Greetings Partners, Principals, and Friends,

Last year was filled with both blessings and challenges. While we were optimistically looking forward to the end of the pandemic, 2021 did not grant us our heart’s desire.

The need for support for our students and their families proved just as great as last year. Your support was unwavering as you helped to provide our students with PPE, increased COVID-19 testing and vaccination opportunities while also providing meals and school supplies to students most in need. In celebration of your support please look for our Partnership Honors Wall in the pages below as we celebrate the many business and community partners who supported our students and schools during a time of great need and concern.

As it has been said, "A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal." This pandemic has been challenging for us all. My heart especially goes out to our students, who are experiencing a very different childhood from what we will ever know. We will never forget the impact or the wounds of this pandemic.
Your compassion and commitment toward our students never wavered and has undoubtedly soothed the wounds of this time, especially during the holiday season.

As the holiday season was more challenging due to changes in the economy, supply chain shortages, and pandemic progression, our business and community partners stepped up to ensure that students’ needs were met.

I would like to thank the Prince George's County Public Safety Assistance Program for donating 250 Christmas dinner baskets and the Prince George's County Police Department for hosting its annual Cora Rice Christmas Party for Deserving Children. Your incredible work helped to make the holiday season brighter for our students. We thank you for your service and commitment to Prince George’s County Public Schools.

This newsletter is dedicated to the power of our partners and your resilience, which continues to richly shape our school system. Please join me in celebrating our partners in the following sections and taking a look at the great things that are happening within our schools.

I am looking forward to the incredible things we will make happen this year.

Yours in service,

Barbara Holt Streeter

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Partnerships Officer
PGCPS Partners, County Government & the Arts Community Came Together to Celebrate History & Community!

Prince George's County Public Schools, Prince George's County Office of the County Executive, and the Prince George’s Arts & Humanities Council join forces to celebrate history and community at William W. Hall Academy.

The school was the beneficiary of a new mural by artist Ryan Allen. The mural depicted historic landmarks along with messages of hope, resilience and continued growth to accomplish your goals.
PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

Mount Rose Links Host White Coat Ceremony

On December 15, 2021, the Mount Rose (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated conducted its 2nd Annual White Coat Ceremony at Friendly High School for students interested in the medical field.

The rising seniors are part of the Academy of Health Professionals (AHP) at Friendly High School under the direction of Ms. Annissa Grimes, AHP Coordinator.

With a virtual audience of more than 80 guests, 20 rising seniors were inducted into the program. Friendly High School librarian Sharon Gibson presided over the event. Mel Franklin, At-Large County Council Member served as the guest speaker, commending students for their participation and pursuing a career in health care.
Join us in celebrating our business and community partners who have an approved Memorandum of Understanding or signed Partnership Agreement through the Office of Community Partnerships as of December 2021.

- 360 Degree Development Institute
- Assurance Therapeutic Services
- BCAUSEICAN
- Becky's Fund
- Blessings In A Backpack
- Bowie Boys & Girls Club
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington
- Brighter Bites
- Capital Area Food Bank
- CF Charities
- Chicas With A Purpose
- Chores 4 Charities
- Christ Our Redeemer A.M.E. Church
- City of College Park
- City of Laurel, Laurel Helping Hands
- Coalition for African-Americans in the Performing Arts
- Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools
- College Track
- Community Builders, LTD
- Community Youth Advance
- Cook Healthy Eat Fresh
- DeMatha Catholic HS - Soccer Program
- End Time Harvest Ministries
- First Baptist Church of Glenarden
- First Generation College Bound
- Game Plan, Inc.
- Girls on the Run DC
- Good Trouble Think Tank
- HAARPPP Therapeutic Services, LLC
- Healthy Solutions
- Higher Achievement
- Imara Roose, Inc.
- Indie Voice
- International Rescue Committee
- Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.)
- Joe's Movement Emporium
- Kaiser Permanente & Unite Us
- Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation of MD
- Kettering Baptist Church
- KEYS Development
- Liberty's Promise
- Lindaben Foundation, Inc.
- Love's Truth Church
- Lovely Ladies of Laurel
- Mary's Center
- McDougall International, Inc.
- Mentoring Through Athletics
- National Council of Negro Women - Mitchellville-Bowie Section
- Navy Surface Warfare Center
- New Creations Christian Church and Ministries
- Operation Reach Back
- Pearl Elegance Foundation, Inc. (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.)
- Prince George's County Education Coalition
- Prince George's County Sheriff's Office
- Prince George's County Tennis Educational Foundation
- Prince George's County (MD) Chapter, The Links, Inc.
- R.I.S.E Family Services LLC
Join us in celebrating our business and community partners who have an approved Memorandum of Understanding or signed Partnership Agreement through the Office of Community Partnerships as of December 2021.

- Rack Room Shoes, Inc.
- Reading Is Fundamental
- Restorative Response Baltimore (formerly known as Key Bridge Foundation)
- Richard J. Caron Foundation
- Side By Side, Inc.
- State Farm Insurance
- Suitland Technology Education Engagement Resource Ctr., Inc. (STEER)
- Temple of Praise International Church
- The Center for Supportive Schools
- The ERHKY Foundation
- True Deliverance Church of God Ministries
- University of MD Academic Achievement Program
- Urban Alliance
- Volunteers of America (Chesapeake & Carolinas)
- Walden University
- White Rose Foundation
- Whole Foods Market Distribution Center
- Woodstream Church
- Y-Knot, Inc.
- Young Pharaohs Mentoring Academy
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Delta Zeta Zeta Chapter)

Thank You, Partners!
We also want to recognize the following community partners for their many contributions throughout the school year and the pandemic.

- Amazon
- Aetna
- American College of Education
- Chick-fil-A
- Educational Systems Federal Credit Union
- The ELOCEN Group, LLC
- EVOLVE, Inc.
- Food4Thought
- G.S. Proctor & Associates, Inc.
- Heavy Is The Crown
- Kaiser Permanente
- Kingdom Fellowship A.M.E. Church
- MGM National Harbor
- Safeway (Croom Road)
- Minority Access, Inc.
- Pohanka Honda of Capitol Heights
- Staples
- Starbucks Prince George's County Community Store
- Texas Roadhouse
- UnitedHealthcare
- Wegmans

With the support of partners like you, 71% of our schools have an established community partner with an approved MOU or signed Partnership Agreement through the Office of Community Partnerships. Help us reach 100%, refer a business, community, or faith-based organization today to join our Adopt A School Program!
Please remember:

- Our next PGCPS Community Partners Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16 from 2-3 p.m. Please be on the lookout for future electronic correspondence.
- We want to promote the great things you are doing in our schools. Please email us at partnerships@pgcps.org with photos and details about events you host to support our students and schools.
- Please remember all partner programs will remain virtual until further notice.
- All volunteers have to complete mandatory SafeSchools Training every new school year.
- Volunteers must sign up in our new Volunteer Registration System (VRS) if they haven't done so already. To become a volunteer, click here.
- Please send us an updated Certificate of Insurance when your current one expires.
- Let us know when you want to add a school to your partnership agreement.

Please contact us if you have any questions at partnerships@pgcps.org.
A WORD FROM OUR PARTNERS

American College of Education to Host Webinar to Share Opportunities Available to PGCPS Staff!

PGCPS Teachers and Staff, make this year your year!

Join us to learn about available opportunities with American College of Education, including:

- Single course offerings
- Master’s in Educational Leadership
- Online doctoral programs
- Partnership grants... and more!

February 23
7 PM EST

Melissa Hill
Manager, Field Operations

Register Here: https://aceedu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4ZRc_r43QtCaRTT_SmX6sw
Cannot attend? That is fine, please still register. This session will be recorded and shared after the event.
A WORD FROM OUR PARTNERS

Driving School Scholarships Are Available to PGCPS Juniors and Seniors

January 28, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) believes each high school student should be afforded the opportunity to obtain a credential vital for gainful employment.

Therefore, CPSTS is sponsoring a FREE Scholarship Program for students who meet certain eligibility responsibilities. CPSTS understands that a State of Maryland Driver’s License can position a student to meet the hiring standards of many private and public job opportunities; therefore, CPSTS is proud to announce the following scholarship program:

◆ The full tuition of $375.00 for each Junior or Senior student who attends a Prince George’s County High School and meets the requirements will be paid in full by The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc.

◆ The scholarship is available to students who are members of the Junior or Senior class ages 16 to 18 years old.

Although this is a free scholarship, registration is required. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each student to ensure that he/she is registered in order to participate in this scholarship program. Training classes will be held for ten (10) Sundays, excluding holidays, beginning on Sunday, April 3, 2022, and ending on Sunday, July 17, 2022. DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ALL CLASSES WILL BE ONLINE.

To register, visit https://www.cpsts.org. If there are questions, please contact Mr. Nelson of the Linnel Driving School, at 301-341-1700 or Mr. Taylor of The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. at (240) 508-4203, on or before March 4, 2022. Attached, is a schedule of the class dates.

“The driver’s license or affiliation with CPSTS does not guarantee employment by Prince George’s County; however, it may assist with meeting the hiring standards of private and public job qualifications.”

“Prince George’s County Public Schools is not sponsoring, endorsing, or recommending the activities announced in this flyer/material.”

Neither PGCPS issued Chrome-Books or Email addresses may be used to apply.
As we continue into the new year, we thank you for being such excellent community partners. Because of your dedication and support, we have accomplished the most challenging targets during 2021 and helped support the educational goals and needs of more than 136,500 students.

We are looking forward to accomplishing even more incredible feats this year.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022!

The Office of Community Partnerships