



EXPRESS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPs EMPLOYEES

Celebrating Black Voices & Stories



Our celebration of Black History Month continues! This week, volunteer readers from across PGCPs offices and community partners brought to life stories written by African American authors at a read-in at Bladensburg Elementary School.



We are celebrating all month long! [Share moments](#) from your schools. Also, when you tag posts on social media with #PGCPsBlackStories, they are featured in our [newsroom](#)!

Schools Closed Monday, Delayed Tuesday



Schools and offices are closed on Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of the President's Day holiday. Students have a two-hour delayed opening on Tuesday, Feb. 21 for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Language Access & Parent-Teacher Conferences: Monday, Feb. 20

With parent-teacher conferences approaching, please make note of language access resources to support communication with parents who are not native speakers of English.

[Learn more](#)

Save the Date: Systemic Professional Development

Our second systemic professional learning for this school year is March 6! Staff will have the option to choose a session or engage in self-directed learning.

Spotlight

Top of the Trade: From CTE to Prime Time TV!



"Don't fold under pressure." [Those were the words](#) of chef Nuri Muhammad six years ago when he was a Bowie High School student preparing for the National ProStart Invitational culinary competition.

Today, 22-year-old chef Nuri is putting those words to the ultimate test as a contestant on *Next Level Chef*, a show where 18 chefs compete under the mentorship of three renowned chefs as they try and become the recipient of the crown and a one-year mentorship under Gordon Ramsay.

#PGCPSProud: School Counselors Shine

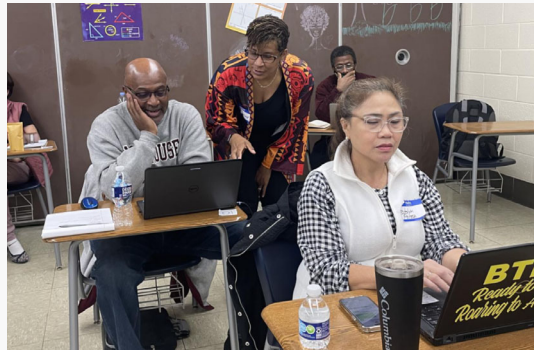


Kenmoor Middle School counselor William Clay was honored by the Maryland State Education Association (MESA) Board of Directors as this year's recipient of the MSEA Minority Recognition Award for Education for his service and commitment to the community and public education!

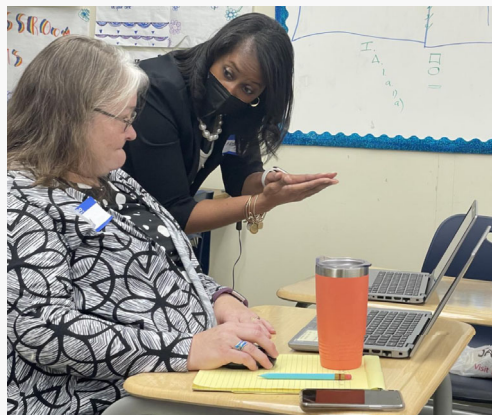


As winner of Walden University's 'Leap into Literacy' contest, **Heather Hills Elementary School Professional School Counselor Monique Bartley, NBCT** expanded her library with books highlighting positivity, social emotional learning, diversity & inclusion!

Recap: Empowering Your Learning



More than 400 attendees learned new skills in Canvas, Google Workspace, 'Teaching with Technology' and more at this year's Empowering Your Learning Conference hosted by the Technology Training Team!



[Upcoming Trainings](#)

Announcements & Professional Development

Partner with CTE!



The Career and Technical Education team is seeking PGCPs educators and staff to join an advisory board to assist students with internships, apprenticeships, employment, mentorship and to support department initiatives.

Questions? tara.anderson@pgcps.org or 301.669.6012 ext. 45595

[Sign up](#)

Save a Life: CPR/First Aid Certification



Attend a CPR class hosted by the Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security to learn how to recognize a cardiac emergency, handle an unconscious person, give rescue breaths and perform CPR.

[Learn more](#)

Summer Learning at Bowie State

Bowie State University is offering a summer institute for Conditional License Teachers to earn up to 15 graduate credits. Attend an upcoming virtual information session to learn more.

[More information](#)

2023 Summer AI Camp Scholarship

Students can apply for a scholarship to attend the 2023 Summer Artificial Intelligence (AI) Camp to gain real-world experience, and get internships at top companies.

[Learn more](#)

Maryland Agriculture in the Classroom Workshop for K-8 Educator

Learn how to teach your existing curriculum using agriculture as the real life, applicable context for your students' learning.

[Learn more](#)

Thank You, from Walden!



[Walden University](#) is committed to rewarding hardworking educators, administrators, and school staff. To show our appreciation, we are selecting eight lucky schools to receive a free catered lunch for the teachers and staff at their school. Contest ends February 20.

Enter today at waldenu.formstack.com/forms/teacherlunch.

To learn more about the Walden University tuition savings offered to PGCPs employees, visit www.waldenU.edu/pgcps

FY24 Assistant Principal Application and Selection

The FY2024 Assistant Principal Application window is now open! Complete applications will be accepted **through March 3** via iRecruitment for internal applicants only.

Applicants should access Oracle self-service at [PGCPs Careers](#) to apply. Applicants will be required to use the standard resume template, which is linked [here](#). Late and incomplete applications will not be considered. Please review the [application and selection process](#) information prior to submitting your application to **IRC191400**.

Share! Scholarships Available for 2023 Seniors



Scholarship are available for PGCPs Class of 2023 seniors!

Excellence in Education Foundation Scholarships

The Excellence in Education Foundation will award \$125,000 in scholarships to 34 deserving PGCPs graduating seniors in various categories.

MGM Local Development Council Scholarship Program

Additionally, the Prince George's County Local Development Council will award \$200,000 in scholarships to 40 graduating PGCPs seniors who best personify an ongoing commitment to "having a positive impact on others." For the [MGM scholarship](#), seniors *must* attend an eligible high school within the vicinity of the MGM complex: Crossland High School, Friendly High School, Oxon Hill High School and Potomac High School students may apply.

The deadline to apply to all scholarships is March 17.

[Learn More/Apply](#)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

All Hands On Deck: Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness



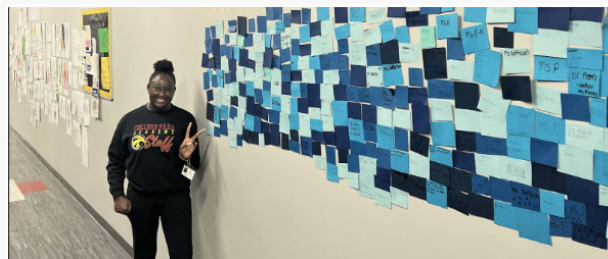
Given a spike in Fentanyl-related overdoses across the nation, regionally and here in our County, PGCPS recently became the first school system in the state to become a member of the Maryland Overdose Response Program, which offers training and NARCAN distribution. Thank you to our Student Services and School Health teams for leading on this critical issue for the safety of students!

PGCPS Paparazzi

Attendance matters! At Hyattsville Elementary School, students with 100 days of perfect attendance were rewarded with a pizza party, plus some to share with their families.



Professional School Counselor, Desiree Moore at College Park Academy created a "Trusted Adult" wall. The wall lists the names of those staff members who are willing to help build, grow and develop students' social emotional needs.



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