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PGCPS Express: U.S. Secretary of Education Visits PGCPS + Calendar Updates!

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April 20, 2021

Get the Scoop

Cardona: "This is Why Reopening Matters..."



As PGCPS welcomed back Phase 2 of hybrid learners last week, U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona [visited](#) Mary Harris "Mother" Jones Elementary on the "[Help is Here](#)" [School Reopening Tour](#) — part of the Biden Administration's broader efforts to support states, schools, students, parents and educators as they navigate returning to in-person learning.

Last Day of School for Teachers & Students

The [last day of school](#) for students is Tuesday, June 15, with a two-hour early dismissal. There is also an early dismissal Monday, June 14. **The last day for teachers will be Wednesday, June 16.** The final days allow time for teacher activities outlined in their negotiated agreement. Ten- and 11-month employees should confirm their last days with their immediate supervisor.

Educator Survey: 3rd Quarter Work Amnesty Period

PGCPS is conducting a brief three-question educator survey to help evaluate the effectiveness of the third-quarter work amnesty period from Tuesday, April 6 through Friday, April 9. Please [share your feedback](#) by **Wednesday, April 28**.

#PGCPS Proud: In the Spotlight

Magruder Named Middle School Principal of the Year



Congratulations to **Stephen Decatur Middle School Principal Dr. Charity Magruder** for being named the [Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals](#) Middle School Principal of the Year!

Staffing Spotlight: New Chief Operating Officer, EEO Advisor

Dr. Mark Fossett is now serving as Chief Operating Officer following the retirement of Barry Stanton.

Lori Branch Cooper is the new Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Advisor. She previously served as Associate Counsel, Labor and Employment, for Baltimore City Public Schools.

CEO Dr. Monica Goldson Joins Chiefs for Change



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson is among the newest members of Chiefs for Change, a nonprofit, bipartisan network of diverse state and district education leaders dedicated to preparing students for success through accelerating student learning, expanding access to college and careers and closing the digital divide.

Beacon Heights Educator Builds 'Lego City'



Beacon Heights Elementary School's Lego Club teaches students basic engineering principles of buildings, bridges, tunnels, roads and more. While working remotely from his classroom, fifth-grade science teacher Martin Brown built a massive "Lego City" that he says exemplifies the school's "S.T.E.A.M First" approach to education and teaching!

Union Donation Supports Health and Safety!



The Association of Supervisory & Administrative School Personnel (ASASP) donated more than 500 personal protective equipment (PPE) kits to students and staff at Buck Lodge Middle School!

Nominate a colleague who makes you #PGCSProud by sending their name, office/school, photo and a brief description (100 words or less) to communications@pgcps.org. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity or grammar.

Benefits Services: Our Focus Is You

Take Time to Unwind!



[Register now](#) for a 30-minute chair-based yoga/mindfulness session. Open to staff and families, this class is a great way to recharge and learn ways to combat stress and exercise your body and mind. You will practice breathing exercises to help you relax and reduce stress!

#HealthyPGCPS: Physical Activity

Wellness 360 will host **Deskercise on Wednesday, April 21** beginning at 4 p.m. Visit [Wellness360](#) for more information.

Announcements and Professional Development

#TeachWithUs: Spread the Word About PGCPS Careers!

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I moved from Massachusetts to PGCPS in 2002 because I wanted an opportunity to make a difference. I work with students from around the globe who have not only encouraged me to grow from teacher to administrator, but have encouraged me to travel and learn a new language. My PGCPS family cheers me on when I'm successful and helps pick me up when I stumble.

MELISSA NANKIN
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
17 YEARS WITH PGCPS



#TeamPGCPS: It's time to get social! Here are three ways you can get involved as a #PGCSPride ambassador to help us spread the word about careers with PGCPS:

1. **DOWNLOAD & DISPLAY** a social media banner and Zoom background to [show](#) your #PGCSPride!
2. **SHARE** our [#TeachWithUs message](#) with your social media networks.
3. **REFER** a [teacher interested](#) in learning more about PGCPS careers for a chance to win!

Assistant Principal Info Session

Assistant Principal Application & Information Session



Attend an information session on April 27 and 28 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. if you are on the path to becoming a PGCPSS Assistant Principal. Participants will learn more about the application and selection process. [Register now!](#)

Aspiring Leaders Program for Student Success (ALPSS) 2.0 Cohort 10

Strong leaders build strong communities! The application window for our Aspiring Leaders Program for Student Success (ALPSS) is **Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 14**. ALPSS 2.0 is designed to develop a diverse pipeline of emerging leaders who impact teaching and learning through transformational leadership. Session presenters will be members of the Executive Leadership Team. For more information, contact Dr. Melissa Ellis at melissa.ellis@pgcps.org.

Professional Learning Goes Virtual

Check out what's happening in the [Office of Professional Learning and Leadership](#) to include prior systemic professional learning day sessions as well as department highlights.

School Library Media Specialist Certification Program

Towson University is now offering a fully online, eight-course [post-master's degree certificate in school library media](#). State-certified educators who have already earned a master's degree are eligible to apply for the post-master's certificate program.

Towson also offers an online [Master of Science Degree in Instructional Technology](#) with a Concentration in School Library Media for educators pursuing their first master's degree and library media specialist certification.

Questions? Contact David Robinson at DERobinson@towson.edu.

Save-the-Date: Virtual Mental Health Series

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VIRTUAL MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

MAY 5-8

FOR PGCPSS STAFF, STUDENTS, FAMILIES
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Growing Green With Pride Spring Cleanup

[Register now](#) to join Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks on Saturday, May 1 for a countywide effort to safely clean our communities.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Reminder: SafeSchools Trainings

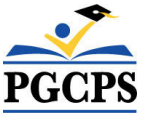
Employees are encouraged to complete any outstanding [SafeSchools](#) training modules.

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