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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

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2022-23 School Year is Underway!



Baden Elementary Principal Antron Huff greets students at the door on the first day.

Across our schools, teachers and staff at 198 schools welcomed students back to class for the 2022-23 school year! Enjoy highlights from #PGCPS1stDay on social media and visit our website for more photos. You may also share your first week photos [here!](#)



“Five, four, three, two, one! Happy new school year!” CEO Dr. Monica Goldson joined staff at Cherokee Lane Elementary for a festive countdown before eager students and families entered the brand new school on the first day.

Cherokee Lane is the first of 10 new schools set to open over the next four years as PGCPS modernizes school infrastructure through innovative construction and financing methods. It is also the first public school in Maryland to be built with a hybrid off-site/on-site construction model.



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First Day of

2022-23 School Year Highlights



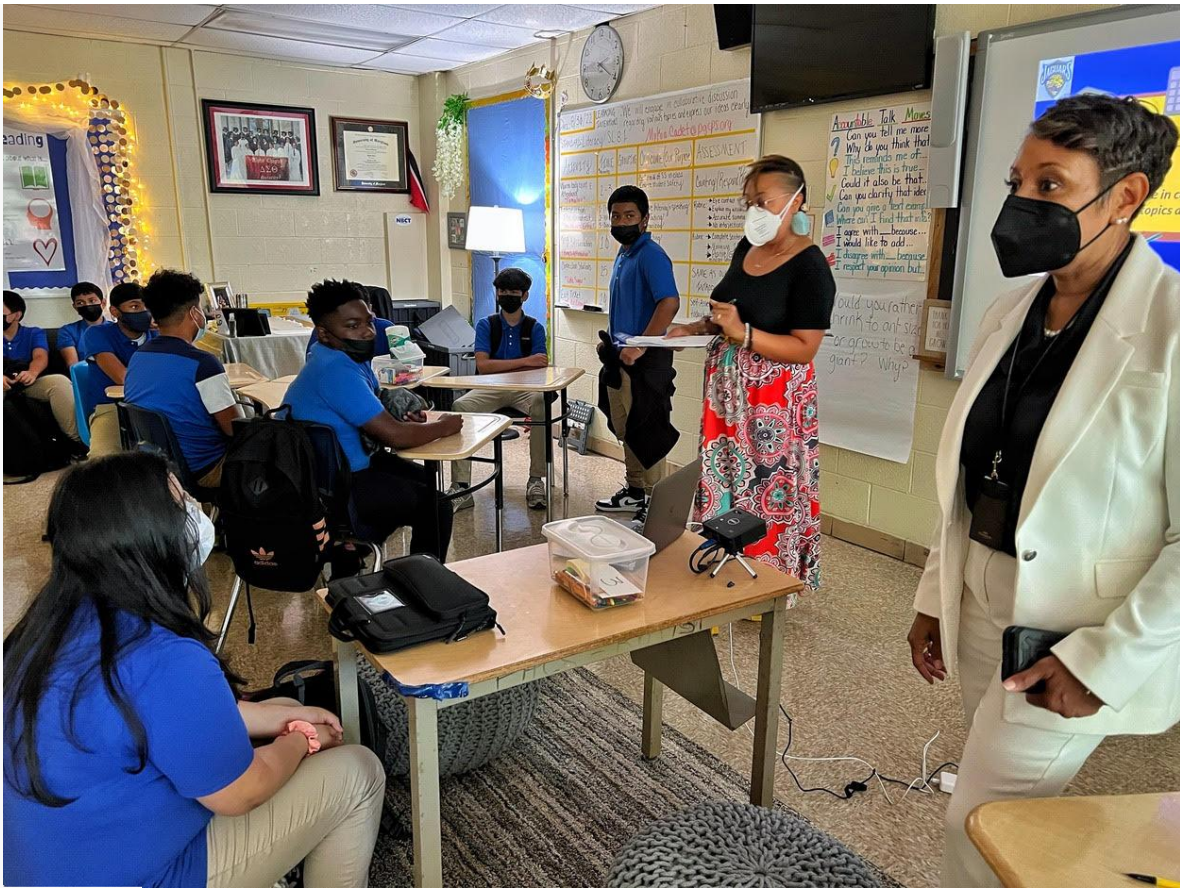
Outside Cherokee Lane Elementary, Assistant Principal Tiesha Burgess welcomes families back to school.



Inside, staff assist students with schedules and classroom assignments.



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson visits students and staff at Eleanor Roosevelt High School as they begin the school year under the leadership of Principal Dr. Portia Barnes, the first woman to lead the two-time National Blue Ribbon School!



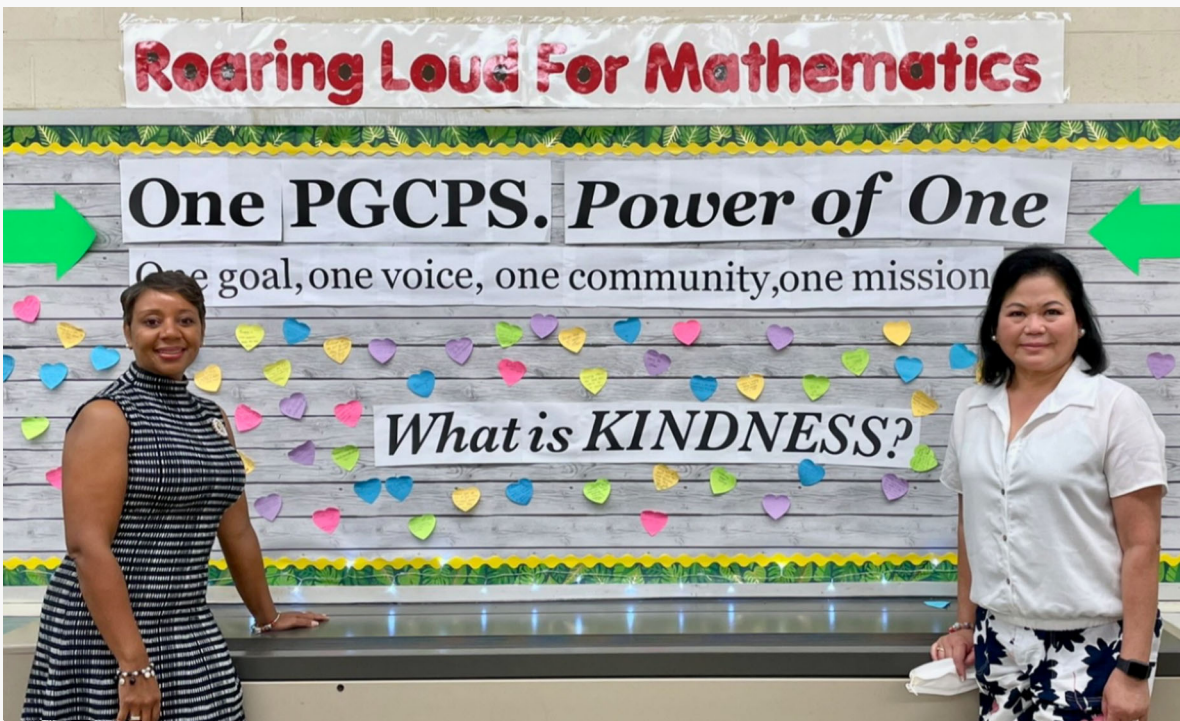
At Thomas Johnson Middle School, Dr. Kia Cadet teaches an English class. Amid a national teacher shortage, she is one of many Central Office staff who transitioned back into classrooms this year.



At Glenarden Woods Elementary, Principal Brian Baudoin welcomes back learners on #PGCPS1stDay.



Food and Nutrition Services team member Donna Thomas prepares for meal service at Capitol Heights Elementary.



Teacher of the Year Evelyn Policarpio's mathematics classroom at Benjamin Tasker Middle School reflects the PGCPS Power of One: when we each commit to individually giving our best, collectively we will build a thriving system of teaching, learning, equity and excellence.



First-year English and Social Studies teacher Christian Ferguson is not new to Carrollton Elementary; he walked the halls as a student! Christian is a 2018 alum of DuVal High School and recent University of Maryland Eastern Shore graduate.



"It's ok to make mistakes. That's how we learn." Carrollton Elementary mathematics Instructional Lead Teacher Hilary Renner engages students in first week math review activities.



The Power of One was in action this week as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Eastern Region donated Comfort Closets stocked with more than 4,000 personal hygiene and cleaning items to 27 community schools!

One Team. One Mission. One PGCPSS!



Did you submit a #PGCPSS1stDay photo through our website? View it and others from across the PGCPSS community in our [photo gallery!](#)





First Day of Prince George's County

Check out a [video recap](#) of the first day!

Mask-Optional Begins Tuesday, Sept. 6



With declining local COVID-19 positivity rates, CEO Dr. Monica Goldson announced the mask-optional policy will resume in all PGCPS facilities on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Get Involved! Hispanic Heritage Month

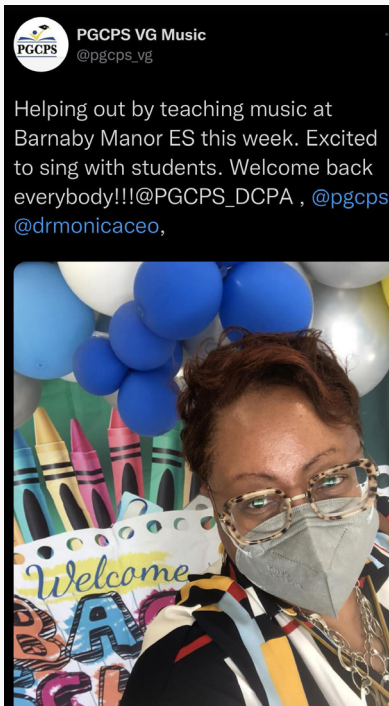


Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off September 15th and we invite you to get involved! PGCPS staff, students and families are invited to join our Hispanic Heritage Month celebration by submitting an artifact that captures your Hispanic/Latino identity.

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