



EXPRESS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

Top News

Benefits Open Enrollment Starts Monday



ENROLL IN YOUR PGCPS BENEFITS
OCTOBER 10 – 26, 2022

[Open Enrollment](#) begins Monday! Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to review your benefits and make selections for you and your family. Changes made during Open Enrollment will go into effect January 1, 2023. If you do not make changes, your current benefits will remain the same next year with the exception of Flexible Spending Accounts.

[Learn More](#)

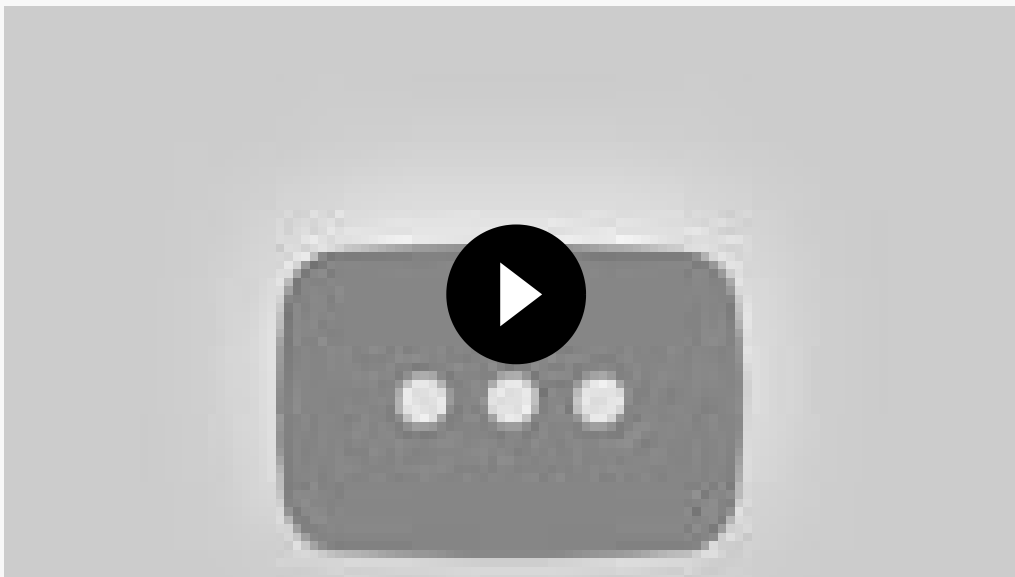
[Virtual Info Sessions](#)

New! Livestreaming Top Sports Matchups



The Office of Communications and high school Media Arts departments have joined forces to livestream select high-interest sports contests this school year! This initiative will offer exposure for athletes of all sports and provide hands-on experiences for students interested in broadcasting.

Tune in this Saturday to see a battle of two undefeated varsity football teams, the Dr. Henry A. Wise High School Pumas vs. the Charles H. Flowers High School Jaguars. The broadcast will begin at 1:50 p.m. on the [PGCPS YouTube channel](#).



Interpreters Available for Parent-Teacher Conferences



Parent Teacher conferences are Monday, Oct. 10! Assistance is available for teachers and staff to communicate with parents who are not native speakers of English.

[Learn More](#)

Telehealth Services Begin Next Week in Some Schools



Students in middle schools and academies can access free telehealth services through Hazel Health beginning next week! The service will launch in high schools on Oct. 24. and will expand to elementary schools in November. Mental health teletherapy services will also be available starting in November.

[Family Sign Up](#)

Middle School Construction Updates



JOIN PGCPS FOR A SERIES OF DISTRICT-WIDE
**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE MEETINGS** **NEW DATES!**



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TUES, OCT 11th



**KENMOOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL
6:00 PM**
bit.ly/KenmoorUpdateOct11



**SONIA SOTOMAYOR AT
ADELPHI***
(formerly ADELPHI) MIDDLE SCHOOL
7:30 PM bit.ly/SoniaSotomayorUpdateOct11

WED, OCT 12th



**DREW-FREEMAN
MIDDLE SCHOOL
6:00 PM**
bit.ly/DrewFreemanUpdateOct12



**WALKER MILL
MIDDLE SCHOOL
7:30 PM**
bit.ly/WalkerMillUpdateOct12

For more information email: pg_kates.sommerville@pgcps.org

THURS, OCT 13th



**WILLIAM WIRT
MIDDLE SCHOOL
6:00 PM**
bit.ly/WilliamWirtUpdateOct13



**NEW GLENRIDGE AREA
MIDDLE SCHOOL
7:30 PM**
bit.ly/GlenridgeUpdateOct13

FRI, OCT 14th



**COLIN L. POWELL
ACADEMY (K-8)
9:30 AM**
bit.ly/ColinPowellUpdateOct14

THURS, OCT 20th



**HYATTSVILLE
MIDDLE SCHOOL
7:30 PM**
bit.ly/HyattsvilleUpdateOct20



ACOMPÑE A PGCPS A UNA SERIE DE
**REUNIONES DE ACTUALIZACIÓN SOBRE LA
CONSTRUCCIÓN DE LAS ESCUELAS
A NIVEL DISTRICTAL** **¡NUEVAS FECHAS!**



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MAR., 11 DE OCT.



**ESCUELA INTERMEDIA
KENMOOR
6:00 P. M.**
bit.ly/KenmoorUpdateOct11



SONIA SOTOMAYOR EN ADELPHI*
(anteriormente) ESCUELA INTERMEDIA ADELPHI
7:30 P. M.
bit.ly/SoniaSotomayorUpdateOct11

MIÉ., 12 DE OCT.



**ESCUELA INTERMEDIA
DREW-FREEMAN
6:00 P. M.**
bit.ly/DrewFreemanUpdateOct12



**ESCUELA INTERMEDIA
WALKER MIL
7:30 P. M.**
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Para más información, envíe un correo electrónico a:
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JUE., 13 DE OCT.



**ESCUELA INTERMEDIA
WILLIAM WIRT
6:00 P. M.**
bit.ly/WilliamWirtUpdateOct13



**NUOVA ESCUELA INTERMEDIA
DEL ÁREA DE GLENRIDGE
7:30 P. M.**
bit.ly/GlenridgeUpdateOct13

VIE., 12 DE OCT.



**ACADEMIA
COLIN L. POWELL (kinder-8.)
9:30 A. M.**
bit.ly/ColinPowellUpdateOct14

JUE., 20 DE OCT.



**ESCUELA INTERMEDIA
HYATTSVILLE
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Attend an upcoming [virtual meeting](#) for updates on PGCPS middle schools under construction!

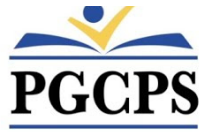
Spotlights

#PGCPSproud: Students Share Their Journeys



Want to go deeper in professional learning? Hear from International Largo High School students from Afghanistan, Nigeria, Syria and El Salvador about what brought them to the United States and their experiences as new students.





Kettering Middle School Hosts El Salvador Ambassador





The Ambassador of El Salvador to the U.S. Milena Mayorga visited students at Kettering Middle School (KMS) for Hispanic Heritage Month! Home to the PGCPS middle school Spanish immersion program, this year's KMS eighth-graders will be the first to enter the new high school Spanish immersion program next school year.

Thank You, School Leaders!



Mary Harris "Mother" Jones Elementary Principal Evylyn Quiñones & Gwynn Park High School Principal Dr. Melissa McGuire with students.

For National Principals Month, we honor our exceptional school leaders!

Announcements and Professional Development

Principal Application Window Now Open

The 2023-2024 principal application window is open! Qualified candidates should **apply through Dec. 31** via iRecruitment. Interested applicants may visit the [PGCPS Careers](#) for more information and to review job announcements.

Job announcements include:

IRC183480 - Elementary/Secondary Principal

IRC183481 – Montessori

IRC183482 - Language Immersion

IRC183483 - Early Childhood Center

IRC183860 - Regional School Programs

[Apply](#)

Administrative Assistant & Secretary Academy

[Applications](#) are being accepted for the inaugural Administrative Assistant and Secretary Academy! The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 14.

Proposed Changes to School Boundaries



[Learn more](#) about the boundary initiative process, a recap of work done in phases one and two, answers to common questions and next steps.

Countdown to PGCPS Hall of Fame Gala!



Did you know that the [Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS](#) has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to hundreds of graduating seniors since 2012? The Foundation will host its annual Hall of Fame Gala and fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 28, with all proceeds supporting student scholarships and academic enhancements. Text 'PGCPSHOF22' to 44-321 to make a secure contribution or [donate online](#).

Share Your Priorities for the FY2024 Budget



Share your input on FY2024 budget recommendations by completing a survey by 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 indicating your top five priorities for the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.

[Survey](#)

Share Input: Proposed Board of Education Policies



As Board of Education policies are developed or revised, the public is permitted to provide input. On Sept. 22, the Board voted to approve the following policies for public comment before adoption:

Draft policy 0109 - *Financial Impropriety, Improper Conduct, and Whistleblower Protection*

Draft policy 3500 - *Naming of Schools, School District Facilities, Dedicating Areas of School and School District Facilities or Grounds and Erecting Monuments*

Draft policy 5113 - *Student Attendance, Absence, and Truancy*

The deadline for comment is Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. Comments on proposed policies may also be submitted by email to testimony@pgcps.org.

Please note: Public comments are public records and will be publicized along with the Policy and Governance Committee's recommendation to the Board for final action. Comments should not include identifying or legally protected information about individuals, staff members, or students. Comments containing this type of information will not be posted.

New Date: Specialty Programs Showcase

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS SHOWCASE
PATHWAY TO POSSIBILITIES
NOVEMBER 3
CHARLES H. FLOWERS HIGH SCHOOL
6-8 P.M.

Elementary
Middle
High

LEARN ABOUT SPECIALTY PROGRAMS
FOR STUDENTS IN PreK THROUGH GRADE 12

The Specialty Programs Showcase will now be held on Thursday, Nov. 3 at Charles Herbert Flowers High School.

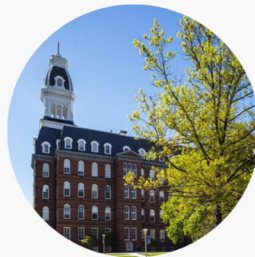
In the News

"People On the Move"



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson is featured in the [Washington Business Journal](#) for her leadership and historic strides around school construction.

"Growing Our Own"



PGCPS and Notre Dame of Maryland University are addressing the teacher shortage through the [Maryland Leads Initiative](#).

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

McDaniel College Open House

Learn about McDaniel College graduate and professional studies programs at a virtual open house on **Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 4:30 p.m.**

[Register](#)

Mini-Grants for Teachers

Mini-Grants to fund special projects or activities are available to teachers through [Maryland Retired School Personnel Association!](#) [Apply](#) by Nov.1.

Back-to-School Gift Card Giveaway

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Now through Nov. 30, [enter to win](#) a \$50 Amazon gift card courtesy of American College of Education!

#TeamPGCPS Paparazzi

National Custodial Workers Recognition Day was Sunday, Oct. 2. We applaud #TeamPGCPS custodial staff for their commitment to keeping schools and offices safe and well maintained!



Riverdale Elementary School custodial team.



Lewisdale Elementary School custodial team.

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