

# News Release: UPDATED: Woodridge Elementary Named Champion for Mental Health Awareness Efforts

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**UPPER MARLBORO, MD** – Woodridge Elementary School has been named a School Champion of the Year for demonstrating exceptional mental health awareness efforts during the Mental Health Association of Maryland's (MHAMD) annual outreach campaign.

Woodridge is one of three schools statewide to receive the honor, which includes a congratulatory letter, certificate of recognition and bookmarks for students.

MHAMD collaborates with the Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF) to host the campaign annually in May, with support from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Behavioral Health Administration. With more than 400 community and school champions throughout Maryland, the campaign raises awareness of children's mental health through events, workshops and outreach.

For more information, visit [www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org](http://www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org) (<http://www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org>).

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Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 201 schools and centers, more than 133,000 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPS is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion.