

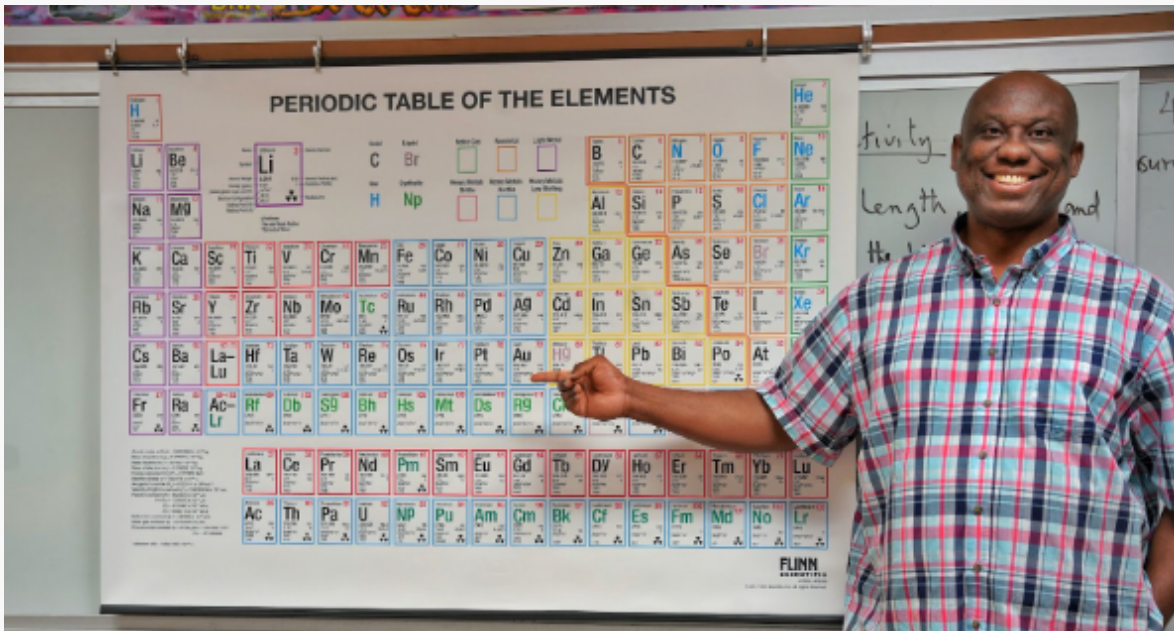


EXPRESS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

Top News

PGCPS Teachers: Best in Class!



PGCPS teachers are among the best in the world! **Crossland High School teacher and Science Department Chair Dr. Chidi Duru**, has earned the prestigious Fulbright [Teachers for Global Classrooms Program](#) award.

As a Fulbright recipient, Duru will join a network of thousands of esteemed scholars and leaders in their fields. Fulbright alumni include 60 Nobel Prize laureates, 89 Pulitzer Prize recipients, and 40 who have served as a head of state or government.

[Read more](#)



Meanwhile, Global Teacher Prize winner Keishia Thorpe of International High School Langley Park is traveling the world, defining the meaning of #PGCPS Proud! In the past month, Thorpe has appeared at the United Nations Transforming Education Summit; presented on immigration and education at the Cumbre Líderes por la Educación summit in Bogota, Colombia; been featured by [UN Today](#); and graced the cover of the first magazine for teachers in Africa!

Tell us about the ways you are representing #PGCSPride beyond the classroom at newsletters@pgcps.org.

Spread the Word About New Telehealth



Help us improve access to healthcare for students by encouraging families to sign up and consent for telehealth care! Hazel Health has now launched in all middle schools and

academies and will be launching in high schools next week. Elementary school launch information will be available soon. Remember: Hazel is available to every student at no cost, regardless of their insurance or financial status.

[Learn more](#)

'America's Healthiest Schools' Announced



Dodge Park, Langley Park McCormick, Mount Rainier, Robert Gray and Springhill Lake elementary schools [earned a spot](#) on Healthier Generation's 2022 list of America's Healthiest Schools! Springhill Lake was one of 11 schools nationwide to receive an 'All-Star Award' for outstanding distinction in all criteria!

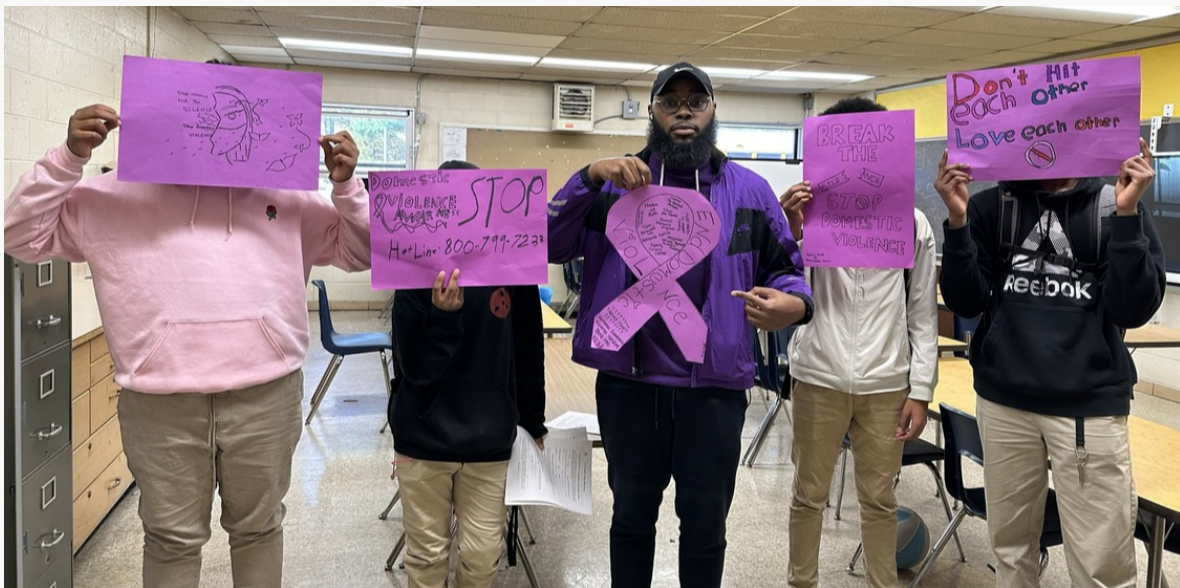
Colors for a Cause



Kenmoor Middle School staff wear pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



The Student Services team takes a stand against bullying!



Staff at Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School support survivors of domestic violence and advocate for prevention.

Open Enrollment Closes Soon



[Open enrollment](#) for 2023 benefits ends **Wednesday, Oct. 26**. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to review your benefits and make selections for you and your family. Information sessions may be viewed on the PGCPS [YouTube page](#).

[Learn More](#)

Hall of Fame Gala: Student Art Auction



As part of the [Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPs](#) annual Hall of Fame Gala and fundraiser, the Foundation is hosting a silent auction of art by students in the Suitland High School Center for the Visual and Performing Arts!

[Bidding](#) begins Monday, Oct. 24 and auction proceeds will be split between student artists and the Foundation. [Tickets](#) to the Friday, Oct. 28 Gala are still available!

[View/Bid](#)

#PGCPsGreen: Celebrating America Recycles Day

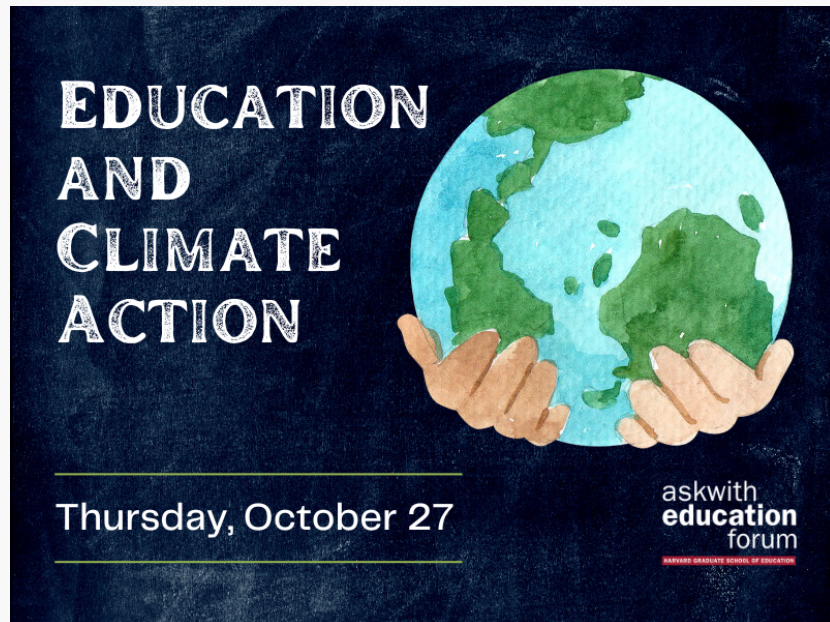


[America Recycles Day](#) is November 15. [Show us](#) how you or your school are recycling rockstars for a chance to win!

[Learn More](#)

Spotlights

CEO Dr. Goldson to Present on PGCPS Climate Action



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson will speak on a Harvard Graduate School of Education panel of K-12 district leaders who are leading at the intersections of education and climate change across the country. Dr. Goldson will present at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27. [Learn more/ register to view the livestream!](#)

#PGCPSproud: Teacher Shares Ideas at Grantmakers Conference



John Hanson Montessori School teacher **Bria Pleasant** presented at the Grantmakers for Education Annual Conference on increasing equity and access to quality education. Fun fact: Ms. Pleasant is a former student at John Hanson!

Celebrating Heritage & Culture



Along with Hispanic Heritage Month, in October we acknowledge the heritage of many other cultures! We are #PGCPS Proud to have a diverse community and celebrate the cultures and contributions of all!

Announcements & Professional Development

Free Flu Shot Clinics



Receive a free flu shot at [three locations](#) between Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. To sign up, email wellness.benefits@pgcps.org.

[Info for CareFirst Members](#)

[Info for Kaiser Members](#)

EV Charging Stations Launch at Office Buildings



Pepco's Electric Vehicle Public Charging Stations are now ready for use at the Sasscer Administration Building. Stay tuned for future locations.

Reminder: Public Service Loan Forgiveness Waiver

Federal student loan borrowers can get credit for payments that previously didn't qualify for [Public Service Loan Forgiveness](#) (PSLF) or Temporary Expanded Public Service Loan Forgiveness (TEPSLF) until Oct. 31.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Principal Application Window Open

The 2023-2024 principal application window is open! Qualified candidates should **apply through Dec. 31** via iRecruitment. Interested applicants may visit the [PGCPS Careers](#) for more information and to review job announcements.

Job announcements include:

- IRC183480 - Elementary/Secondary Principal
- IRC183481 – Montessori
- IRC183482 - Language Immersion
- IRC183483 - Early Childhood Center
- IRC183860 - Regional School Programs

[Learn More](#)

#TeamPGCPS Paparazzi

North Forestville Elementary School hosted Men Make a Difference Day!



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