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## PGCPS Express: Accepting Nominations for Teacher of the Year!

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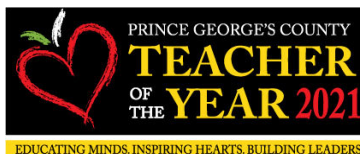


May 14, 2021

### Get the Scoop

#### Accepting Nominations for Teacher of the Year

The PGCPS Teacher of the Year program celebrates the accomplishments of educators and selects a representative for the Maryland State Department of Education's Maryland Teacher of the Year Program.



Due to the pandemic, the 2021-22 Teacher of the Year selection process is modified.

#### New this year:

- Streamlined PGCPS Teacher of the Year application process
- Self-nominations accepted
- Virtual classroom visits by PGCPS leadership
- Expedited selection process

Educators interested in being considered for PGCPS Teacher of the Year should complete the [Interest Form](#) by Monday, May 17. Only responses received via the interest form will be considered.

For questions, please contact [teacheroftheyear@pgcps.org](mailto:teacheroftheyear@pgcps.org).

#### Teacher Appreciation On-Demand Wellness Sessions

Thank you for joining our virtual celebration for educators: **Above & Beyond** in support of Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3 - May 7)! With the support of sponsors **Kaiser Permanente** and the **American College of Education (ACE)**, we were able to provide a daily dose of selfcare through virtual wellness programming.

If you missed some of the virtual programming, please use the links below to access select recorded sessions.

- **Monday, May 3: Stress Management**

Click [here](#) to watch the program.

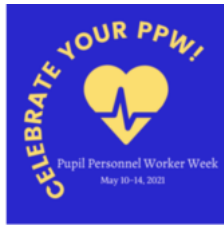
- **Wednesday, May 5: Transformational Thinking/Mindful Meditation**

Click [here](#) to watch the program.

- **Friday, May 7: Reflective Journaling**

Click [here](#) to watch the program.

#### Thank You, Pupil Personnel Workers!



We extend our deepest thanks to our Pupil Personnel team for their critical work supporting students and their families!

Pupil Personnel Workers are specialists who support student's rights and responsibilities and ensure due process for all students.

During the COVID 19 pandemic, pupil personnel workers are staying connected to students and families by checking in, providing resources and information, and assisting in removing barriers to student achievement.

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## Our "Why": College & Career Decision Day



In case you missed it, the Departments of Student Services and Career and Technical Education hosted the first-ever joint College & Career Decision Day! [Hear from soon-to-be grads](#) across our high schools about their plans for college, career & military service — plus words of encouragement from local colleges and universities, military leadership and career partners!

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## Feedback Wanted: PGcps Equity Strategic Plan



Share your thoughts on the [Emerging Strategic Framework \(ESF\)](#) that will guide development of the PGcps Equity Strategic Plan! After viewing our short [introductory video](#), submit feedback via a [short questionnaire](#).

## In the Spotlight

## #HealthcareHeroes: School Nurse Appreciation Day



On Wednesday, we celebrated PGcps nurses for **School Nurse Day**. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our students!

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## Lyrical Surprise for Friendly High School Principal



Hip-hop legend Doug E. Fresh and students share lyrical appreciation to Friendly High School Principal Robin Pope-Brown! [Watch](#)

### PG13: "Onward & Upward"



In [Episode 11](#) of high school sports series *PG13*, the crew goes off the field to meet two of up and coming Jaguars and explores the family bonds that serve as their foundation.

**Nominate a colleague** who makes you #PGCPS Proud by sending their name, office/school, photo and a brief description (100 words or less) to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org). Submissions may be edited for length, clarity or grammar.

### Benefits Services: Our Focus Is You

#### #HealthyPGCPS: Digital Detox

Wellness 360 will host [Digital Detox](#) on Wednesday, May 19 beginning at 4 p.m. Technology is hard to avoid these days and is an integral part of our lives. This seminar will cover the impact digital devices have on our health and tips on how to “un-plug” to help the body and mind rejuvenate.

Visit [Wellness360](#) for more information.

### Announcements and Professional Development

#### New "Teacher Talk" Webinar Series



**Keishia Thorpe**  
English Teacher  
International High School  
@Langley Park



**Dr. Carletta Marrow**  
Associate Superintendent  
for High Schools  
PGCPS



**Earl Todd**  
Building Supervisor  
C.H. Flowers High School



**Sunta Dawson-Harris**  
Social Studies Teacher  
Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High  
School

RSVP at [www.lifechangeroftheyear.com/teachertalk/pgcps](http://www.lifechangeroftheyear.com/teachertalk/pgcps)

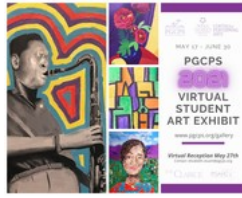


On Wednesday, May 26, hear from teachers and staff on how we keep students and staff safe as schools reopen in the first session of LifeChanger of the Year's TeacherTalk series

for educators in the DC area! [RSVP](#)

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## Virtual Art Exhibit Opens May 17



Save the date! Beginning Monday, May 17, view nearly 600 works in our Virtual Student Art Exhibit on the PGCPSS website!

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### #TeachWithUs: Spread the Word About PGCPSS Careers!

#TeamPGCPS: It's time to get social! Here are three ways you can get involved as a #PGCPS Pride ambassador to help us spread the word about careers with PGCPSS:

1. **DOWNLOAD & DISPLAY** a social media banner and Zoom background to [show](#) your #PGCPS Pride!
2. **SHARE** our [#TeachWithUs message](#) with your social media networks.
3. **REFER** a [teacher interested](#) in learning more about PGCPSS careers for a chance to win!

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## Reminder: SafeSchools Trainings

Employees are encouraged to complete any outstanding [SafeSchools](#) training modules.

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