

February 18, 2022

Top News

Employee COVID-19 Testing Update



Due to the Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, February 21 and Parent-Teacher Conference Day on Tuesday, February 22 (schools closed for students and 3-hour early dismissal for 10- and 11-month employees), the COVID-19 testing and screening schedule will proceed as follows:

Central Office Staff

Unvaccinated central office staff can test at the five hubs on Tuesday, February 22:

Capital Diagnostics at H.B. Owens Science Center, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CIAN Diagnostics at Bonnie Johns Educational Media Center, Sasscer Administration Building and Louis Wilson Sr. Facilities Administration Building, 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Green Valley Administrative Offices, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

HCD International will test at the bus lots on Wednesday, February 23.

School-Based Staff

Capital Diagnostics will not be able to reschedule testing in the schools due to limited staff. Staff should come to H.B. Owens Science Center, Tuesday, February 22 through Friday, February 25, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CIAN Diagnostics

Wednesday, February 23 – testing at schools normally scheduled for Tuesdays (random student testing, unvaccinated staff testing and student-athlete testing)

Thursday, February 24 – regularly scheduled testing (random student testing, student-athlete testing and unvaccinated staff testing)

PGCPS Earns Top Honor in 2022 Magna Awards Program for Equity Work



PGCPS has been named a Silver Award Winner in the National School Boards Association (NSBA) 2022 Magna Awards program. Our district was recognized for its commitment to equity and is one of just 18 winners – three Grand Prize and 12 Silver Award winners – across the nation receiving this honor.

Sponsored by NSBA's flagship magazine, *American School Board Journal* (ASBJ), the Magna Awards honor districts across the country for programs that break down barriers to achievement for underserved students. Winners will be highlighted in the April issue of ASBJ.

[Learn More](#)

Free Reading Tutoring: Students K-5

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K-5**

Certified Tutors

Flexible Schedule

Dual Language Lessons

Small Group Learning



PGCPS READS

REGISTER HERE



Free reading tutoring is now available to students in kindergarten through fifth grades with PGCPS Reads! Our partnership with BookNooks gives students access to:

- An engaging learning platform proven to help accelerate literacy skills.
- Experienced tutors leading small group online sessions.
- Flexible scheduling and virtual access at home.
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Seats are limited, so encourage families to register today!

[Register Now](#)

CTE Career Credentials Night



PGCPS will host a Career & Technical Education (CTE) Credentials Night on Thursday, March 3 with live sessions at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. CTE staff members will discuss preparation strategies, industry certification resources and tips and tricks students can use to navigate their credential exams.

CTE Credentials Night and all prep sessions are free of charge to students and parents. There will be an “encore session” of CTE Credentials Night on Tuesday, March 8.

[Download the Flyer](#)

[Log into the Zoom Link](#)

Assistant Principal Application Window Open

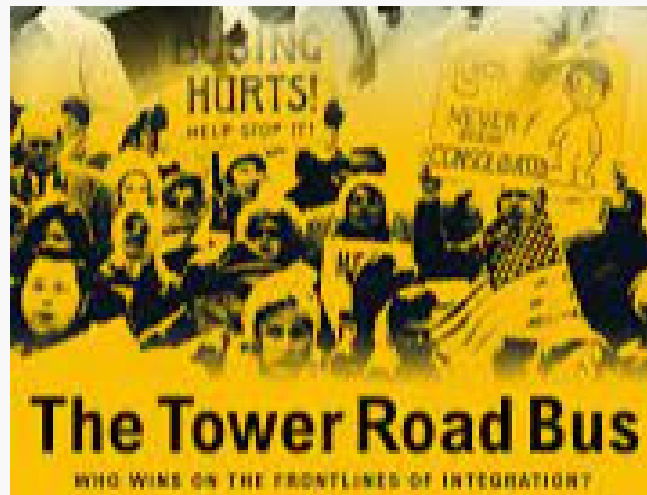


FY2023 Assistant Principal applications will be accepted through Friday, March 4 via iRecruitment for **internal applicants only**. Carefully review the video and information sheet detailing the selection process prior to submitting an application to IRC170120.

[Application Process Video](#)

[More Info](#)

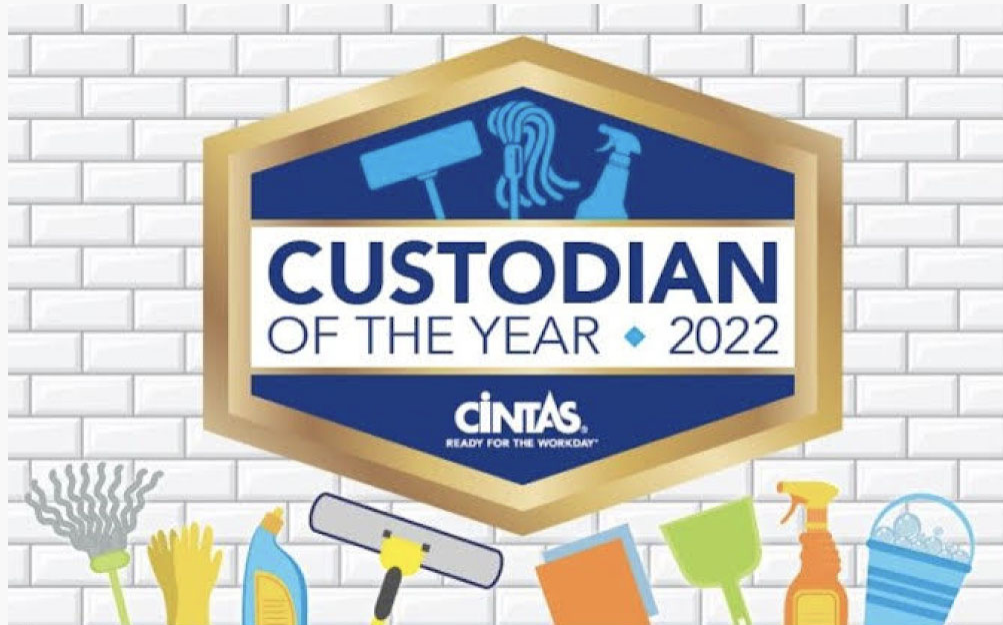
#PGCPSProud: Black History in Focus



Learn about Dotson Burns, the first PGCPs African American principal, in the documentary *The Tower Road Bus*, which revives the unresolved stories of African American students and educators thrust into all-white schools during the 1970s. The documentary airs on Feb. 21 at noon on the Howard University Television Station (WHUT) Comcast: 32, 802 (DC) and 19, Fios: 3, 532.

[Watch Trailer](#)

Nominate a Star Custodian!



Schools are encouraged to nominate custodians who go above and beyond the call of duty for National Custodian of the Year! The winner will receive \$10,000 from Cintas, and their school will receive \$5,000 worth of products from Rubbermaid.

[Learn more](#)

Help Prevent the Spread: Get Vaccinated and Boosted!



Protect your family and help slow the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated! PGCPS continues to partner with the Prince George's County Health Department to hold after-school mobile vaccination clinics in elementary schools. For a complete clinic schedule of sites throughout the county and to download consent forms for individuals younger than 18, visit the county's vaccine site at mypgc.us/COVIDvaccine.

Announcements and Professional Development

Taking Applications for the Christa McAuliffe Award



The Christa McAuliffe Award recognizes excellence in teaching in honor of the educator who lost her life in the 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger explosion. McAuliffe taught in Prince George's County Public Schools for several years about a decade earlier.

The award is presented annually to a teacher who shares the mark of distinction that McAuliffe achieved for the teaching profession.

[Complete an Application](#)

REMINDER: Pedagogy Performance Assessment for Conditional Certificate Holders

Effective July 1, 2022, all teacher candidates who are required to present Maryland certification assessments for initial licensing will be required to submit the Pearson Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) or the Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers (PPAT).

Although a passing score is not required at this time, the assessment must be scored nationally. Please visit the [MSDE Performance Assessment webpage](#) to access the full implementation schedule and related resources.

[More Information](#)

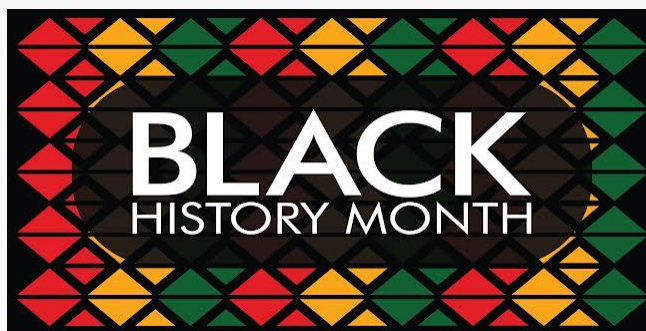
Information Session with Bowie State University

Learn more on how to earn a Masters Degree in Reading Education and the ESOL Pathway Program with Bowie State University on March 2, from 5 - 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact: Reading/Literacy Education: Dr. Jacquelyn Sweeney jsweeney@bowiestate.edu ESOL: Dr. Peter Parker pparker@bowiestate.edu Dr. Olga Pabón opabon@pgcps.org

[Register](#)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

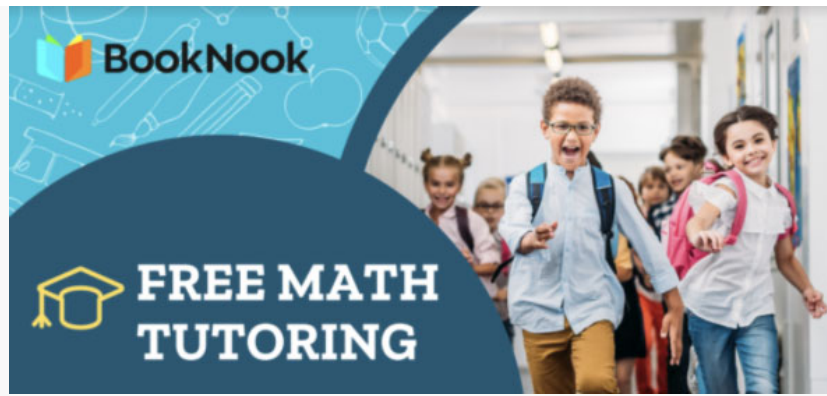
Celebrating Black History: Show & Tell!



Does your class, school or office have creative or meaningful plans to engage students or staff for Black History Month? We'd love to see and hear about it!

[Submit](#)

Registration Extended: BookNook Math Tutoring



Registration for free math tutoring with BookNook is now open for students in grades K-3 at [28 select schools](#). The math tutoring is also open to *all* fourth and fifth grade students! Please encourage eligible families to take advantage of this opportunity. **Registration ends Feb. 25.**

Sign Up

2021-22 Calendar Updates



The Board of Education has approved the following changes to the 2021-22 school calendar:

- PGCPS will observe Juneteenth on Monday, June 20.
- The Monday, March 7 professional development day is now a regular instructional day for students.
- The last day of school for both students and teachers will be Thursday, June 23.

Please note: Additional inclement weather days may be virtual learning days.

View the Calendar

MSDE Seeks Input on Strategic Plan



The Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) seeks input from educators on its multi-year strategic plan for the future of Maryland's education system.

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