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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

Top News

Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural & Identity Showcase



Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off next week! Teachers and staff are invited to get involved by sharing an expression of their Hispanic/Latino identity. Ideas: a photograph, song, recipe, art, poem or story — be creative! Submissions will be accepted through October 6 and will be featured in a PGCPS Cultural Heritage & Identity Artifact Showcase.

[Learn More](#)

Fall Professional Learning Opportunities



Explore a range of credit and non-credit professional and personal learning opportunities in the 2022-2023 Quarter 1 Professional Learning Catalog! Required coursework for certification from the Maryland State Department of Education is also offered.

[Fall 2022 Catalog](#)

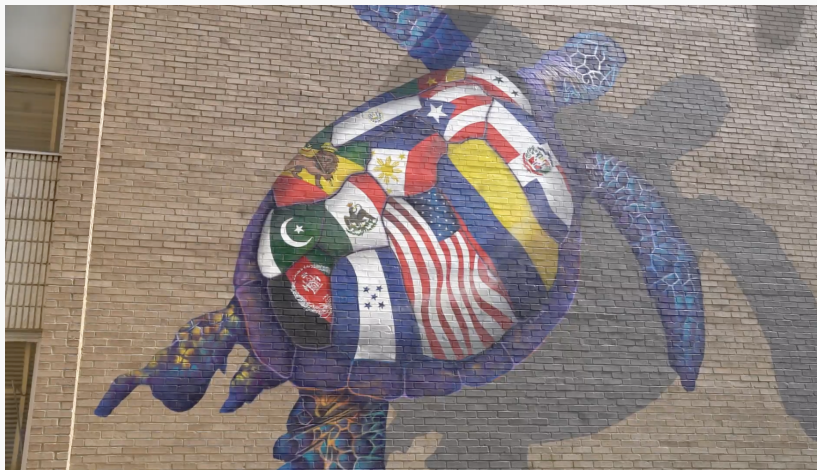
Save the Date: PGCPS Hall of Fame Gala



[The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCEPS](#) will host its annual PGCEPS Hall of Fame Gala on Friday, Oct. 28 at the MGM National Harbor. The gala showcases students and schools, highlights notable alumni through a Hall of Fame induction and raises critical funds to expand educational experiences for students.

Spotlights

International High School Mural Symbolizes School Spirit



"It's one of the only turtles that does not hide its neck in its shell. It always sticks its neck out and takes risks," said International High School at Largo Principal Melissa Nankin. "That's one of our themes for the year. We're encouraging our students to take risks and try new things."



At the International High School at Largo, learn more about how a new mural embodies the school's guiding principles and honors students' countries of origin.

DuVal High School Football Featured on FOX5 Zip Trip



Duval High School varsity football coaches and players were featured during the [FOX 5 Zip Trip](#) 2022 Summer Finale at National Harbor!

Announcements and Professional Development

New: Strategic Planning & Resource Management

The Office of Strategic Planning & Resource Management has launched a new webpage on the [Staff Portal](#) offering updates about PGCPs grant making and strategic planning opportunities. Find useful resources such as priority CSIs for the strategic plan and processes for grants development and management.

Don't Miss Out: Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness

**Public Service
Loan Forgiveness
(PSLF) Waiver**

Time-Limited Changes
**Take Action by:
October 31, 2022**

[StudentAid.gov/PSLFWaiver](https://studentaid.gov/PSLFWaiver)

The [Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\) limited waiver period](#) ends October 31 for educators, school personnel, administrators and other employees at all education levels. Visit the U.S. Department of Education's PSLF [resource page](#) for more information and resources.

Become an Ally Partner for Local Youth Experiencing Homelessness



The McKinney Vento Program is seeking community partners and trusted adults in schools to join the Ally Partners Program and become a trusted point of contact for students experiencing homelessness in Prince George's County. Workshop pay may be available for some staff.

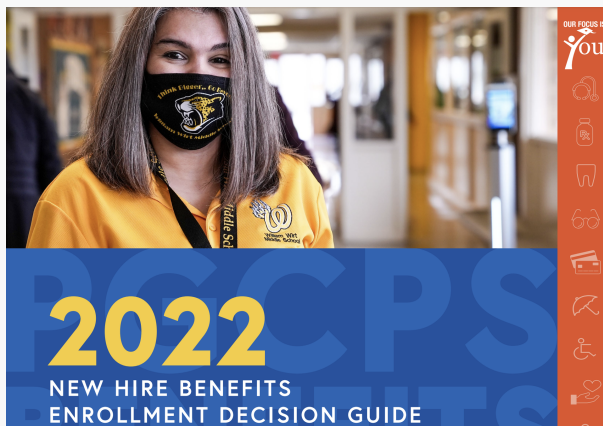
Training will held via Zoom on:

- Sept. 28 at 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25 at 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

[More Information](#)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

New to PGCPSS? Enroll in Benefits



Reminder: newly hired benefits eligible employees have 35 days from their date of hire to enroll in [benefits](#). Coverage is effective the first of the month after enrollment.

[Employee Self Service](#)

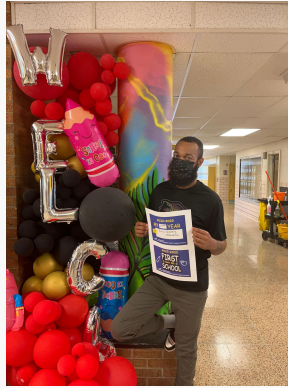
[New Hire Benefits Decision Guide](#)

Mark Your Calendar

- PGCPS will host a **Specialty Schools Showcase** on Thursday, October 20 at Northwestern High School from 6-8 p.m
- **September is Attendance Awareness Month**, an opportunity to spread awareness on why maintaining attendance in school is essential for academic success.

#TeamPGCPS Paparazzi

The team at William Wirt Middle School shows back-to-school spirit!



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