



# PGCPS *Express*

For PGCPS Employees

## From Blueprint to Reality: 8 New Schools for PGCPS



*Director of Capital Programs Shawn Matlock welcomes guests at the Robert Frost K-8 school ceremony.*

Following the opening of [six new schools](#) last school year, groundbreakings for [eight additional new schools](#) are underway! Last week, PGCPS broke ground on the new Margaret Brent Elementary and Robert Frost K-8, with celebrations for the new Templeton and Fairwood elementary schools up next!



## Blueprint Schools Phase II

### A Commitment to School Safety



[Learn](#) how PGCPs is working to maintain safe learning environments for students, staff and families. Also, catch Superintendent House's latest [interview with WAMU](#), where he discusses back-to-school highlights, including school safety.



## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



For Hispanic Heritage Month 2024, join us as we highlight students who are trailblazing paths for the next generation!

Be sure to [show us](#) how you're honoring Hispanic Heritage in your schools and community by uploading photos and videos to our community gallery.

[Get Involved](#)

### Save the Date: Employee Town Hall Oct. 1

We will host our first employee town hall of the school year on **Tuesday, October 1 at 6 pm**. This town hall will be held via telephone format and all staff will receive a phone call to join the event. More information is forthcoming.

### Announcements

**Walk Maryland Day (Oct. 2) & Walk, Bike & Roll Day (Oct. 9)**

Sign up to participate in the Maryland Department of Transportation [Walk Maryland Day on Oct. 2](#) and/or [National Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day on Oct. 9!](#)

## **Apply Now: MSDE Principal & Teacher Advisory Councils**

PGCPS principals and educators are [invited to apply](#) for Maryland State Department of Education advisory councils to provide direct input to the State Superintendent on key education issues. This is a unique opportunity to help shape the future of public education in Maryland and contribute to improving teaching, learning, and school leadership across the state.

## **New PD: Building Relationships with Immigrant Families through Cultural Immersion**

Join us for a one-day professional development session on November 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., to explore key institutions supporting immigrant and refugee students. Register via eDoctrina starting October 4. For questions, contact Kathy Zentek at [kathleen.zentek@pgcps.org](mailto:kathleen.zentek@pgcps.org).

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