



Office of Community Partnerships

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Greetings Principals, Business and Community leaders,

I am thrilled to officially welcome you to our first Community Partnerships newsletter for the 2021-2022 school year! I hope you like our new look, simple and easy to read! You can expect to receive our monthly newsletter on the 1st of each month. Our newsletter is designed to celebrate the great work that our community partners like you are making in the lives of our more than 136.500 students.

Included in this newsletter, you will find essential partner reminders and new opportunities to support our students and schools. To date, we have more than **70** partners (and counting) that have adopted more than **150** schools as we begin this school year. Having a viable pool of community partners is essential to the success of our students and schools.

Last school year was one of the most challenging years we have ever encountered. With your support, we not only made it through, but we conquered the barriers that separated us. Together with our community partners, we distributed more than 20,000 bags of groceries through our Grab & Go Groceries initiative and over 170,000 meals and boxed fresh food in the height of the pandemic helped to ensure the continuity of needed services virtually.

Together, we made it happen! If that wasn't enough, you extended a helping hand to our school system once more as we hosted our first back-to-school event since the start of the pandemic in August. With the support of partners like Aetna, Educational Systems Federal Credit Union, Ivy Community Charities, Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation of Maryland, Kaiser Permanente, Kingdom Fellowship, Sodexo Magic, Starbucks, UnitedHealthcare, Wegmans and WHUR-FM 96.3 for ourBack 2 School Drive & Dash event on Saturday, August 21, we provided our students with backpacks, school supplies, masks, sanitizers, groceries and other resources.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our amazing community partners for making this event possible,we simultaneously distributed more than **5,500** backpacks from three PGCPS school sites: Charles Herbert Flowers, High Point and Oxon Hill high schools, making the 10th anniversary of our back-to-school event a major success.

On behalf of my team, we are looking forward to an exciting school year with new opportunities to collaborate in a greater capacity.



Let's Get Social

Follow us on Twitter at **@PGCPSPartners**

Yours In Service,

Barbara Holt Streeter

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Dr. Monica Goldson and staff distribute backpacks to our students.



Check out some of our sponsors from the Back 2 School Drive & Dash event!



Partner Announcements and Reminders:

The BookNook Summer Session was held twice a week, beginning the week of July 12 and ran through August 19, 2021. Members from the following organizations committed one hour twice a week to read and tutor our students:

- First Baptist Church of Glenarden
- Kingdom Fellowship A.M.E.
- Ivy Community Charities Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- McDougall International, Inc.
- Pearl Elegance Foundation Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter
- Redeemers Church of ChristAlpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- True Deliverance Church of God Ministries
- UMD Maryland Mentoring Corps
- Delta Zeta Zeta Chapter Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. -

With a special "shoutout" and "thank you" to two Incredible volunteers who had "Perfect Attendance" for the Summer:

- 1.Patricia Parker Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter
- 2. Stephanie Vargas UMD Maryland Mentoring Corps

Please remember:



- All volunteers have to complete mandatory SafeSchools Training every new school year.
- Volunteers must sign up in our new Volunteer Registration System (VRS) if they haven't done so already.
- Send us an updated Certificate of Insurance when your current one expires.
- Let us know when you want to add a school to your partnership agreement.

Please contact us if you have any questions at partnerships@pgcps.org.





PARTNER PROMOTIONS











THANK YOU, PARTNERS!



Partnerships Team with CEO Dr. Monica Goldson