



Top News

Benefits Open Enrollment Starts Monday



Open Enrollment is the once-a-year opportunity to review your benefits and make selections that work best for you and your family. [Open enrollment for 2024 benefits will be held from October 9-25.](#) Changes will be effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

[Learn More](#)

Celebrating Our School Leaders



For National Principals Month, we share our gratitude to our amazing school leaders for their tireless work and critical role in leading school communities.

2024-25 Principal Application Open

Qualified candidates should apply through Nov. 17, via iRecruitment. Visit [PGCPS Careers](#) for more information and to review job announcements.

[Learn More](#)

Superintendent's Town Halls



Meet Superintendent House and share your ideas on the future of PGCPS.

High Point High School September 27 6 - 8 pm	Charles H. Flowers High School October 18 6 - 8 pm
Oxon Hill High School October 10 6 - 8 pm	Virtual Town Hall Meeting October 23 6 - 7:30 pm

Join Superintendent House for an upcoming town hall to share your ideas on the future of PGCPS!

October 10

6 - 8 p.m. | Oxon Hill High School

October 18

6 - 8 p.m. | Charles H. Flowers High School

October 23

6 - 7:30 p.m. | Virtual Town Hall Meeting

Cybersecurity Awareness Month Resources



For Cybersecurity Awareness Month, the PGCPS technology training team has curated a variety of resources related to digital citizenship, including cybersecurity and cyber safety from Common Sense Education, which can be used throughout the school year — but especially during October — to teach students about cybersecurity.

Quick cyber safety tips:

- Use caution when clicking a link in an email, even if the sender may appear as a PGCPS user.
- Ensure email senders' email address (employee@pgcps.org) and display name are in fact that of a PGCPS employee and not a spoof.
- Your password should be unique, and you should use a different password for each of your important accounts. This way, if one password is compromised the others will not be at risk.
- Password length beats complexity. Longer passwords are more secure than complex ones.
- Create passwords that are hard to guess but easy to remember.

#PGCPS Proud Spotlight

Spotlight on Latino Educators for Hispanic Heritage

Month



After moving to Prince George's County from Guatemala, Monica Wilson learned to speak English in the Northwestern High School ESOL program. Today, she is a Spanish teacher and World Languages Department Chair at Bladensburg High School!



RELA Instructional Supervisor Dr. Olga Pabon, who hails from Puerto Rico, discusses why representation matters and offers book recommendations!



Vilma Parrilla moved to Prince George's County from Nicaragua when she was nine. Today, she is a PGCPs alum and Parent Engagement Assistant at Chillum Elementary School — a role she says allows her to positively affect the lives of students and families!

[More Videos + Q&As](#)

National Custodial Workers Recognition Day



Thank you to the #TeamPGCPs custodial services team for keeping schools and offices clean, safe and well maintained!

Announcements and Professional Development

Correction: October Celebrations

PGCPS will celebrate the following commemorations in October:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Wear purple (Oct. 13)

Bullying Prevention Awareness Month - Wear orange (Oct. 18)

Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Wear pink (Oct. 20)

Domestic Violence Awareness

National Red Ribbon Week - Wear red (Oct. 25)

Share how your school or office is supporting these important issues: communications@pgcps.org.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Parent-Teacher Conference Language Resources for Oct. 9

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

Culture & Climate Survey



Share your thoughts on your school and the PGCPS community! The [PGCPS Culture & Climate Survey](#) helps us gather stakeholder feedback that will guide us in setting priorities and strategic plans for the future. Everyone who completes the survey can enter a drawing for a \$50 gift card.

SafeSchools Trainings: Round 2 and 3

Mandatory SafeSchools training modules ensure all staff have the necessary information to establish and maintain positive, respectful, safe, lawful and

supportive school and work environments. Round 2 sessions are due by Friday, Oct. 20. Round 3 sessions are due by Friday, Nov. 10. [Start trainings now!](#)

PGCPS Express Update

Beginning in October and through the end of the year, *PGCPS Express* will be distributed twice a month as we work toward a rebrand to better serve you. During this transition, please visit the [staff portal](#) often for updates on professional development opportunities, news and teachers and staff spotlights. Announcements and news can continue to be shared to newsletters@pgcps.org.

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