

June 17, 2022

Top News

End-of-Year Reminders



Summer break is near! As the school year winds down, please note these calendar reminders:

- Schools and offices are closed on Monday, June 20 in observance of Juneteenth
- There will be a two-hour early dismissal on Wednesday, June 22 and Thursday, June 23.
- The last day of school for students and teachers is June 23.

To assist staff in closing out the school year, the Technology Training Team (T3) has compiled guidance on summer procedures for student devices and how to secure and export data from digital tools.

Image: EXCEL Academy Principal LaTanya Sothern with the Class of 2022!

Technology Closeout Guidance

DuVal Science Teacher Named 2022 Christa McAuliffe Award Winner



In a surprise ceremony, DuVal High School science teacher Dr. Terri Dove was named winner of the 2022 Christa McAuliffe Award! The award is a tribute to the former PGCPS teacher and NASA Teacher-In-Space who lost her life aboard the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.

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Take the Professional Learning Survey

The Office of Professional Learning and Leadership is working to offer you high quality professional learning in SY 22-23! Please take a few moments to provide feedback on your professional learning needs by completing this short survey. The survey closes at the end of the business day Friday, June 24.

Take the Survey

#TeachWithUs:Summer Recruitment Series







Special Thanks to our 'Kona Ice sponsor, Walden University.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT & NETWORKING EVENT!

G. JAMES GHOLSON MIDDLE SCHOOL June 29, 2022 | 4 PM-6 PM

Join us to connect with Principals, book interviews, share your resume, learn about current teaching opportunities and more!

Click here to register!





Help us spread the word as we kick off summer recruitment activities with a "hiring mixer"!

Wednesday, June 29

4 - 6 p.m.

G. James Gholson Middle School

This outdoor in-person event is a great way for candidates to connect with principals, submit a resume and learn about teaching opportunities.

Register

9th Annual Golfing for Education Tournament



The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, Inc. hosted the 9th Annual Golfing for Education Tournament this week to raise funds for academic programming and student scholarships. This year, 35 graduating seniors will be awarded a total of \$126,000 in scholarships to pursue higher education!



Thank you to this year's Tournament sponsors!

Spotlights

Principal Honored for Support of the Arts



William Wirt Middle School principal **Rhonda Simley,** was honored by the Maryland Art Education Association as "Administrator of the Year" for her contribution of exemplary service, achievements, and support of the arts. This annual award is given to one principal with a standout commitment to visual arts education.

Taped Up for Perfect Attendance!



Kendric Carroll, physical education teacher at Avalon Elementary, bravely volunteered to be duct-taped to the wall to celebrate students with perfect attendance for the month of May.

School Counselors Leverage Quaver for Social Emotional Learning

This year, PGCPS implemented QuaverEd, a web-based tool for social emotional learning. District Heights Elementary School guidance counselor **Syreeta Moody** was featured on her innovative use of the platform!

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Announcements

Weigh In on School Construction and Renovation



Take part in a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, June 21 from 6-7 p.m. to share your priorities for the 2023 Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP). The EFMP is used to develop the Capital Improvement Plans (CIP).

Click Here to Participate

Alternatively, written testimonies can be submitted to the Prince George's County Board of Education.

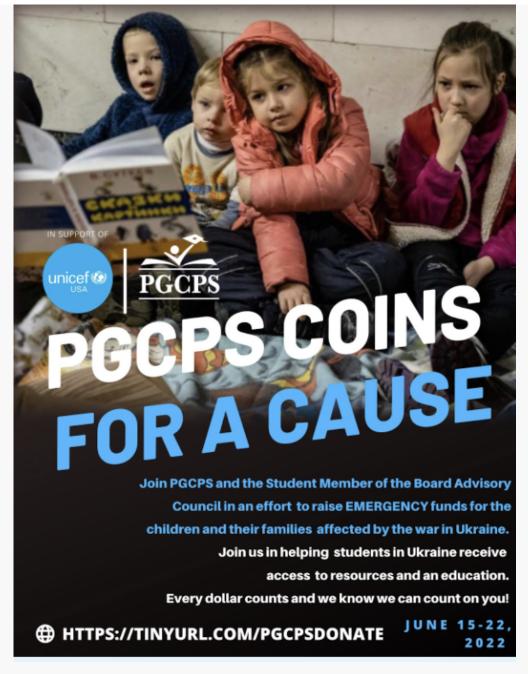
Volunteer for the Parent & Community Advisory Council!



The Prince George's County Board of Education is looking for volunteers to form the Parent & Community Advisory Council (P-CAC), which provides guidance and advice on issues pertaining to academic achievement, parental and community engagement and public perception. Parents, staff, faith-based leaders and community members are invited to apply.

Learn More

Donate to Families in Ukraine



Join Student Member of the Board, Alvaro Ceron-Ruiz, and help emergency funds to support Ukraine children and families.

Donate Now

Take Advantage of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Waiver by October 31

Federal student loan borrowers can get credit for payments that previously didn't qualify for Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) or Temporary Expanded Public Service Loan Forgiveness (TEPSLF) until Oct. 31. Under the limited PSLF waiver, you can get credit for past payments even if you:

- had or have a Federal Family Education Program (FFEL) loan or Perkins loan
- didn't make the payment on time,
- · didn't pay the full amount due, or
- weren't on the right repayment plan.

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Air Quality, Leaders in Sustainability Fellowships

2022–2023 School Air Quality Fellowship and Leaders in Sustainability Fellowship applications are open through Monday, July 18. The Center for Green Schools' Leaders in Sustainability Fellowship program is designed to support sustainability professionals working for change in K–12 schools.

Learn More

Explore Walden University Summer Initiatives



For more than 50 years, Walden University has provided high-quality education to help empower trailblazers in their communities and careers. We're thrilled to offer an opportunity that can help move your dreams forward.

A DEGREE WITHIN REACH

Receive a 10% tuition reduction* on programs including the following:

Master of Science in Education (MSED)

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Doctor of Education (EdD)

Additionally, as an employee of Prince George's County Public Schools you can receive a:

\$3,000 grant on Bachelor's programs

\$3,000 grant for Master's programs

\$5,000 grant on Doctoral programs.

Learn More

Apply: Aspiring Leaders Program

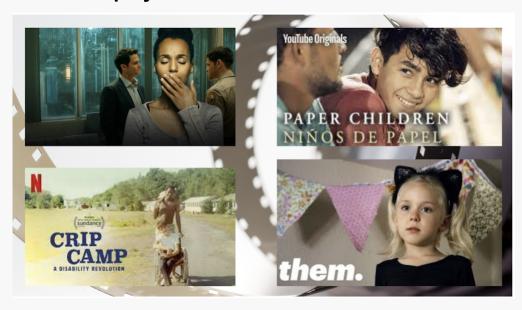
Registration is open for the 2022 -2023 Aspiring Leaders Program. The Aspiring Leaders Program is an integral component of the school system's comprehensive leadership development pathway and provides leadership development opportunities for qualified teacher leaders who are actively seeking their first assignment as assistant principal. Applications will be accepted through **Friday, June, 17**.

More Information

Application

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

2022 CEO's Equity Movie Series



Join CEO Dr. Monica Goldson for a three-session summer movie study. Watch the Emmy Award winning documentary "Kai Shappley: A Trans Girl Growing Up In Texas"; Peabody Award Winning "Crip Camp"; and Emmy nominated "American Son." For a brief description of each film and trailers here.

Dates:

June 28th, 6:00-7:30 pm - Kai Shappley: A Trans Girl Growing Up In Texas (18m)

July 12th, 6:00-7:30 pm - Crip Camp (1h, 48m) August 9th, 6:00-7:30 pm - American Son (1h, 30m) Participants will watch the movie before each session and engage in a group discussion on each meeting date.

Register

Summer Workweek and Professional Learning

Beginning Monday, June 27 through Friday, August 5, school and central office employees may exercise liberal leave on Fridays for six weeks. Under liberal leave, employees may use annual, personal, or sick leave as they see fit. Leave requests must still be submitted for approval, but it is expected that available leave will be granted.

Additionally, there shall be no meetings or collaborative workgroup agendas on Fridays during this time. It is expected that Fridays will be used to plan and assess for the upcoming week.

Share Your Retirement Fun!



This month we are celebrating employees for their years of service! If you are retiring, please share a photo or video of your plans or retirement activities! If you know a colleague who has retired this year, please have them visit our retiree webpage and upload a photo or video of them enjoying their retirement!

Upload Photo/Video

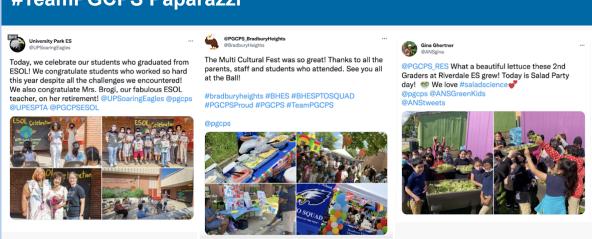
Nominations Wanted: 2022 PGCPS Hall of Fame



Do you know a PGCPS alum who you believe deserves to be recognized for their contributions/success in athletics, career, as an educator, humanitarian or young leader? Nominations for our 2022 Hall of Fame are open through July 1!

More Information

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