

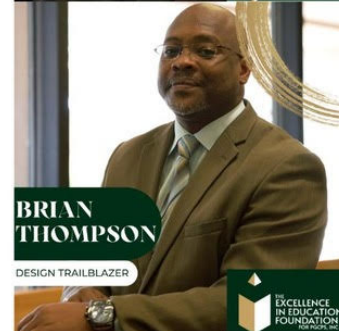
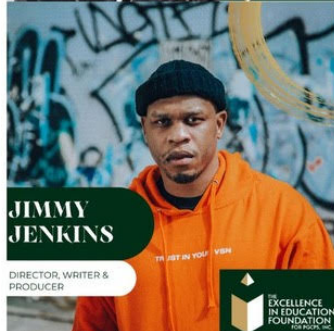
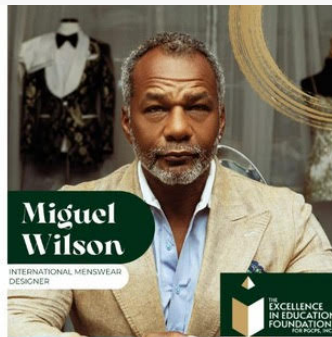


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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

Top News

Hall of Fame Gala “3 Ways to Get Involved”



Each year, the Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS honors notable PGCPS grads through induction into the alumni Hall of Fame while also raising funds to expand scholarships and programming for students!

Not attending tonight's gala? **Check out these three ways to get involved.**

1. **Meet the PGCPS alumni the PGCPS alumni** who are being celebrated for their stellar achievements across industries.
2. **Make a donation** to the Excellence in Education Foundation by **texting PGCPSHOF22 to 44-321**. Since 2012, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million to nearly 400 graduating seniors to support their pursuit of college and careers. No donation is too small!
3. **Bid on artwork** by students in the Suitland High School Center for the Visual and Performing Arts! Auction proceeds will be split between student artists and the Foundation!

U.S. Secretary of Education, Governor Visit PGCPS



“Climate and culture trump strategy all day. There is a culture of family here. That’s the foundation on which you build strategy.” ~U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona

Secretary Cardona toured classrooms at Fort Foote Elementary School and heard from parents about ways the school is supporting students in pandemic learning recovery.



Governor Larry Hogan visited Eleanor Roosevelt High School to meet with students and staff who have benefited from computer science education funding.

Attendance Matters: Anti-Truancy Campaign





CEO Dr. Monica Goldson and State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy are shining a spotlight on absenteeism.

"Our goal is for every student to attend school every day and on time," said Dr. Goldson. "We want students to be engaged in learning and to stay on track for college and career success. It takes a community approach to meet the needs of our students and families."

What to Expect: New Telehealth for Students

Are you wondering what to expect of the new telehealth service for students and how it actually works? See it in action!





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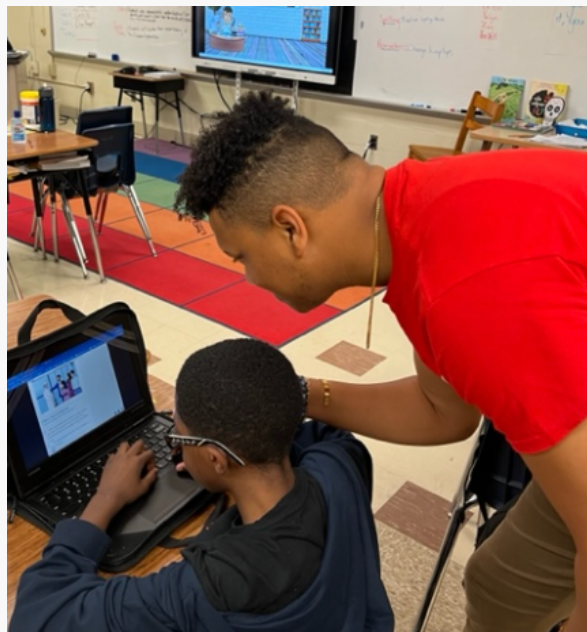
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Please encourage families to sign up and consent for care! Hazel Health is available to every student at no cost, regardless of their insurance or financial

[Learn more](#)

Spotlights

'Growing Our Own' at Lamont Elementary School



Upon graduating from Virginia Union University and working in public relations and ministry, Walter Washington, IV wanted to switch careers. He began his journey with PGCPSS as a dedicated aid on Lamont Elementary School's special education team.

After eight months in the role, Washington was promoted to an itinerant special education assistant, during which he gained a better understanding of curriculum, IEPs and daily functions of the classroom. Five years later he was promoted to a paraprofessional, including serving as a substitute teacher. This fall, he began his first year as a classroom teacher!

"Principal Massa McClain encouraged me to keep going, continue to grow and not to become complacent," Washington said. "She reminded me of the impact that I have on students. I'm so grateful for PGCPSS developing me and for Principal McClain, who guided me and ensured I kept growing."

Supporting Future Educators

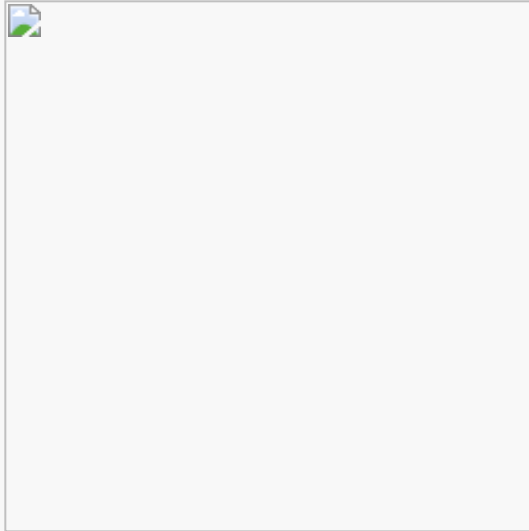


Maryland Leads program participants began their journey with Notre Dame of Maryland University! The two-year program will assist support personnel in completing coursework and testing toward teacher certification.



Recruitment and Retention Advisor Ranae Stradford joined human resources leaders from school districts across the state as a panelist for the University of Maryland College of Education's Jumpstart Your Job Search event!

Dance Teacher Awarded Wolf Trap Grant



Gwynn Park High School dance teacher Karon Johnson received a grant through the [Wolf Trap High School Performing Arts Teachers](#) program for her project: *Makerspaces for Dancers/Movement Exploration!*

Global Ambassador on Student Mental Health



CMIT North Elementary School math and science teacher Tangelia Terrell presented at the Mental Health Symposium in Budapest, Hungary on ways students can care for their mental health.

PG13: “Leaders Step Up”





From the field to the hallways, coaches and players demonstrate their leadership philosophies.

In the News

Hall of Fame Gala Preview!



Eleanor Roosevelt High School students joined FOX5's Good Morning DC to model designs from 2022 Hall of Fame honoree, international menswear designer Miguel Wilson!

[Watch](#)

Fulbright Award Opens Doors for Teacher and Students



“When students are in my presence, I make sure I give them — I pour into them — as much as I can and show them as much of the world as possible,” said Dr. Chidi Duru, teacher and chair of the science department at Crossland High School.

[WTOP Story](#)

Announcements & Professional Development

#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](#)

Free Flu Shot Clinics



Receive a free flu shot on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the Sasscer Administration Building or Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Skyline Administrative Building. To sign up, email wellness.benefits@pgcps.org.

[Info for CareFirst Members](#)

[Info for Kaiser Members](#)

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

SafeSchools Trainings: Round 3

Round 3 of mandatory SafeSchools training modules are due by Monday, Nov. 7. [Start trainings now!](#)

Principal Application Window 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

October celebrations continue!



Oxon Hill Elementary School staff represent for Red Ribbon Week.



Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School hosted a 5K in honor of colleague Demeta Snowden who is a breast cancer survivor!



Barack Obama Elementary School teachers and survivors Heather Mallonee, Vatesha Boulter and Melani Bridgesat spread awareness!

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