



Top News

Students See Growth on State Tests!



PGCPS students showed growth in both English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics on the 2022-23 Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) — with Black Students, English Learners and economically disadvantaged students outperforming their peers across the state in many instances!

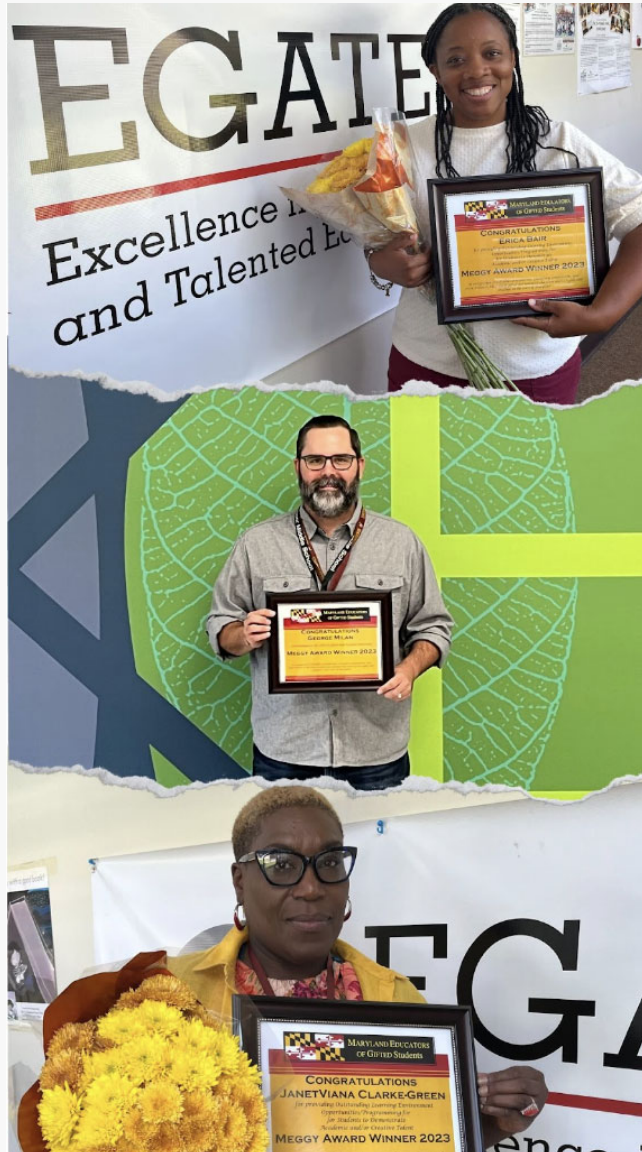
“More than half of the 50 Maryland schools showing the greatest improvement in ELA are in Prince George’s County — proof that our students are trending in the right direction,” said Superintendent Millard House II. “Data also shows that nearly 25 percent of our students are just on the cusp of proficiency, which speaks to the effectiveness of post-Covid interventions and instruction.”

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"A focus on writing, sharing strategies among schools and strong leadership were named as reasons for the spike in test scores by principals around the district, showing that there wasn't one special formula. But they consistently said targeted, data-driven interventions were one thing that worked."

[Learn how](#) leaders at Clinton Grove Elementary School, Largo High School and Excel Academy Public Charter School worked to improve achievement.

Educators Excel in Gifted and Talented Education



Teachers **George Milan** of Kenmoor Middle School, **Erica Bair** of Longfields Elementary School and **JanetViana Clarke-Green** of Benjamin Tasker Middle School were honored by the state for excellence in gifted and talented education!

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Maryland Supreme Court Coming to PGCPS!



On November 3, the state's highest court will hear oral arguments outside of Annapolis for the first time since 1851 at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School. [Tune in](#) to this historic event!

Tonight: PGCPS Hall of Fame Gala



The Excellence in Education Foundation will induct eight PGCPS alumni into the 2023 PGCPS Hall of Fame!

2023 Honorees

Climate & Culture Survey

There is still time to share your experiences, perceptions and ideas through our [Culture & Climate Survey](#), which is open through Tuesday, Oct. 31. The survey is anonymous and all who enter can win a \$50 gift card!

Survey

November Calendar Reminders



The graphic features a calendar page for November with the PGCPS logo at the top. The date '3' is prominently displayed, indicating a half-day of asynchronous learning and school closure for students. To the right, a list of upcoming dates to remember is provided: November 10 (Schools Closed for Students, Professional Development Day) and November 22-24 (Schools & Offices closed for Thanksgiving). A link to learn more is provided at the bottom: www.pgcps.org/calendar.

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#PGCPS Proud Spotlight

Health Educators Honored

The [Society of Health and Physical Educators](#) (SHAPE Maryland) honored staff including:

Dr. Kia McDaniel, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and **Kenneth Nance**, Principal of Buck Lodge Middle School, received Friends of SHAPE Maryland awards for their support of health and physical education and promotion of staff wellness.

Dr. Jenny Rodríguez-González, Health and Physical Education teacher, Online Campus, **Sonja Silcott**, Health Education teacher, Laurel High School, **Jeffrey LaManca**, Adapted Physical Education teacher, **Kristen Fisher**, Adapted Physical Education teacher received **Simon McNeely awards** for their dedication to the profession and outstanding innovation in teaching.


Announcements and Professional Development

Join the Technology Advisory Committee

Do you have an interest in supporting and contributing to ideas that are relevant to the overall goals and interests of students and staff? Ideal participants represent the diversity in our community, can offer objective guidance to advocate from your perspective and can commit to attending three virtual meetings. **The deadline to sign up is Oct. 31.**

[More Info](#)

Volunteer at JA Finance Park



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**PGCPS CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
JA FINANCE PARK®**

As a JA Volunteer, you will watch students step into the future and catch a glimpse of what is possible if they take control of their financial future. JA students need your real-world experience and commitment to help them be 100% inspired, 100% prepared and 100% employed when the time comes.

Volunteers Needed

- October 30 G. James Ghoson MS
- October 31 G. James Ghoson MS
- November 2 Andrew Jackson Academy
- November 6 Benjamin Tasker MS
- November 7 Benjamin Tasker MS
- November 8 Benjamin Tasker MS
- December 19 Kenmoor MS
- December 21 Kenmoor MS
- January 9 Gwynn Park MS
- January 10 Gwynn Park MS
- January 15 Martin Luther King Jr MS
- January 17 Samuel Ogie MS

[Sign up](#) to volunteer at Junior Achievement, where students experience programs that level the playing field and the skills that change the game!

Mentors Needed for P-TECH

[P-TECH](#) is looking for mentors willing to share their expertise with high school CTE students! [Sign up.](#)

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 were due on Friday, Oct. 20. Round 3 sessions are due by Friday, Nov. 10. [Start trainings now!](#)

Wear Blue for America Recycles Day!

Join PGCPS in celebrating America Recycles Day on November 15 by wearing blue! Learn more about recycling efforts, [download the teacher toolkit](#), learn what can be recycled and more by visiting the recycling webpage!

[Learn more](#)

Enroll in the Spelling Bee



The 2024 Prince George's County Spelling Bee, to be held on March 1, is open to all fifth through eighth grade students in public and private schools or homeschool associations. Questions: Chauka Reid at chaukareid@yahoo.com.

[More Information](#)

EcoAction Art Contest



ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, December 1, 2023

The [William S. Schmidt Center](#) is challenging PGCPs students in prekindergarten through Grade 12 to [create original artwork](#) that showcases actions they can take to slow down climate change.

[Rules & Entry](#)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Staff Newsletter Update

Beginning in October and through the end of the year, *PGCPs Express* will be distributed twice a month as we work toward a rebrand to better serve you. During this transition, please visit the staff [portal](#) often for updates on professional development opportunities, news and teachers and staff spotlights.

Announcements and good news can continue to be shared to newsletters@pgcps.org.

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