



EXPRESS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

Top News

Diverse Books Anchor New 'Rising Voices' Library



Actress and mentor Tatyana Ali reads to students at the library unveiling.

Glassmanor Elementary School's second grade library received a makeover this week including more than 900 culturally relevant books that reflect diverse experiences. Scholastic Education Solutions and the National Alliance of Black School Educators Foundation installed the new Rising Voices Library and also donated 100 additional books to every teacher in the school!

#PGCPS Proud: Jaguar Football Makes History!



For the first time in school history, the Charles Herbert Flowers High School Jaguars varsity football team advanced to the Class 4A state football championship to compete against Quince Orchard!

FLOWERS IS HEADING TO STATES

"Dreaming Of A State Championship"

Check out the Jaguars' journey to the Maryland State Championship game!





Power of One: Holiday Giveback



'Tis the season for giving thanks, giving back and spreading cheer! Show us the ways — big or small — you are making a positive impact for students, families or community for a chance to win one of three \$100 Amazon gift cards courtesy of American College of Education!

Submissions should be emailed to newsletters@pgcps.org by Monday, Dec. 12 and must include a photo(s) and description of your project.

Nominate an Outstanding Educator/ Principal



Nominations for the annual *The Washington Post* principal and teacher of the year awards are open! Two nominees (one teacher and one principal) will be selected to represent PGCPs in the regional competition for [The Washington Post Principal and Teacher of the Year](#) awards.

Email nomination packets to communications@pgcps.org (the Office of Communications) by **Friday, Jan. 13, 2023**. Do not send packets directly to *The Washington Post*.

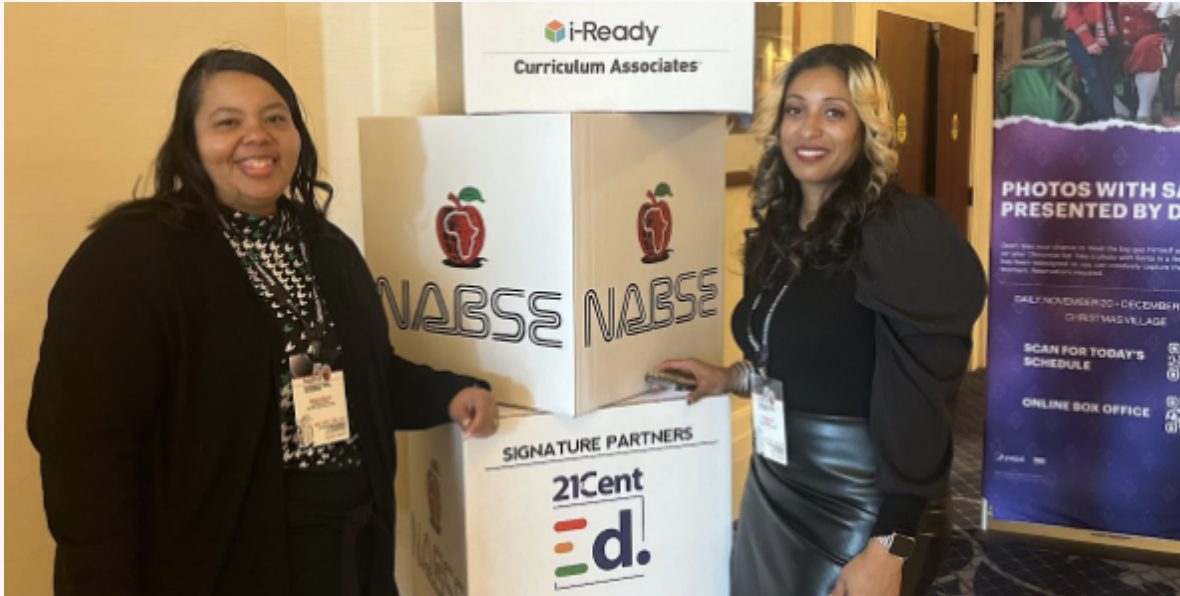
Teacher of the Year Application

Principal of the Year Application

Spotlights

#TeamPGCPS Shines at National Alliance of Black School Educators Conference





CEO Dr. Monica Goldson along with district leaders and staff attended and served as presenters at the 50th Annual National Alliance of Black School Educators Conference this week held right here in Prince George's County!

Health Educators Honored



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

contributions to health education including: C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional Adapted Aquatics teacher, **Michael Djangali**, Buck Lodge Middle School Adapted Physical Education teacher **Lisa Belcastro** and Adapted Aquatics Coordinator, **Jay Bass**.



The Adapted Physical Education team participated in a Special Olympics training opportunity at the University of Maryland College Park long with CRI students from Central and Bowie high schools!

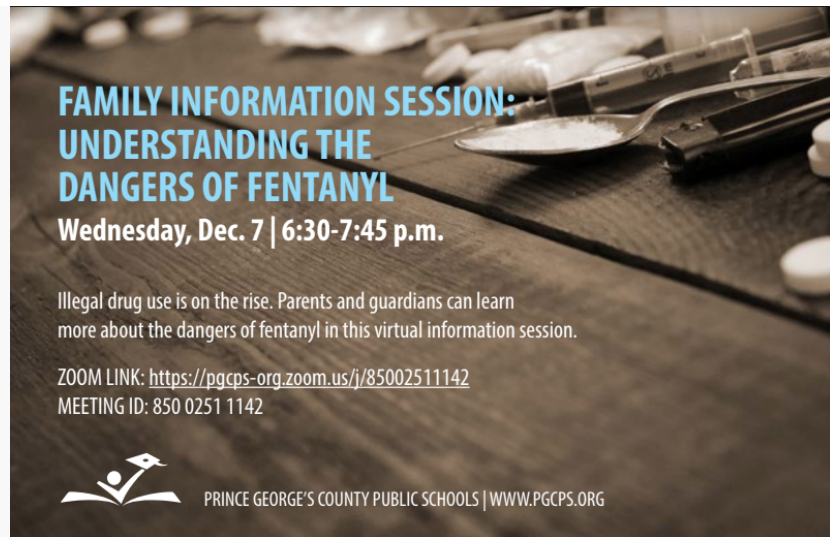
Men Making a Difference



Walker Mill Middle School hosted "Men Make A Difference Day" welcoming dads, granddads and special guests to share messages of encouragement.

Announcements & Professional Development


Speaking with Youth About Fentanyl



**FAMILY INFORMATION SESSION:
UNDERSTANDING THE
DANGERS OF FENTANYL**
Wednesday, Dec. 7 | 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Illegal drug use is on the rise. Parents and guardians can learn more about the dangers of fentanyl in this virtual information session.

ZOOM LINK: <https://pgcps-org.zoom.us/j/85002511142>
MEETING ID: 850 0251 1142



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The use of dangerous fentanyl pills by youth is on the rise. [Join us](#) this Wednesday to learn more about risks and prevention.

School Construction Update Meetings



New schools are on the way! Over the next two weeks, there will be virtual updates on the following projects:

Suitland High School

Wednesday, Dec. 7 | 7 p.m.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Colin L. Powell K-8 Academy

Thursday, Dec. 8 | 6:30 p.m.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

James E. Duckworth Elementary

Monday, Dec. 12 | 6 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

Springhill Lake Elementary

Monday, Dec. 12 | 7 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

Brandywine K-8 School*

Monday, Dec. 12 | 8 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

Margaret Brent Elementary*

Thursday, Dec. 15 | 6 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

Hyattsville Elementary

Thursday, Dec. 15 | 7 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

Robert Frost K-8 School*

Thursday, Dec. 15 | 8 p.m.

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

*School name pending confirmation

In the News

CEO in the Running for National School Leadership Award



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson is a finalist for the The School Superintendents Association 2023 [Women in School Leadership Award](#) which pays tribute to the talent, creativity and vision of outstanding women educational administrators in the nation's public schools.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Power of One: Season of Giving

United Way



Our annual United Way fundraising campaign kicked off on November 28 and will run through December 9. This year's theme is "**Power of One: Season of Giving.**" Check your email for more information on how to donate!

Tax Sheltered Annuity Plans Now Available



PGCPS employees can save for retirement by participating in both a 403(b) and or 457(b) plan. Roth investment options are now available!

Why Save With one of these Plans?

Unlike the traditional pre-tax 403(b) and 457(b) options, Roth plans allow you to contribute after-tax dollars and then withdraw tax-free dollars from your account when you retire.

How can I participate?

Prior to contribution you must open an account with an [investment provider participating](#) in the plan. You may then complete a [Salary Reduction agreement](#).

[Learn more](#)

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

Accokeek Academy Assistant Principal, Tenesia Crook of the Shinnecock Tribe and School Registrar, Sarita Smith of the Piscataway Tribe share their Native American Heritage with students and staff in traditional attire!



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