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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

Top News

Benefits Open Enrollment & Info Sessions



Open Enrollment is the once-a-year opportunity to review your benefits and make selections that work best for you and your family. Changes made during Open Enrollment will be effective beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

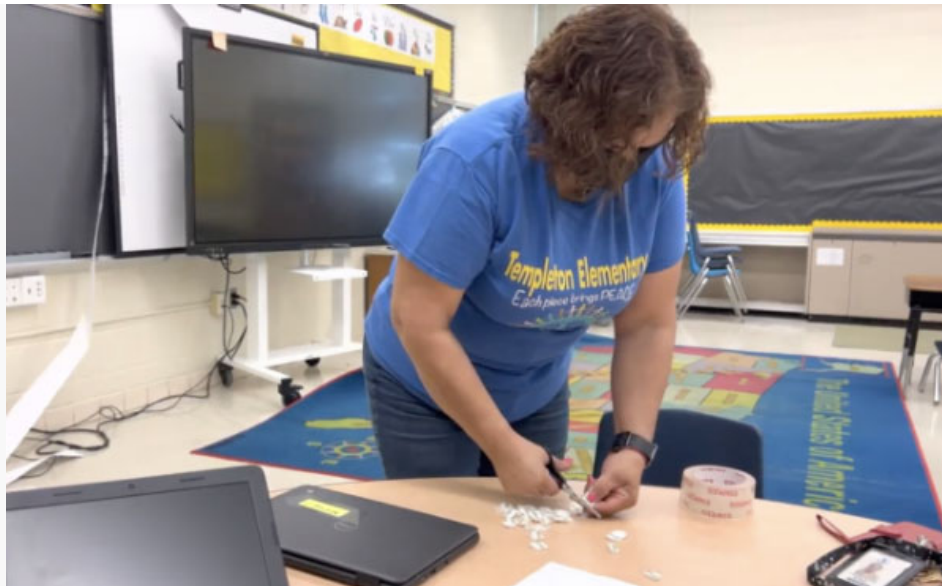
Open enrollment for 2023 benefits will be held from October 10-26.

Looking for information or have questions on benefits? Attend an upcoming [virtual information session](#) with partner healthcare providers. Sessions will be recorded and available for viewing on demand.

[Learn More](#)

[Virtual Information Sessions](#)

Supporting New Teachers: Maryland Leads



PGCPS has teamed up with Notre Dame of Maryland University to address the teacher shortage through the [Maryland Leads](#) Initiative. This program offers free tuition and additional funding to help conditional teachers complete applicable degrees and certifications.

“We are impressed with the fortitude of our prospective teachers who have been serving in our schools and supporting students for many years,” said PGCPS Director of Human Resources Operations and Staffing Dr. Pearl Harmon. “Their commitment to personal and professional growth speaks volumes about their passion for children and willingness to do what is needed to become a fully certified teacher.”

[Read More](#)

Proposed Changes to School Boundaries



PGCPS is moving forward with work to plan for future enrollment growth, school modernizations and equitable learning experiences. Consultant recommendations in the Comprehensive School Boundary Initiative are now available. [Learn more](#) about the boundary initiative process, a recap of work done in phases one and two, answers to common questions and next steps.

Language Access for Parent Teacher Conferences



Parent Teacher conferences are Monday, Oct. 10! Assistance is available for teachers and staff to communicate with parents who are not native speakers of English.

[Learn More](#)

Principal Application Window Opens Monday



The 2023-2024 Principal application window will open Monday, Oct. 3 through Dec. 31.

[Apply](#)

Administrative Assistant & Secretary Academy



Applications are being accepted for the inaugural Administrative Assistant and Secretary Academy! The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 14.

[Learn More](#)

Spotlights

Hispanic Heritage Alive at Bladensburg High School!



At Bladensburg High School, where more than 600 students are newly arrived immigrants from Hispanic countries or first generation Americans, the [hallways are alive](#) with student-created interactive exhibits for Hispanic Heritage Month!

"Through this showcase of culture from Hispanic nations across the globe we have been able to celebrate and bring the heritage of more than 70% of our student body to the forefront," said ESOL teacher Raymond Feliciano. "It has put the school community in a proud and happy mood."



[View PGCPS Showcase](#)

CTE Staff Honored



The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) announced [Debra Walker](#), Certified Nursing Assistant at Bladensburg High School as the 2022 ACTE Region I Teacher of the Year and [Regina Spruill](#), CTE Instructional Specialist as the 2022 ACTE Region I Teacher Educator of the Year.

PG13 Season 7, Episode 3





Competition heats up on the field at Bowie, Frederick Douglass and Charles H. Flowers high schools. Meanwhile, a Hampton University foundation provides a pillar of strength for one senior.

Announcements and Professional Development

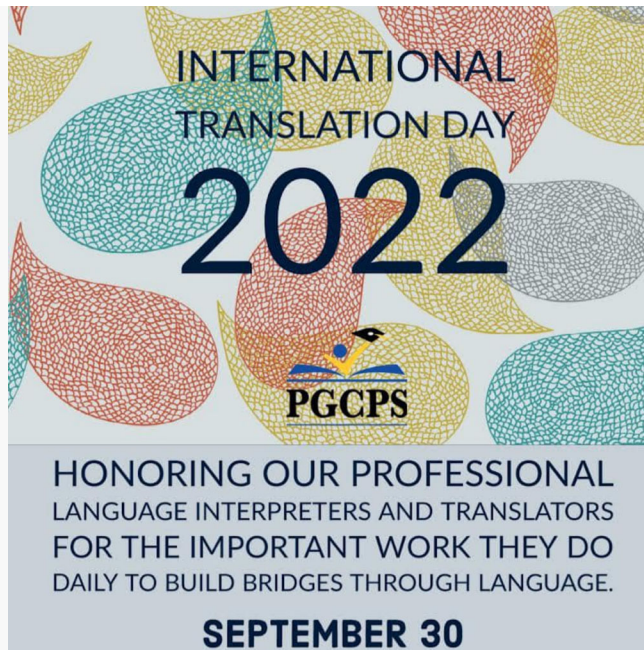
Get Involved: October Celebrations

PGCPS will celebrate the following commemorations in October:

- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** – Wear pink (Oct. 18)
- **Bullying Prevention Awareness Month** – Wear orange (Oct. 19)
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** – Wear purple (Oct. 20)

Share how your school or office is supporting these important issues: communications@pgcps.org.

Thank You, Interpreters and Translators!



Hall of Fame Gala Tickets on Sale



The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGcps will host its annual Hall of Fame Gala on Friday, Oct. 28 at the MGM National Harbor. Event proceeds will support student scholarships and academic program enhancements.

[Tickets](#)

SafeSchools Trainings: Round 2 and 3

Mandatory SafeSchools training modules ensure all staff have the necessary information to establish and maintain positive, respectful, safe, lawful and supportive school and work environments. **Round 2 sessions are due by Friday, Sept. 30. Round 3 sessions are due by Monday, Nov. 7. Start trainings now!**

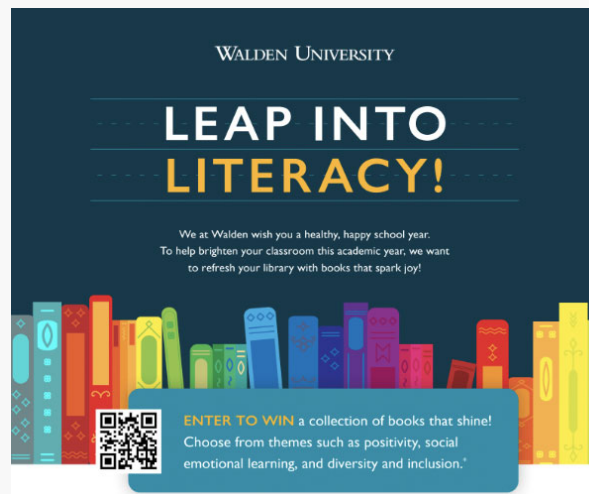
Share Your Priorities for the FY2024 Budget



Share your input on FY2024 budget recommendations by completing a survey by 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 indicating your top five priorities for the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.

[Take Survey](#)

Leap Into Literacy



[Enter to win](#) a collection of books that spark joy to refresh your library now through Oct. 7 with Walden University!

Earn a Masters in School Leadership

Trinity's School Leadership (MSA) degree program prepares educators for elementary, middle, or high school leadership positions. Learn to promote high student achievement through instructional planning, data analysis, problem-solving, consensus building and coaching, and retention of teachers and staff.

The School Leadership (MSA) degree offers two options:

- Educational Administration
- Educational Administration with a Specialization in Early Childhood Education

[Learn More](#)

Open House for Educators: McDaniel College

Learn about McDaniel College graduate and professional studies programs by attending a virtual open house on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Register

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

“Growing Green with Pride”



Schools are encouraged to participate in Prince George’s County’s annual Growing Green with Pride on Oct. 15 for a day of cleaning and beautification. Students can earn service learning hours for participation.

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Mini-Grants for Teachers

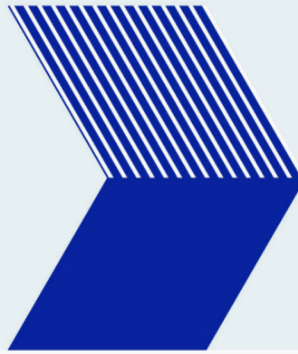
Mini-Grants to fund special projects or activities are available to teachers through [Maryland Retired School Personnel Association!](#) [Apply](#) by Nov.1. Six mini-grants of up to \$300 will be awarded directly to the winning teacher to be used in the current school year. more information visit.

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ACE-AFSCME Local 2250 Agreement

The posted Negotiated Agreement for ACE-AFSCME Local 2250 is now available on the [PGCPS website](#).

SEL Institute: Deadline October 1

Realizing Transformation:
Rebuild, Recharge, Reconnect



Apply by:
October 1, 2022

<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/register/PGCPSSELInstitute>



The deadline to apply for the Social-Emotional Learning Institute with Mount Holyoke College and the National Network State Teachers of the Year is October 1. This institute is designed specifically for PGCPS and gives busy educators an opportunity to increase their knowledge and leadership related to social and emotional wellness while earning six graduate level credits.

[More Information](#)

MSDE Course: Supporting Students Impacted by Domestic Violence

Take a Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) course on supporting students impacted by domestic violence. This is an online blended learning course comprised of 12 hours of live, virtual training via Zoom and 3 hours of asynchronous learning.

[More Information](#)

Telehealth Services for Students Coming Soon



PGCPS along with the Prince George's County Health Department are excited to announce our new partnership with [Hazel Health](#) that will allow students to complete urgent medical care visits or therapy sessions virtually! Beginning in October, Hazel's doctors and therapists will be available to see students while they are at home or at school. Services will be available at *no cost* to every student, regardless of their family's insurance or financial situation.

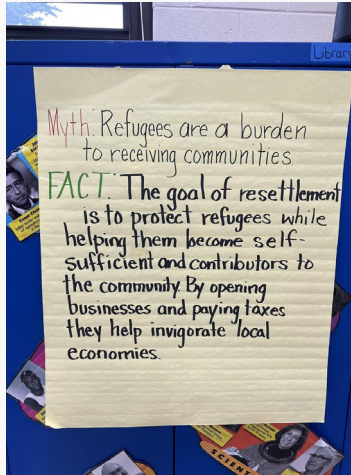
Become an Ally Partner for Local Youth Experiencing Homelessness

The McKinney Vento Program is seeking community partners and trusted adults in schools to join the Ally Partners Program and become a trusted point of contact for students experiencing homelessness in Prince George's County. Workshop pay may be available for some staff. Training will held via Zoom on:
Sept. 28 and Oct. 25 at 4:30 p.m. and Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

[More Information](#)

#TeamPGCPS Paparazzi

The team at Hyattsville Elementary School engaged in our systemwide professional learning on newcomers and unaccompanied minors!



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