

May 20, 2022

## Top News

### Benjamin Tasker Middle School Educator Named Teacher of the Year



Benjamin Tasker Middle School eighth-grade math teacher Evelyn Policarpio is the 2022 Prince George's County Teacher of the Year. A 35-year veteran educator, Policarpio was selected from more than 50 candidates. She has served our students for 14 years.

### Graduation Season Starts May 23!



Graduation celebrations will begin Monday as more than 7,000 seniors prepare to walk across the stage.

The Class of 2022 boasts approximately \$200 million in scholarship awards and acceptances to hundreds of colleges and universities nationwide. **Ceremonies** will be held over the next two weeks, starting with Largo and Oxon Hill high schools and ending with Bladensburg High School on Tuesday, June 7.

[Read more](#)

## Share Your Strategies to Address Culture and Climate

TRANSFORMATION  
2026 EQUITY & EXCELLENCE

Prince George's County Public Schools

2021-2022  
Culture & Climate  
Survey Results

Last winter, PGCPs administered the 2021 Culture & Climate Survey in partnership with Hanover Research.

This video highlights progress and areas for immediate improvement. At the end of the video, you'll see options for sharing your transformational strategies towards improving professional learning, workforce culture and climate. Please share your thoughts by **Friday, May 27**.

In a follow-up video next month, we'll share other trends from the survey and some of your recommendations on ways to transform PGCPs.

## #TeachWithUs: PGCPs Recruitment Ambassadors

Our inaugural group of Brand Ambassadors support our recruitment and retention team in spreading the good news about PGCPs careers and attracting educators to #TeachWithUs!

Meet Rockledge Elementary School teacher April Shawyer and Frederick Douglass High School teacher John Quinn.

2022 PGCPs Brand Ambassador



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I decided to join PGCPs because I was given an awesome opportunity to continue to develop in an area of education I felt very passionate about, that being arts integration. ~ April Shawyer

2022 PGCPs Brand Ambassador



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Prince George's County is my home. Working for PGCPs allows me to merge my love for my community and my passion for education. Being a part of an educational community that continues to be at the forefront of educational innovation has kept me #PGCPsProud! ~ John Quinn

## #DriveWithUs: Spread the Word!

Prince George's County Public Schools

*Drive With Us!*



**DRIVE**  
*thru*

**LARGO HIGH SCHOOL**

**MAY 25TH | 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

**VISIT US AT: [WWW.PGCPS.ORG/CAREERS](http://WWW.PGCPS.ORG/CAREERS) FOR  
DETAILS**

**SIGN-UP HERE >>>**

Visit us at [www.pgcps.org/careers](http://www.pgcps.org/careers) to learn more.

Help us spread the word about our upcoming “Drive with Us Event” on Wednesday, May 25. Interested candidates should visit: [www.pgcps.org/careers](http://www.pgcps.org/careers) for more information.

**Diversity Series: ‘Men Make a Difference’**



PGCPS Diversity Series Presents:

## *Men Make a Difference*

Learn about teaching opportunities  
for male educators for  
the upcoming school year!

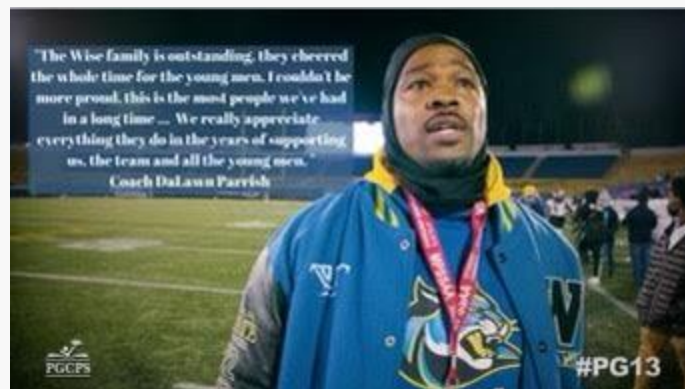
**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!**  
**JUNE 1 | 5:00 PM - 6:15PM**

PGCPS will host "Men Make a Difference," an event for male educators to share teaching opportunities for the upcoming school year. The event will be held Wednesday, June 1 from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Register

## Announcements

### **PG13 Nominated for Regional Emmy**



Our high school sports series *PG13* was nominated for an Emmy by the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter! A joint venture between PGCPS & Visionary Media Productions, *PG13* showcases scholar-athletes, coaches,

families and schools in 13 episodes, from preseason to the playoffs. Last year's season featured Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School's quest to earn a fifth state championship.

## **PGCPS Summer Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) Institute**

**The LETRS Institute** will provide specific information to support your final decision and confirm your LETRS journey. In this 30 to 45-minute session, you will learn the big picture overview of the LETRS Institute and discuss course pacing and other expectations.

### **Session 1**

Wednesday, May 25 at 8 a.m.

[Register](#) by Monday, May 23.

### **Session 2**

Tuesday, May 31 at 4:30 PM

[Register](#) by Friday, May 27.

Flyer

## **Portfolio-Based Certification Assessment (edTPA/PPAT): Implementation Update**

Requirements for conditional educators to submit a portfolio-based assessment of teaching ability (edTPA or PPAT) to qualify for professional certification in Maryland have been updated.

Effective immediately, the implementation timeline for submission of the portfolio-based assessment of teaching ability (edTPA or PPAT) has been changed to **July 1, 2025**.

Prior to July 1, 2025: All conditional certificate holders who are required to present a Maryland pedagogical certification assessment may present the [edTPA](#), [PPAT](#), or the [Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching \(PLT\)](#) to meet the certification requirement.

No passing score is required for the edTPA and PPAT, however, it must be nationally scored. If submitting the Praxis PLT, the established passing score must be submitted.

Those certification areas that do not require a Maryland pedagogical certification assessment are not required to submit a pedagogical assessment. *Those areas are American Sign Language, Art, Blind/Visually Impaired, Dance, English to*

*Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Environmental Education, Health, Music, Physical Education, Special Education, and PTE/CTE.*

Effective July 1, 2025: All teacher candidates who are required to present Maryland certification assessments will be required to submit the established passing score for the edTPA or PPAT. Passing scores will be established in 2024.

For Maryland testing information and required passing scores, please visit the MSDE [General Testing Information](#), and [Portfolio-Based Certification Assessment](#) web pages. If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact the PGCPs Certification Office at [certification@pgcps.org](mailto:certification@pgcps.org).

## **Introducing The Educator Application and Certification Hub (TEACH) - Maryland's NEW Educator Portal**

PGCPS certificate holders should have received an email from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) announcing the ***New Educator Certification System Coming Soon!*** On April 29, MSDE launched [The Educator Application and Certification Hub \(TEACH\)](#). You are now able to utilize this new educator certification system to access your certificate and a variety of other online services. TEACH replaces the previous certification portal, which closed on April 20.

*If you have not already done so, please go online to [The Educator Application and Certification Hub \(TEACH\)](#) and complete a one-time registration.*

If you need help getting started, please [review the Guide for Applicants](#). MSDE will also provide technical support for educators needing assistance during the registration process. Please email [certinfo.msde@maryland.gov](mailto:certinfo.msde@maryland.gov).

## **Well-Being Strategies for Educators**



Staff well-being is essential to a healthy and resilient school community. With this in mind, Healthier Generation, through the support of Kaiser Permanente, developed tools and resources in an engaging training, *Filling Your Cup: Comprehensive Well-Being Strategies for the Educator*.

This professional learning opportunity includes multiple interconnected sections, each designed to build upon the next. The five main components of *Filling Your Cup* are Awareness of Self and Others, Balance through Boundaries and Holistic Well-Being, Connection through Effective Complaining and Gratitude Practices, and Developing a Plan.

Click the links below to participate:

Part I - [Awareness](#)

Part II - [Balance](#)

Part III - [Connection](#)

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Learn About Canvas Learning Management System

There is still time to learn about Canvas!

The Canvas Learning Management System assesses district Canvas goals for each department, determines department goals for usage and identifies department leads for cross-functional collaboration.

Join a live webinar or virtual, self-paced course.

#### Live Virtual Canvas 101

(Course #56748)

Wednesday, May 25

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Register in eDoctrina for Section #10644.

#### Optional Course Overview

Monday, May 23

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Work at your own speed to learn about Canvas through June 17 by joining a self-paced session.

#### Canvas 101: Getting Started with Canvas (Course #54897)

Register in eDoctrina for Section #105422.

More opportunities will be posted in the upcoming summer professional development catalog!

### Online Doctoral Program In Educational Leadership

Old Dominion University is offering an online Ph.D. program in Educational Leadership. This accelerated, executive-style program prepares professionals for leadership in a wide variety of educational settings.



Professionals will learn how to use research, theory and professional expertise to advance organizational change in their current workplace. The program is also cohort-based, making it easier for those working full time to plan ahead.

[Learn More](#)

## Summer K-5 Summer Reading and Math Tutoring



**PGCPS**

**JULY '22**



**Grades K-5**

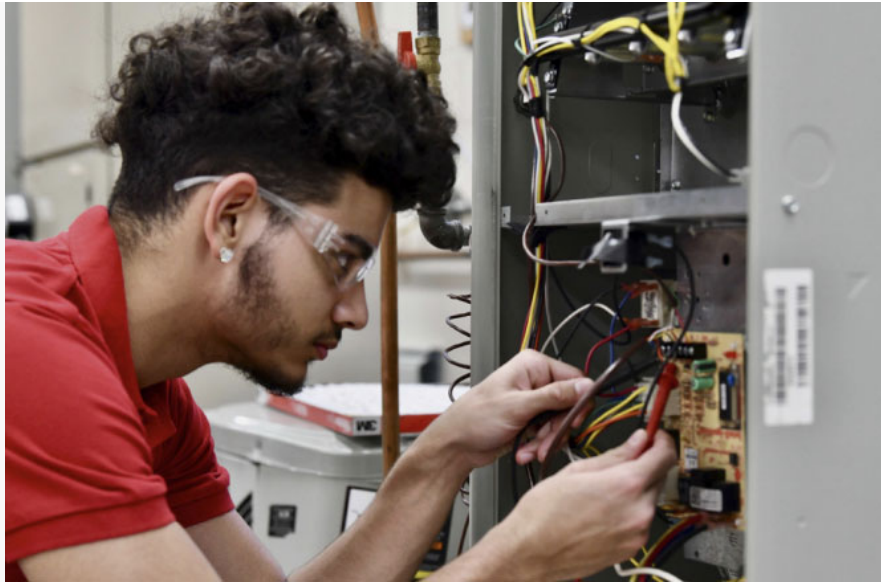
**FREE  
LITERACY  
AND MATH  
TUTORING**

*We are partnering with BookNook to provide free, summer tutoring to our students in grades K to 5.*

We are excited to continue our partnership with BookNook to close learning gaps and strengthen literacy skills! Families with students in kindergarten through fifth grades are encouraged to register for summer math and reading tutoring sessions led by accredited virtual tutors. The summer BookNook program will run from Monday, July 11 through Friday, August 19, three days a week. **The deadline to register is Friday, June 3.**

[Register](#)

## Featured Summer Camp: Career Explorers

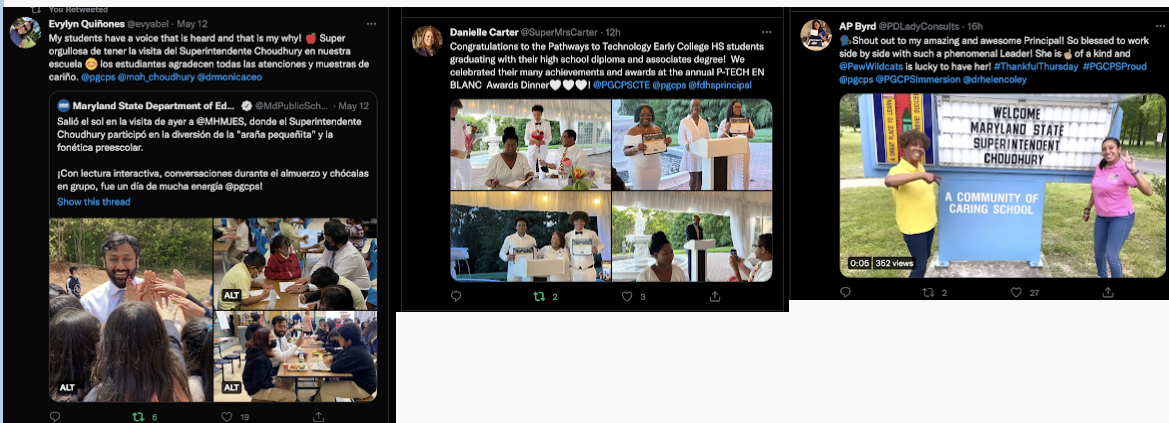


Free to rising ninth- and tenth-graders, the four-day Career Explorers summer camp offers hands-on activities, assistance with matching career goals and interests and provides more information about Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

Applications are accepted on a first-come basis until program seats are filled. This year's camp will be held June 27-30 at Crossland High School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Apply Now

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