

March 25, 2022

## Top News

### Model to Build New Schools Earns International Award!



Our [Blueprint Schools](#) program was named Social Infrastructure Project of the Year this week at the P3 Awards — the second international award for this first-of-its-kind school financing model! PGCPS is the first public school system in the nation to leverage a full-scope alternative financing model for a multi-school construction program. Phase one of the program will deliver [six new schools](#) by 2023: Adelphi, Drew-Freeman, Hyattsville, Kenmoor and Walker Mill middle schools and Colin L. Powell K-8 Academy in Fort Washington.

[Learn More](#)

[Construction Updates](#)

### Town Hall for the New Suitland High School



Join the Department of Capital programs on Tuesday, April 5 for a town hall to discuss the design and construction of the new Suitland High School!

[Register](#)

**Apply for 2022 Summer School Positions**



2022 summer school job opportunities are now available. Details on each summer school program can be found by visiting the [2022 Summer Programs Listing & Details](#). The application deadline is Friday, April 22. Please refer to Bulletin P-0-22 for more information. Questions? [summerschool@pgcps.org](mailto:summerschool@pgcps.org).

## **Spring Break COVID-19 Home Testing**



To mitigate potential COVID-19 spread that may be experienced during spring break, schools will receive a shipment of COVID-19 home test kits beginning the week of March 28. Students and staff are asked to self-administer the test prior to returning to schools on Tuesday, April 19.

## Refer a Teacher + Be Entered to Win!

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**REFER A TEACHER**

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[HR.RECRUITMENT@PGCPs.ORG](mailto:HR.RECRUITMENT@PGCPs.ORG)

FOUR LUCKY WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A \$25 AMAZON GIFT CARD AND A PGCPs SWAG BAG!

Participants must complete the PGCPs teacher referral form to qualify to win. Winners will be announced by May 3rd!

*Special Thanks to our "Refer a Teacher" raffle sponsor, American College of Education (ACE).*

Click **HERE** for a chance to win!

Do you know an educator who may be interested in learning more about careers with PGCPs? Tell us about it for a chance to win a gift card or swag bag! Thank you in advance for helping us spread the word about and build momentum around careers with PGCPs!

Refer a Teacher

## Boys and Girls Club New After School Program



Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington visited Port Towns Elementary School this week to announce a new virtual after school program, Clubhouse @ Your House! The partnership will provide activities for students in art, STEM, health, character & leadership development and more.

## Seniors: Share a Video for College/Career Signing Day



Do you work with high school seniors? Encourage them to get involved in College and Career Signing Day by submitting a short video sharing their post-graduation plans —whether heading to college or into a career or military!

Submit videos (15 to 25 seconds) to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org) with subject "College Signing Day" by Monday, April 4.

## Spotlight

### Gwynn Park High School Featured for National Agriculture Day



National officers from Future Farmers of America (FFA) and USDA visited Gwynn Park High School this week to learn about their award-winning FFA chapter and see student projects in action! The program is led by Environmental Agricultural Natural Resources Coordinator Leasa Gudderra.

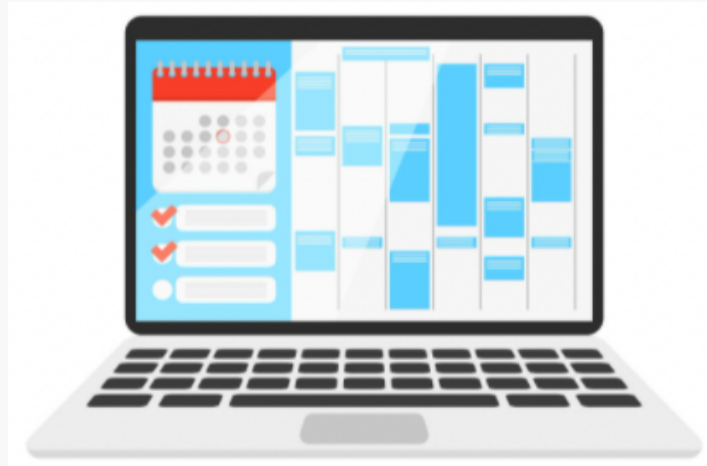
### Mount Rainier Elementary Receives Gift for School Improvements



Mount Rainier Elementary School received a \$100,000 gift from Heart of America for renovations including new desks and student seating, flooring, inspirational graphics and more!

## Announcements

### 2022-2023 Calendar Approved



The Board of Education has approved the 2022-2023 school year calendar. The first day for teachers is Friday, Aug. 19 and the first day of school for students is Monday, Aug. 29.

[More Info](#)

### Save for Retirement: Roth Investment Options Available



PGCPS employees have the opportunity to save for retirement by participating in both a 403(b) and or 457(b) plan.

**Why save with one of these plans?**

For traditional 403(b) and 457(b) plans you do not have to pay income tax on the allowable contributions until you begin making withdrawals from the plan, usually after your retirement. The paycheck contributions are deducted on a pre-tax basis. Investment gains in the plan are not taxed until distributed.

For the Roth plans, unlike the traditional pre-tax 403(b) and 457(b) options, you contribute after-tax dollars and then withdraw tax-free dollars from your account when you retire. Retirement assets from both plans can be carried from one employer to another in most states.

### **How can I participate?**

Prior to contribution you must open an account with an investment provider participating in the plan and complete a salary reduction agreement form online.

[List of Providers](#)

[Salary Reduction Agreement](#)

## **PGCEA Foundation Scholarship Opportunity for Seniors**

The Racial and Social Justice Committee of the Prince George's County Educators' Association has established a scholarship fund for graduating seniors in PGCPs with outstanding academic performance, leadership qualities and financial need. The application deadline is April 9.

[Application](#)

## **Education Roundtable on Supporting English Learners**



# Virtual English Learner Education Roundtable

**March 29 at 6 p.m. EST**

**Facilitated by:** Maryland Superintendent of Schools Mohammed Choudhury and Executive Director of CASA Gustavo Torres

**Featuring:** Students, families, educators, and community organizations



Maryland Public Schools Superintendent Mohammed Choudhury and Executive Director of CASA Gustavo Torres are co-hosting a roundtable with students, families, educators, and community organizations to discuss how to better support EL students and families through our public education system on March 29, at 6 p.m.

[Watch Livestream](#)

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Deadline Approaching: Nominate an Outstanding Educator!



CHRISTA McAULIFFE  
**AWARD**

The Christa McAuliffe Award recognizes excellence in teaching in honor of the educator who lost her life in the 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger explosion. The award is presented annually to a teacher who shares the mark of distinction that McAuliffe achieved for the teaching profession. **Deadline: April 1** [Nominate](#)

### University of Maryland Programs for Aspiring Leaders



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The University of Maryland (UMD) is accepting applications for aspiring leaders in the **School Improvement Leadership Certificate** program (w/Admin 1 certification) and the **School Systems Leadership Ed.D.** program (w/Superintendency II certification). The application deadline for both programs is June 15. Candidates can learn more and view upcoming virtual info sessions here: UMD [Admin 1 program](#) and UMD [Ed.D. program](#).

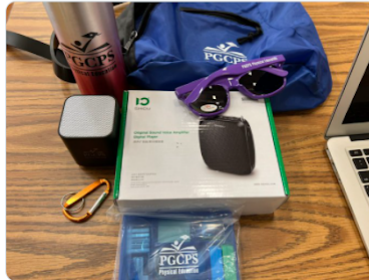
For questions about the Admin 1 program, candidates may email Dr. Jean Snell at: [jsnell@umd.edu](mailto:jsnell@umd.edu). For questions about the Ed.D. program, candidates may email Dr. Doug Anthony at: [danthony@umd.edu](mailto:danthony@umd.edu).

## #TeamPGCPS Paparazzi



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Thank you @pgcps Physical Education Department for that spring semester goodie bag!



Dr. Richard Thomas McKee Jr.  
@DrRTMjr

Our amazing Hyattsville Police Department Chief of Police read to @HESPGCPS Prekindergarten students! The Hungry Caterpillar never sounded so exciting! @pgcps @drmonicaceo @drhelencoley @KasandraLassit4 @NikiBrown8 @HyattsvillePD #PGCPSproud



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