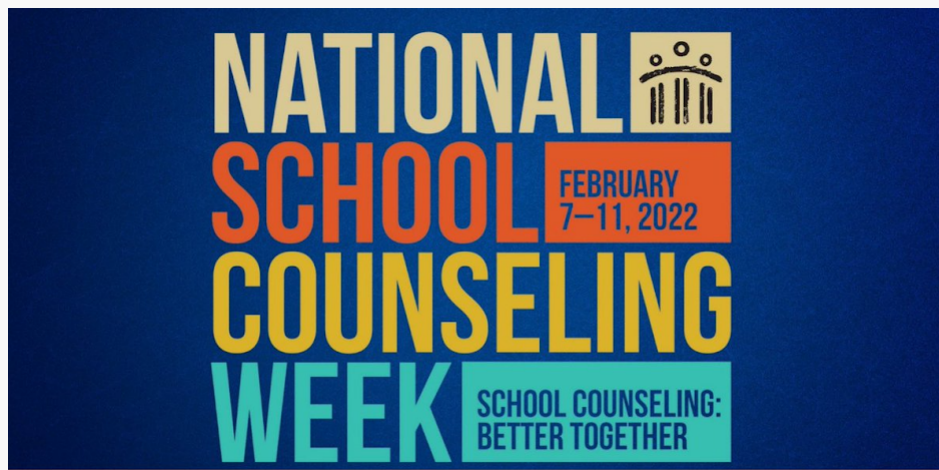


## Top News

### Thank You, School Counselors!



For National School Counseling Week, we celebrate the nearly 400 PGCPS professional school counselors who empower students to achieve their dreams. Thanks for the work you do to support students, families and schools!

### New Program to Expand Arts for Elementary Students



Arts for Learning Maryland has been awarded a nearly \$4 million grant to pilot the *Start with the Art* program in PGCPS elementary schools. This arts-integrated program will allow students to learn about math, reading and art in the same lesson with the goal of improved academic performance and emotional well-being.

[Read More](#)



*Click to hear Department of Creative and Performing Arts Officer Lee Gibbs discuss the program.*

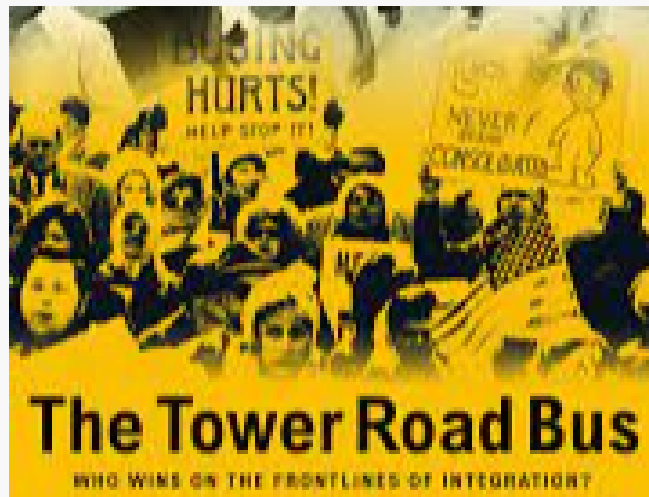
## Assistant Principal Application Window Open

FY2023 Assistant Principal applications will be accepted through **Friday, March 4** via iRecruitment for **internal applicants only**. Carefully review the video and information sheet detailing the selection process prior to submitting an application to IRC170120.

[Application Process Video](#)

[Selection Process](#)

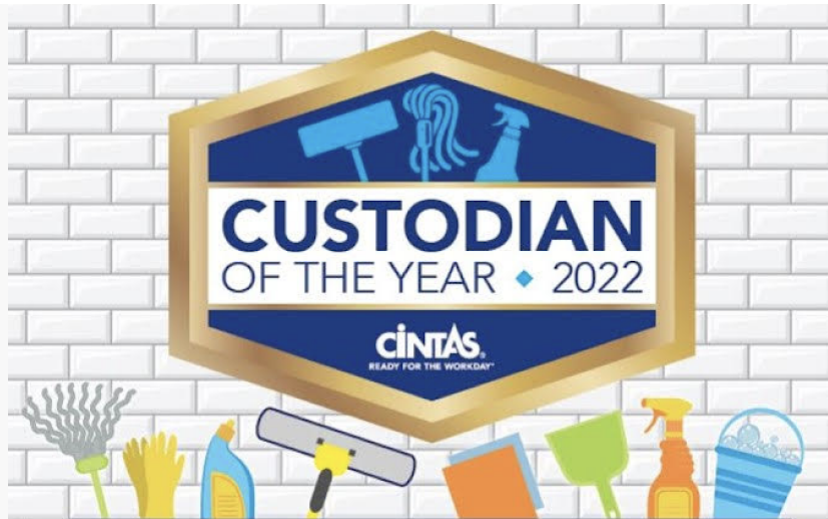
## #PGCPSproud: Black History in Focus



Learn about Dotson Burns, the first PGCPS African American principal, in the documentary *The Tower Road Bus*, which revives the unresolved stories of African American students and educators thrust into all-white schools during the 1970s. The documentary airs on Feb. 15 at 9 p.m. and Feb. 21 at noon on the Howard University Television Station (WHUT) Comcast: 32, 802 (DC) and 19, Fios: 3, 532.

[Watch Trailer](#)

## Nominate a Star Custodian!



Schools are encouraged to nominate custodians who go above and beyond the call of duty for National Custodian of the Year! The winner will receive \$10,000 from Cintas, and their school will receive \$5,000 worth of products from Rubbermaid.

[Learn more](#)

## In the Spotlight

### CTE Team Honored for Excellence!



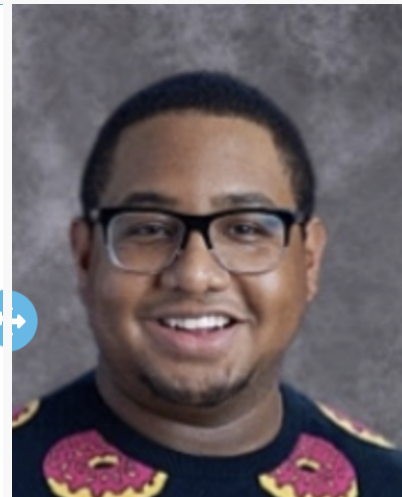
**Debra Walker**

2022 ACTE Maryland  
Teacher of the Year  
Bladensburg High  
School



**Dr. Regina**

**Spruill** 2022 ACTE  
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Teacher Educator of  
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ACTE Maryland

Counseling & Career

Development Award

Frederick Douglass

High School

As we continue to celebrate CTE Month, the Association of Career and Technical Education has acknowledged PGCPs professionals who have demonstrated commitment to CTE through innovation, accomplishments and contributions to the community.

**Nominate a colleague** who makes you #PGCPSProud 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.

## Announcements and Professional Development

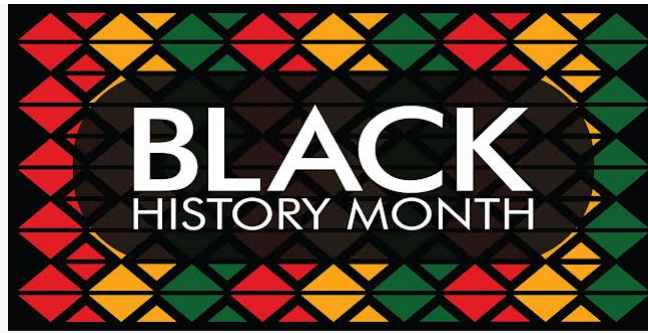
### Masters in ESOL or Reading/Literacy at Bowie State

Learn more on how to earn a Masters Degree in Reading Education and the ESOL Pathway Program with Bowie State University on March 2, from 5 - 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact: Reading/Literacy Education: Dr. Jacquelyn Sweeney [jsweeney@bowiestate.edu](mailto:jsweeney@bowiestate.edu) ESOL: Dr. Peter Parker [pparker@bowiestate.edu](mailto:pparker@bowiestate.edu) Dr. Olga Pabón [opabon@pgcps.org](mailto:opabon@pgcps.org)

Register

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Celebrating Black History: Show & Tell!



Please show and tell us about the fun, creative and engaging ways your class, school or office is celebrating Black History Month! Entries will be featured on PGCPS social media channels.

Submit

## Registration Extended: BookNook Math Tutoring



Registration for free math tutoring with BookNook is now open for students in grades K-3 at [28 select schools](#). The math tutoring is also open to *all* fourth and fifth grade students! Please encourage eligible families to take advantage of this opportunity. **Registration ends Feb. 25.**

## '21-'22 Calendar Updates



The Board of Education has approved the following changes to the 2021-22 school calendar:

- PGCPS will observe Juneteenth on Monday, June 20.
- The Monday, March 7 professional development day is now a regular instructional day for students.
- The last day of school for both students and teachers will be Thursday, June 23.

Please note: Additional inclement weather days may be virtual learning days.

[Sign Up](#)

## MSDE Seeks Input on Strategic Plan



The Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) seeks input from educators on its multi-year strategic plan for the future of Maryland's education system.

[Take Survey](#)

**#TeamPGCPS Papparazzi**



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