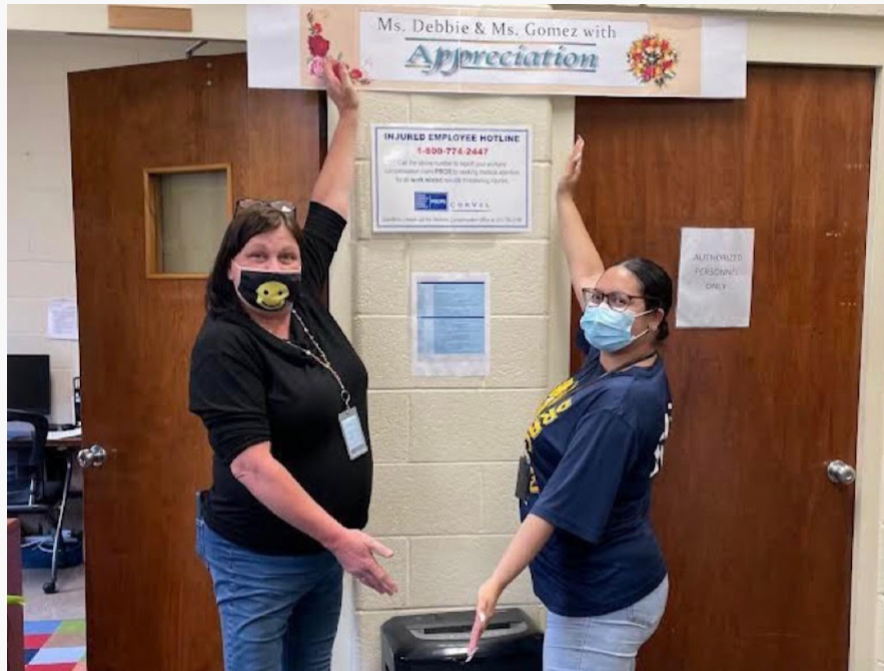
- Enter to win a \$50 Fandango gift card courtesy of Walden University. The contest opens on May 1 and ends on May 31.

DonorsChoose

Dance Party

Fandango

Thank you, PGCPS Administrative Team



Inside of every successful school and office you will find a dedicated group of administrative professionals who help students and staff succeed. For Administrative Professionals Day, we recognize the members of #TeamPGCPS who are instrumental in supporting our community daily!

Rep Your Alma Mater: College & Career Signing Day



Next week we're celebrating our teachers *and* our seniors! Join us on Monday, May 2 for College and Career Signing Day as we kick off graduation season and celebrate seniors' post-graduation plans!

Show your support by wearing attire or paraphernalia representing your alma mater or favorite college team. Also, be sure to tune in to the PGCPS website at 10 a.m. to hear exciting news from the Class of 2022! Don't forget to show us your College and Career Signing Day spirit by sharing photos on social media with the hashtag #PGCPSigningDay22.

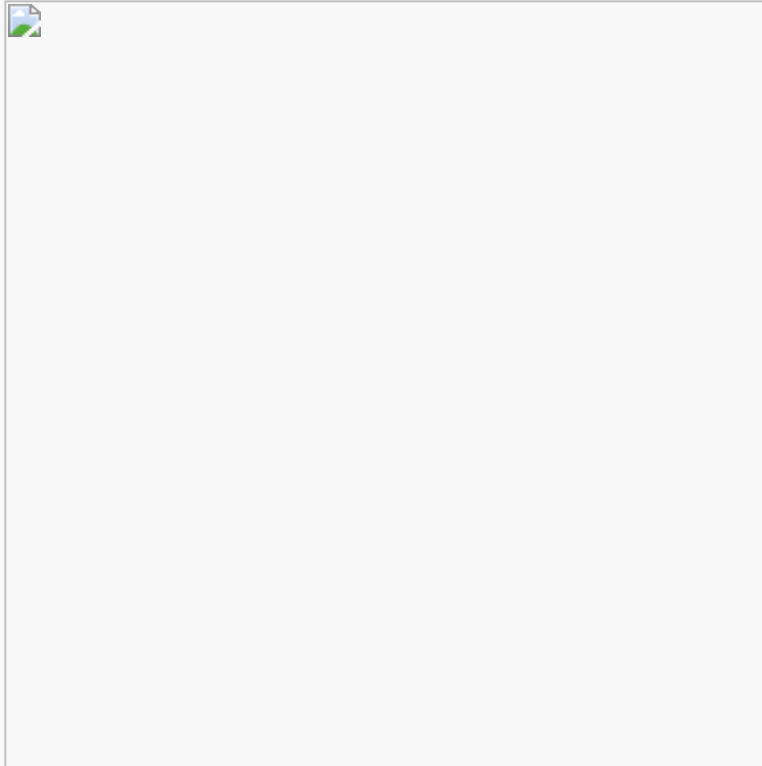
Five Schools Earn State 'Green' Status!



The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education released the list of 16 new Maryland Green Schools including five from PGCPS: Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School, G. James Gholson Middle School, Imagine Foundation at Leeland and Surrattsville High School. In addition, 26 of our schools re-certified this year. We now have 135

Maryland Green Schools – 65% of our 208 schools – thanks to the hard work of our school Green Teams and the certification support provided by William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center staff!

Board of Education Adopts Path to Greener Future



The Board of Education this week unanimously approved the Climate Change Action Plan which will reduce the school system's carbon footprint through more efficient buildings, transportation, cleaner air, healthier food, less waste, operational cost-savings and more! The plan is a critical component of Transformation 2026 Equity & Excellence: PGCPS 2021-2026 Strategic Plan and will contribute to measurable progress for success indicators in the Infrastructure & Operational Enhancements and Educational Excellence goal areas.

[Learn More](#)

Feedback Wanted: Help Set Priorities for Education

HELP US SHAPE THE FUTURE OF MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) invites Maryland residents to complete the Strategic Planning Survey. The survey will help guide implementation of the multi-year strategic plan to transform public education.

[Take Survey](#)

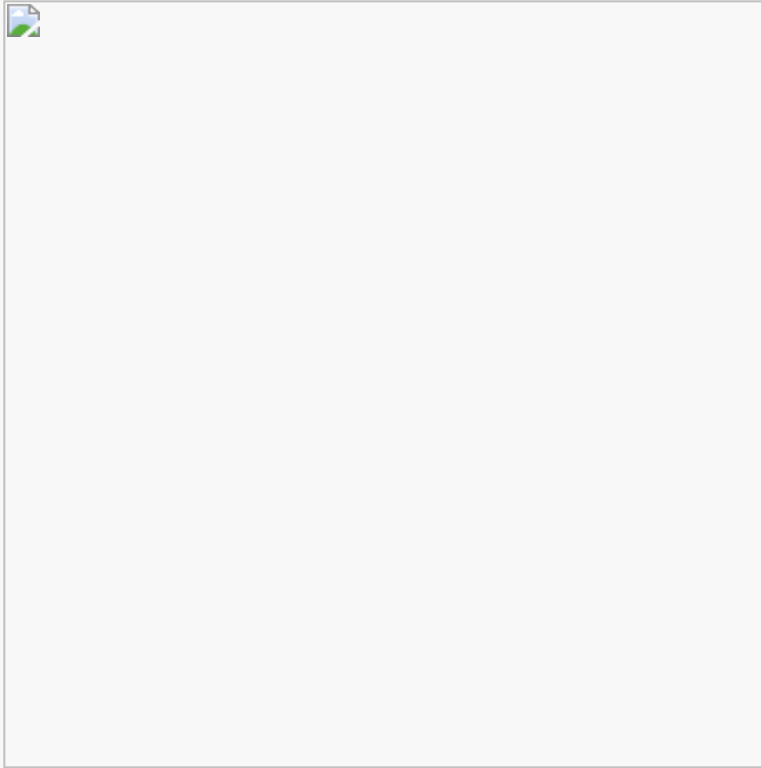
Expert Review Teams for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future

The Maryland State Department of Education is launching a comprehensive school review process to fulfill the [Blueprint for Maryland's Future](#) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund requirements. MSDE will hire 120 teachers, leaders, and other experts to join Expert Review Teams. Teachers and leaders can be actively teaching or recently retired and must have at least three years of experience as a teacher or administrator and have demonstrated evidence of improving student outcomes.

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Spotlight

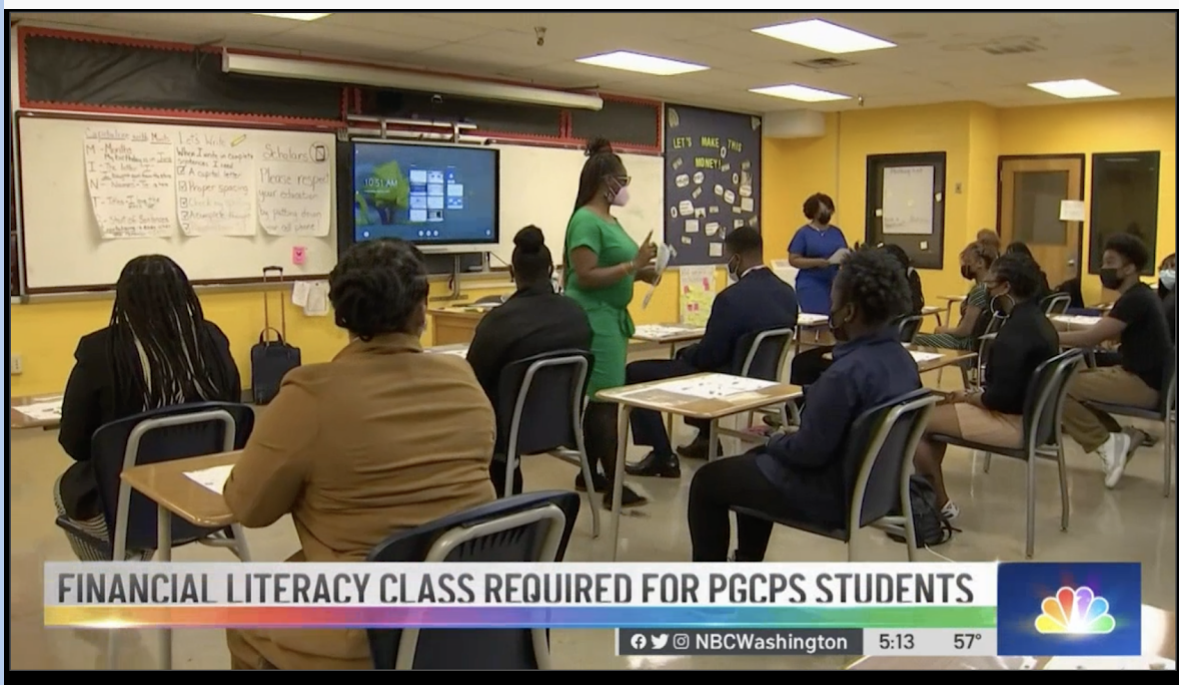
“An Amazing Journey:” 50 States, 50 Marathons, 50 Victories



Did you know that Associate Superintendent for High Schools Dr. Carletta Marrow has traveled to every state in America and the District of Columbia to run half marathons? Just this week, she achieved her goal of running her 50th marathon in Hawaii!

Dr. Marrow began running in 2016 for health and wellness and decided to visit every state — a goal she says was inspired by her seventh grade social studies teacher who was adamant that students knew every state and its capital.

Money Matters: Financial Literacy Class is in Session



Go inside a Financial Literacy class at Crossland High School to hear from teachers and students on why learning to be responsible consumers, savers, investors, users of credit and money managers is critical!

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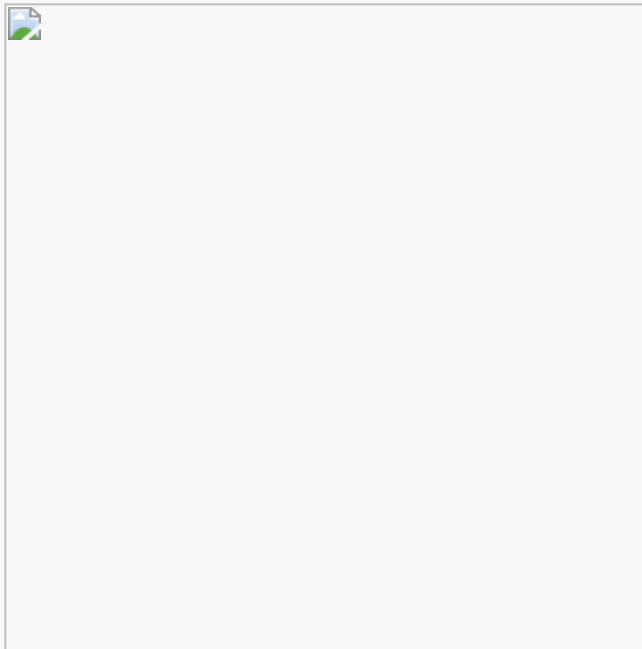
A Lesson in Coding at Brandywine Elementary School



Former NFL player Kyle Arrington donated 200 coding robots to students at Brandywine Elementary through their E.V.O.L.V.E Foundation.

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William Wirt Middle School Hosts Public Safety Career Day



Students at William Wirt Middle School explored career paths in public safety, including law enforcement, firefighting and emergency management during a Public Safety Career Day!

Watch

Announcements

Grand Prize Winner: Bus Driver Appreciation Contest



Last year, PGCPs partnered with American College of Education to celebrate our bus drivers who help transport nearly 90,000 students to school each day during National School Bus Safety Week. We honored five school bus drivers who were nominated by the community and we are #PGCPSProud to announce Dwayne Franklin as our grand prize winner. Mr. Franklin will receive \$1,000.

Summer K-5 Summer Reading and Math Tutoring

**FREE
LITERACY
AND MATH
TUTORING**

We are partnering with BookNook to provide free, summer tutoring to our students in grades K to 5.

We are excited to continue our partnership with BookNook to close learning gaps and strengthen literacy skills! Families with students in kindergarten

through fifth grades are encouraged to register for summer math and reading tutoring sessions led by accredited virtual tutors. The summer BookNook program will run from July 11 through August 19, three days a week. **The deadline to register is May 27.**

Register

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Leadership Development Program: Apply Beginning May 2

Strong leaders build strong communities, and PGCPS believes by creating strong leaders, we advance the work in our Equity Strategic Plan. The Office of Professional Learning and Leadership **Aspiring Leaders Program for Student Success (ALPSS)** is designed to develop a diverse pipeline of emerging leaders to impact teaching and learning through transformational leadership. Session presenters will be members of the Executive Cabinet. The application window is May 2-13. Please contact Dr. Melissa Wilson at Melissa.ellis@pgcps.org with questions.

Explore Teaching STEM

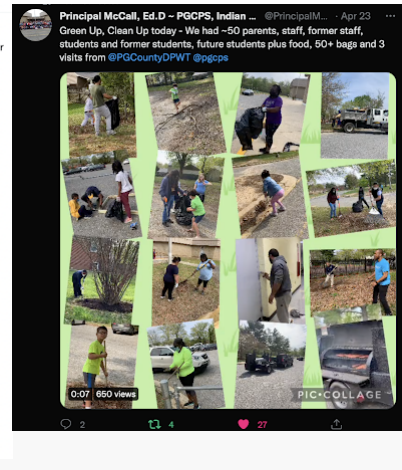
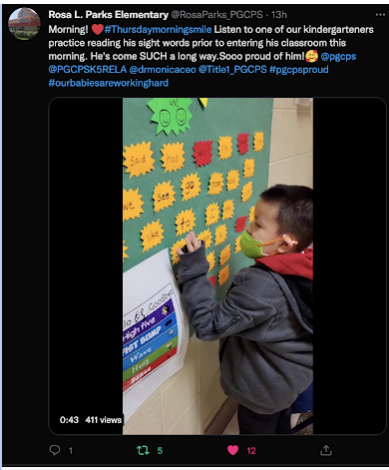


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Join the University of Maryland (UMD) for an online, asynchronous course, "Step 1- Inquiry Approach to Teaching STEM," from May 18 - June 29. Paraprofessionals, career changers and high school students are invited to be a part of this experience. The course will provide an opportunity to explore teaching as a career, and plan and teach an inquiry-based science or mathematics lesson. The cost of the course is only \$35.

Learn More

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