

## Top News

### Thank you, Teachers!



As Teacher Appreciation Week comes to an end, the celebration of your commitment and dedication to the students and families of PGCPS continues.

You work tirelessly to change the lives of students by inspiring them to be the best in everything they do and you are the most important factor in student achievement. In many cases, you are more than a teacher. You serve as a mentor, counselor, friend and even a hero. You pass on invaluable knowledge, morals, and values to our students. Most importantly, you prepare the future leaders of tomorrow. We are thankful to have you as an educator.

Pictured: Indian Queen Elementary PTA breakfast for teachers.

### School Lunch Hero Day



Today is School Lunch Hero Day! We are thankful to the Food and Nutrition staff for their critical role preparing and serving meals to students daily!

## Honoring our Healthcare Heroes!



National Nurses Week is May 6-12. Join us for School Nurse Day on Wednesday, May 11 as we celebrate the work and dedication of our nearly 200 healthcare heroes —our school nurses!

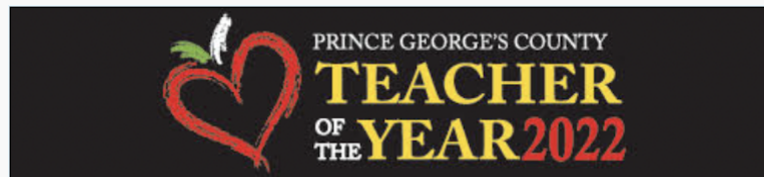
## “A Cautious Approach to Running Schools”



Hear firsthand perspective from CEO Dr. Monica Goldson, school leaders and families about PGCPs' approach to school safety throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

WAMU Article

## Nominate an Educator for Teacher of the Year



The PGCPs Teacher of the Year program annually recognizes teachers' hard work, celebrates their accomplishments and selects a representative for the Maryland Teacher of the Year Program hosted by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

Applications for the 2022-23 PGCPs Teacher of the Year are due **Monday, May 9**. Self-nominations are acceptable.

For more information, please contact [teacheroftheyear@pgcps.org](mailto:teacheroftheyear@pgcps.org).

## Introducing PGCPs Recruitment Brand Ambassadors

Say "hello" to our inaugural group of PGCPs Brand Ambassadors who support our recruitment and retention team in spreading the good news about careers with PGCPs and in attracting educators to #TeachWithUs!

Meet Ryan Daniel, principal at Fort Foote Elementary School and Michael Grant, assistant principal at Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School.



## **#TeachWithUs: School Spotlight Videos**

PGCPS principals were invited to record a 2-minute video highlighting their school community and specialized programs. Video submissions will be shared via social media and used for virtual recruitment events and campaigns. Check out the video from Greenbelt Middle School.

[Watch](#)

## **#FutureReady: Seniors Share Plans for College and Careers**





On Monday, many PGCPs high schools hosted College and Career Signing Day events to celebrate seniors' post-graduation plans!



Hear exciting news from seniors at Charles H. Flowers High School and other students across PGCPs as they share their future plans.





**Picture:** Isaac Gourdine staff show support for College and Career Signing Day!

## Spotlight

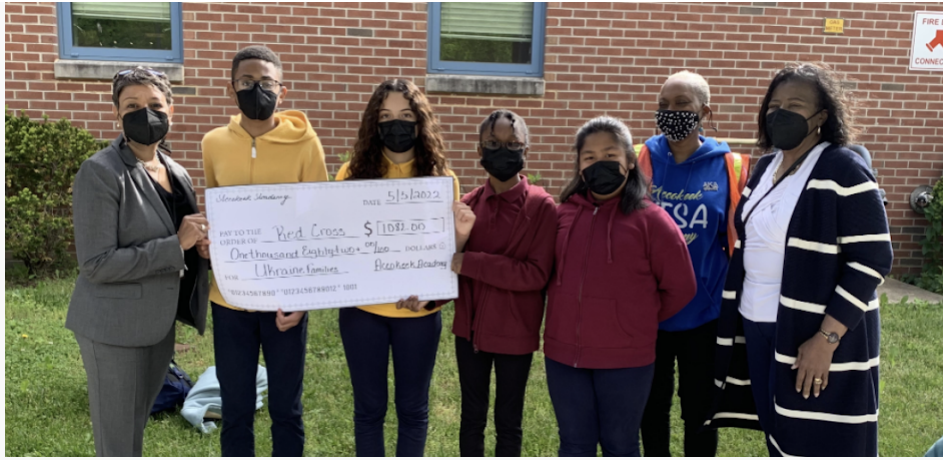
### Suitland Elementary Earns Outstanding Energy Award



For the fourth consecutive year, Suitland Elementary School will receive an outstanding energy project award from the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project. NEED trains and assists teachers in harnessing the energy of the classroom – the energy of students.

[Learn More](#)

### Accokeek Academy Raises Funds for Ukraine



Students at Accokeek Academy hosted a "Coins for Cause" drive and raised more than \$1,000 for the Red Cross in support of families in the Ukraine.

## Announcements

### Board Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Policies

On April 28, the Board voted to approve four new draft policies for public comment before adoption. Please click on the links below to share comments or email [testimony@pgcps.org](mailto:testimony@pgcps.org).

[Ethics Regulations](#)

[Maryland Public Information Act \(MPIA\)](#)

[Student Registered Sex Offender - Entry onto School Property](#)

[Pregnant and Parenting Students Policies](#)

**Comments can be submitted until Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5 p.m.**

[More Information](#)

### Summer K-5 Summer Reading and Math Tutoring



JULY '22



Grades K-5

# FREE LITERACY AND MATH TUTORING

*We are partnering with BookNook to provide free, summer tutoring to our students in grades K to 5.*

We are excited to continue our partnership with BookNook to close learning gaps and strengthen literacy skills! Families with students in kindergarten through fifth grades are encouraged to register for summer math and reading tutoring sessions led by accredited virtual tutors. The summer BookNook program will run from July 11 through August 19, three days a week. **The deadline to register is May 27.**

Register

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Educators Finalists for Washington Post Awards





Oxon Hill Elementary principal Dr. Wanda Williams and Thomas G. Pullen Creative and Performing Arts music teacher Thomas Pierre represented Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) as finalists in the [competition for \*Washington Post\* Principal of the Year and Teacher of the Year awards](#), respectively.

[Read more](#)

## Leadership Development Program: Apply Beginning May 2

Strong leaders build strong communities, and PGCPS believes by creating strong leaders, we advance the work in our Equity Strategic Plan. The Office of Professional Learning and Leadership **Aspiring Leaders Program for Student Success (ALPSS)** is designed to develop a diverse pipeline of emerging leaders to impact teaching and learning through transformational leadership. Session presenters will be members of the Executive Cabinet. The application window is May 2-13. Please contact Dr. Melissa Wilson at [Melissa.ellis@pgcps.org](mailto:Melissa.ellis@pgcps.org) with questions.

## Explore Teaching STEM

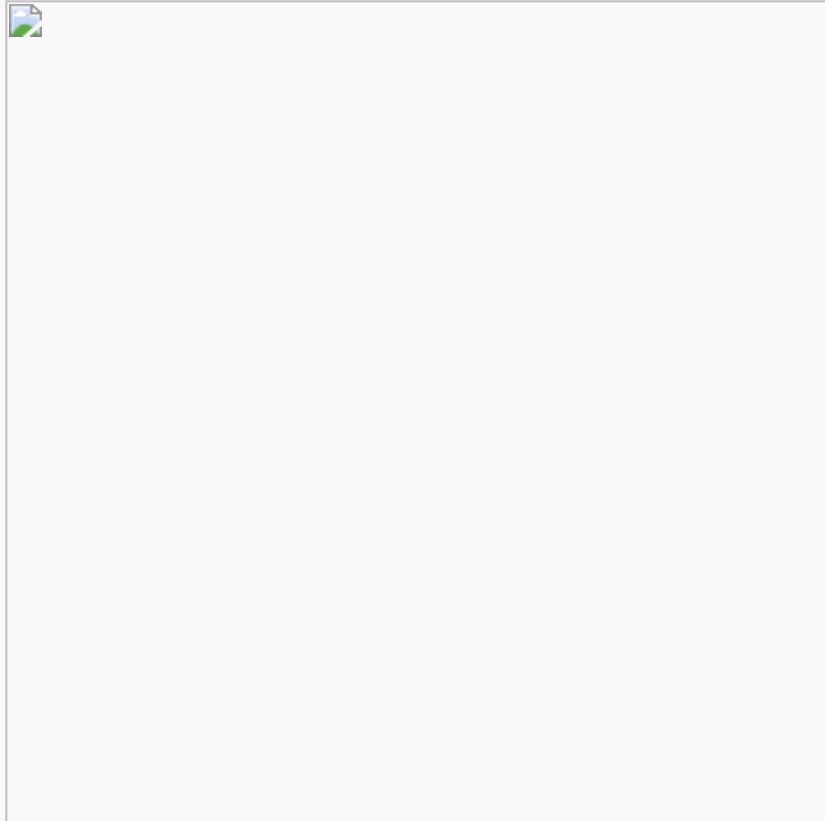


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Join the University of Maryland (UMD) for an online, asynchronous course, "Step 1- Inquiry Approach to Teaching STEM," from May 18 - June 29. Paraprofessionals, career changers and high school students are invited to be a part of this experience. The course will provide an opportunity to explore teaching as a career, and plan and teach an inquiry-based science or mathematics lesson. The cost of the course is only \$35.

[Learn More](#)

## Feedback Wanted: Help Set Priorities for Education



The Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) invites Maryland residents to complete the Strategic Planning Survey. The survey will help guide implementation of the multi-year strategic plan to transform public education.

[Take Survey](#)

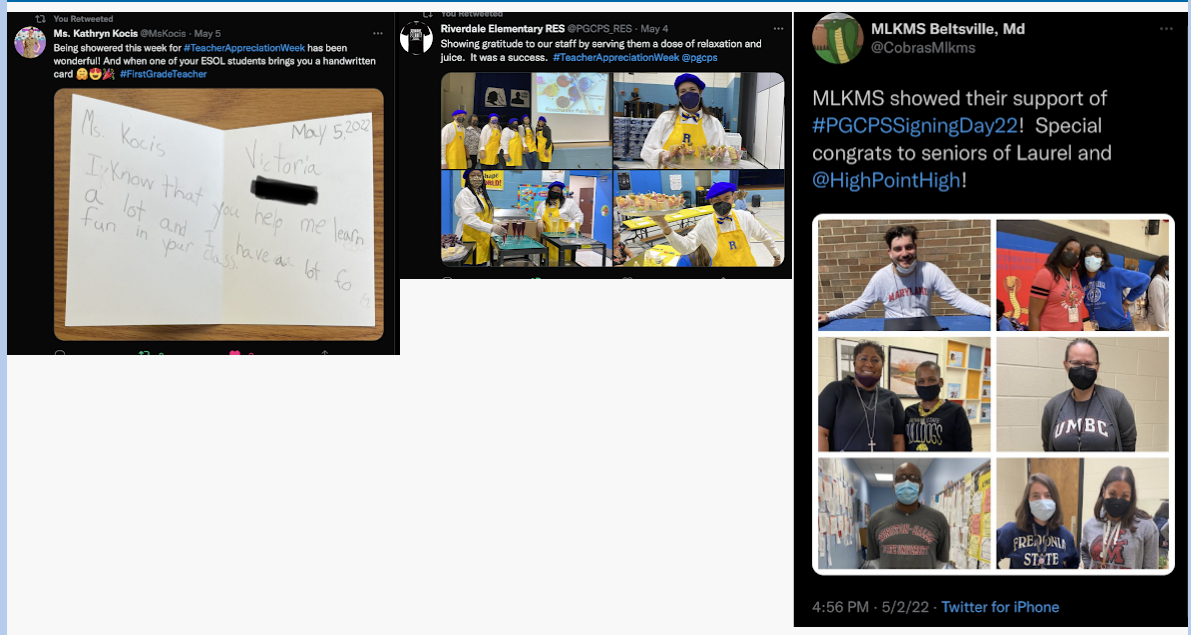
## Expert Review Teams for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future

The Maryland State Department of Education is launching a comprehensive school review process to fulfill the [Blueprint for Maryland's Future](#) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund requirements. MSDE will hire 120 teachers, leaders, and

other experts to join Expert Review Teams. Teachers and leaders can be actively teaching or recently retired and must have at least three years of experience as a teacher or administrator and have demonstrated evidence of improving student outcomes.

Learn More

## #TeamPGCPS Paparazzi



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