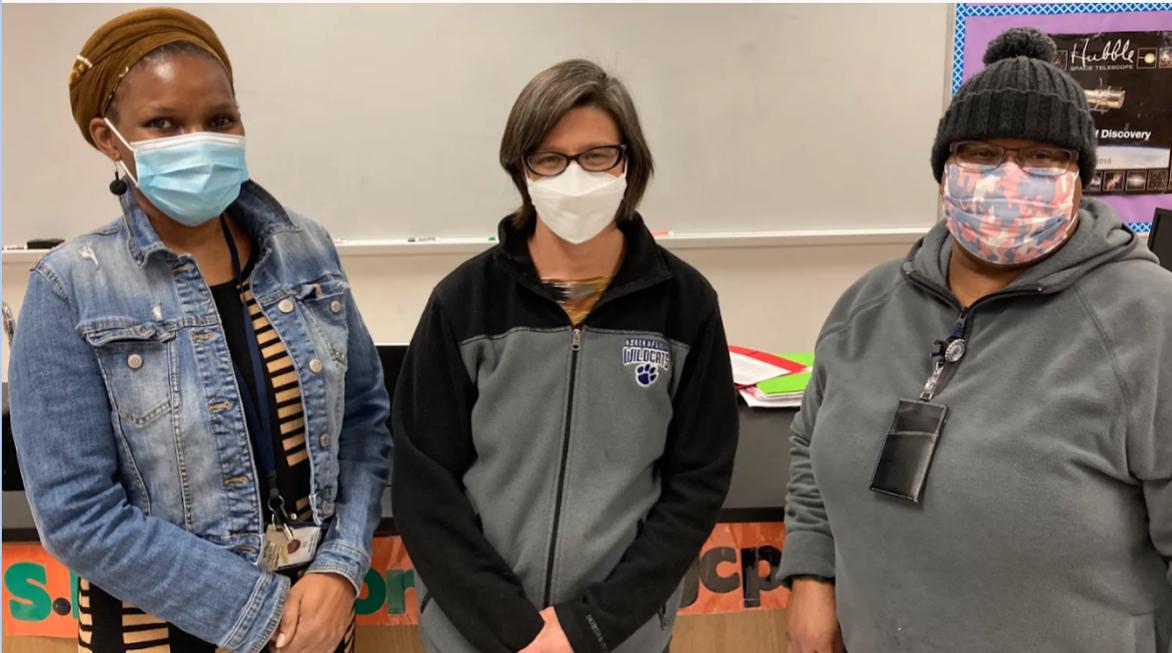


February 4, 2022

## Top News

### Two High Schools Awarded \$100K in Science Grants!



Potomac and Northwestern high schools were awarded nearly \$100,000 in inaugural [Exelon Green Lab grant](#) funds to support green initiatives and STEM! The Northwestern Eco-Club received \$50,000 to replace their greenhouse climate control system, create a horticultural education space and more. The Potomac Green Team received nearly \$50,000 to implement Food that Fuels, a program that will use the school's greenhouse as a community garden to improve access to healthy foods for students and residents.

"I am elated that these grants connect our science curriculum to real world green STEM applications, engage our community and is in sync with our County's Climate Change Action Plan," said Dr. Godfrey Rangasammy, K-12 Science Supervisor.

## '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.

## CTE Month: Hands-on Learning for High-Demand Careers



PGCPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs offer academic and technical skills, and hands-on training that prepares students for careers and

college.

Explore PGCPs CTE

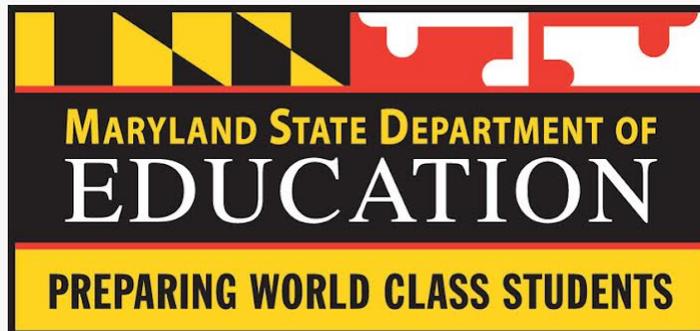
## Celebrating Black History: Show & Tell!



Does your class, school or office have creative or meaningful plans to engage students or staff for Black History Month? We'd love to see and hear about it!

Submit

## MSDE Seeks Input on Strategic Planning Survey



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

**Help Prevent the Spread: Get Vaccinated and Boosted!**

Protect your family and help slow the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated! PGCPS continues to partner with the Prince George's County Health Department to hold after-school mobile vaccination clinics in elementary schools. For a complete clinic schedule of sites throughout the county and to download consent forms for individuals younger than 18, visit the county's vaccine site at [mypgc.us/COVIDvaccine](http://mypgc.us/COVIDvaccine).

## In the Spotlight

### Oxon Hill HS Grad is Changing the Culture of Golf



As one of one of less than 1% of African American professionals in the PGA, learn how Oxon Hill High School graduate Demarkis Cooper is working to diversify and change the culture of golf by eliminating barriers into the game.

[Read More](#)

### Commanders Visit Schools in Name Reveal



As a part of this week's name reveal, the Washington Commanders visited Oxon Hill and Fairmont Heights high schools as they embark on a new chapter of football!

## #PGCPSproud: National Wear Red Day



Thank you for joining us for American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day to spread awareness of heart health and heart disease and stroke in women.

**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

### Teaching Dollars and Sense: Stock Market Game

**THE STOCK MARKET GAME™**

Teachers! Register your students for the Stock Market Game today!  
**FREE** to PGCPSS  
Grades 4 - 12

*Would you like your students to learn about the stock market?*

Questions? Email [mmetzler@towson.edu](mailto:mmetzler@towson.edu)

**Register at [econed.org](http://econed.org)**

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Teachers, would you like to introduce your students to the Stock Market? Learn how to use online investment research tools, access lesson plans and get your class started playing the game. Questions: [mmetzler@towson.edu](mailto:mmetzler@towson.edu).

[Learn More](#)

### Wellness360 Presents: Burn Along



**BurnAlong** gives you instant access to **on-demand and live video classes** spanning 45+ fitness and wellness categories. Classes are accessible on phones, tablets, computers, and smart TVs. There are classes for every age, interest, and fitness level, ranging from 5 to more than 60 minutes. The service is available free of charge to permanent PGCPS employees and their family members (you can add up to four family members under your account).

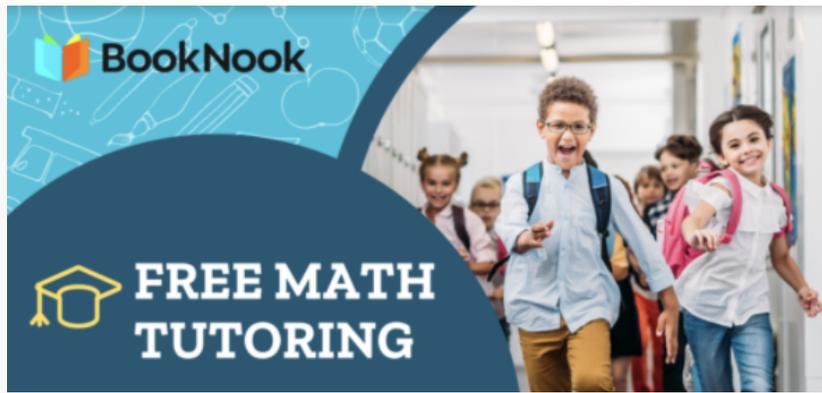
Register: [join.burnalong.com/PGCPS](https://join.burnalong.com/PGCPS)

**For additional information or questions, please contact [wellness.benefits@pgcps.org](mailto:wellness.benefits@pgcps.org).**

*Photo: Lewisdale Elementary School staff participate in a live video class with BurnAlong.*

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Free 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. 11.

Sign Up

## #HealthyPGCPS: Health and Wellness in Food

PGCPS is committed to healthy schools and lifestyles and providing a total learning environment that enhances the development of lifelong habits in wellness, nutrition, and regular physical activity. Help us keep PGCPS healthy by sharing your favorite healthy recipe. Recipes may be shared to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org) and may be featured in a future PGCPS Express.

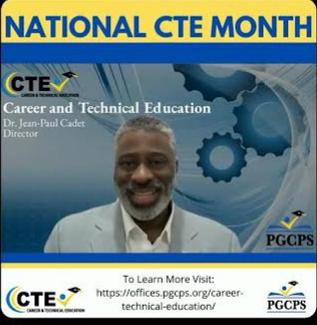
## #TeamPGCPS Paparazzi

**Gaywood ES** @EsGaywood · 2h  
 Here are some photos of Mrs. DeRusso's first grade class enjoying story time with Principal Goins! 📖 🌟

They are having so much fun learning about origami! They will also make some origami in class today! 🎉  
 #HomeoftheMustangs #3PsStrong @PGCPS



**I ❤️ CTE** PGCPS Career and Technical Ed... · 23h ...  
 A Wonderful Welcome to #CTEMonth from the Director of Career and Technical Education @PGCPS  
 Dr. Jean-Paul Cadet.  
 #pgcps #cteworks #CTEMonth



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**Principal McCall, Ed.D ~ PGCPS, India...** @PrincipalMcCall  
 Welcome Back Virtual Students! The last time I saw this little one in person... she was in a stroller. Now she's in kindergarten 🥰



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