

News Release: More Than 8,000 Attend PGCPs Back-to-School Fair

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – “Great by Choice” was the theme for this year’s Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) Back-to-School Fair. The fourth annual event was held at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro on August 9, and drew a crowd of more than 8,000 students, parents, business partners, and community members. The fair featured vendors from county agencies and businesses, and representatives from PGCPS schools and offices.

“Thank you to the many sponsors for their contributions in helping to make this year’s event a success,” said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer for Prince George’s County Public Schools. “This was a great event that offers our students and their families a one stop venue and kick-off to a great school year.”

Fair attendees learned more about their neighborhood school and the many programs and opportunities available in PGCPS to help them prepare for college and careers. The highly-anticipated backpack giveaway was a huge success, with more than 4,000 students receiving a free backpack. Students and their parents lined the halls of the arena waiting patiently to receive a backpack. Additionally, PGCPS Health Services were able to administer free vaccinations to those students in need.

Throughout the day, PGCPS student and staff performers shared their talents onstage. Performers included the Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr., High School Marching Band, NJROTC from Friendly High School, Intrepid Dance Company from Northwestern High School, Instrumental music from Fort Washington Forest, Potomac Landing and Fort Foote Elementary Schools, and a recorder ensemble representing teachers from various schools. Other entertainment included a Go-Go Fitness demo, Charis Center Show Choir, and a rap by a PGCPS alumnus.

Schools will open in Prince George’s County for the 2014-2015 school year on Tuesday, August 26.

To view a photo gallery of the Back-to-School Fair, click [here](#)

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