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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

## Celebrating Black Voices & Stories!



When World Read Aloud Day and the first day of Black History Month collide, an African American Read-In is the perfect way to honor history and a reminder to [share](#) black stories! The read-in was organized by Cherokee Lane Elementary School Reading Instructional Lead Teacher Cama-Kalee Wilson.



[Show us how you're celebrating](#) Black history throughout February by tagging us in events and activities: [#PGCPSBlackStories](#).



Speaking of stories: did you know staff and students can access a wide selection of ebooks by black authors and featuring black characters on [Sora](#)?



## Black History in Our Schools



Glenarden Woods Technology Coordinator Beth Stewart Hancock and Talented and Gifted Coordinator Amanda Soto are engaging fourth graders in history with a periodic table students can scan to research famous African Americans. Hancock says students are so excited that they want to create their own periodic table of black Marylanders to add!

[Share Something Cool in Your School](#)

## Power of One: Remembering Our “Why”



Teachers have the power to transform lives! Glenarden Woods Elementary School second grade teacher Diedren Coon was reminded of his “why” this week with a surprise visit by former student and Washington Commanders running back Jaret Patterson, who thanked him for making a positive impact in his life!

[Watch](#)

## Black HERStory in the Making



**Excel Academy Principal LaTanya Sothern** was named president of the American University Alumni Association, making her the first African American woman to serve in the role!

[Read more](#)

## Weigh In: 2023-24 School Calendar



Please review [Draft 1](#) and [Draft 2](#) of the 2023-2024 school calendar and take a [short survey](#) by **Wednesday, Feb. 15** to share your preference.

## Spotlight

### #FutureReady: Scholar Athletes Celebrate Next Chapter



High school athletes and their families participated in National Signing Day this week, accepting scholarship offers and committing to play on the college level!

## In the News

### Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month



Learn more about our world of CTE programs! [Watch](#) a recent town hall featuring PGCPs staff and County business leaders or [listen](#) to an interview on WHUR's Daily Drum!

## Announcements & Professional Development

### FY24 Assistant Principal Application and Selection

The FY2024 Assistant Principal Application window is now open! Complete applications will be accepted **through March 3** via iRecrument 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](#). No other resume format will be accepted. Once in iRecruitment, please read the job announcement in its entirety and submit all required documents by **March 3**.

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered. Please review the [application and selection process](#) information prior to submitting your application to **IRC191400**.

### Agricultural Education in the Classroom



Do you know a teacher who incorporates agriculture into their curriculum/ classroom? Nominate them for the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. 2023 Excellence in Teaching About Ag Award!

[Learn more](#)

## Continuing Education Courses for Teacher Certification

Weekend College at Bowie State University prepares conditional license teachers with coursework to become endorsed with a standard professional eligibility certificate.

[Learn more](#)

## American College of Education Incentive

PGCPS staff and employees qualify for a 5% tuition reduction on programs of study at American College of Education!

[More Info](#)

## College 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](#)

## Earn a Master's in ESOL

Join Bowie State University for an information session on how to earn a Master's Degree in Reading or ESOL Pathway Preparation on Wednesday, Feb. 8. [Register](#)

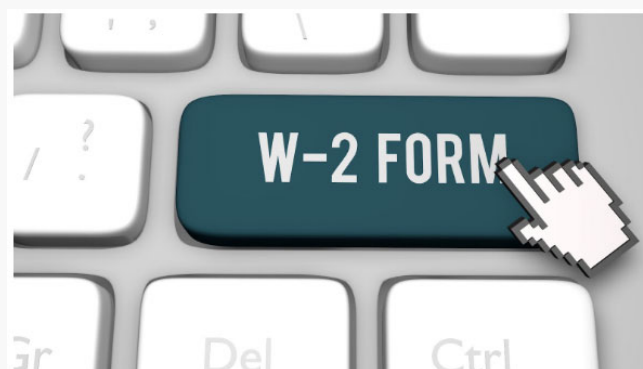
## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Final Operating Budget Public Hearing



The final opportunity to share your input on the 2023-24 school year operating budget is **Wednesday, Feb. 13** at 7 p.m. prior to the Board of Education vote on Thursday, Feb. 23. Sign up to provide virtual testimony opens next week.

### W-2 Forms Available



W-2 forms have been mailed and are also available through Oracle Self-Service. To access W-2 forms online, you must be in a PGCPs building or parking lot to sign in to Oracle Self-Service or have VPN access.



Requests for reprints of W-2 forms will be processed on or after February 21 for the following reasons:

- Incorrect address in Oracle
- Former employee
- Employee without VPN access

To request a W-2 Reprint (Duplicate W2), you will need to complete a [W-2 Reprint Request form](#). Please note, W-2s were mailed to the address on record in Oracle as of December 31, 2022.

## Take a Survey on Blueprint Implementation



Review and share feedback on implementation plans for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

[Survey](#)

## Call for Nominations: Christa McAuliffe Award



CHRISTA McAULIFFE  
**AWARD**

In honor of former PGCPs teacher and America's Teacher-In-Space Christa McAuliffe, the Board of Education established an annual award to recognize an outstanding teacher based on competitive standards of excellence. The [nomination](#) deadline is March 3.

## PGCPS Paparazzi

**Teach With Us! PGCPs Instrumental and Vocal music departments** attend the University of Maryland Performing Arts Career & Internship fair!



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