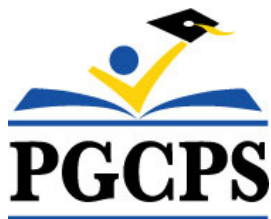




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BRINGING BUSINESSES, COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS TOGETHER!



Office of Community Partnerships

March 2022



*From the Desk of
Barbara Holt Streeter
Partnerships Officer*

Greetings Partners, Principals and Friends!

March is National Women's History Month!

Oprah Winfrey once said, "There is no greater gift you can give or receive than to honor your calling. It's why you were born." Our 80-plus partners have adopted more than 150 schools while supporting more than 136,500 students. You have used your calling and provided our students with donations, programs or activities. Having a variable pool of community partners is essential to the success of our students and schools.

Thank you to the many partners who support our students regularly. Your help gives our students a sense of belonging and a constant feel of support,

not only by the school system but by Prince George's County as a whole.

We would like to welcome a new addition to the Office of Community Partnerships: Cindy Adlien, our new Administrative Assistant. We would also like to announce that Janice Cooke has been promoted to Volunteer and Community Outreach Specialist and Quon Wilson has joined to the Office of Communications. Congratulations to all in their new roles. During this transition, please know that we are all here to support you and your organization.

Please be sure to review the essential Partner Reminders page in this month's newsletter to see what opportunities are coming up. April is Volunteer Appreciation Month! During this time, we will celebrate you, Our Partners! Please share our newsletter with your colleagues and friends ensuring that they subscribe to find out more about the awesome work that community partners, like yourselves, are doing in the lives of our students.

[**READ MORE!**](#)



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Partnerships Officer letter continues...

As we continue to promote the great things that you are doing in our schools, please be sure to email us at partnerships@pgcps.org with photos and details about the wonderful events you host to support our students and schools.

We are looking forward to more incredible things this year with our amazing partners.

Yours in Service,

Barbara Holt Streeter

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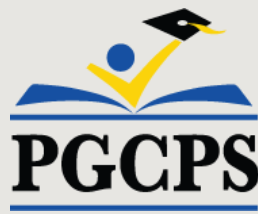


Let's Get Social

Follow us on Twitter at
@PGCPSPartners



Photo of PGCPS Team touring the new Kingdom Care Center, a project of the Kingdom Global Community Development Corporation (KGCDC), led by the Rev. Matthew L. Watley, Senior Pastor, and the Rev. Kendra Smith, Executive Director.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT STORY



Staff from State Farm pictured with PGCPs staff members Dr. Sandra Bunns, Assistant Principal; Rosa Fenwick, Parent Engagement Assistant; Phi Thach, Community School Coordinator; and Barbara Holt Streeter, Partnerships Officer

We've all heard the slogans "Like a good neighbor..." or what about, "This is Jake from..." In fact, I'm sure many of us can finish the lines. State Farm Insurance is one of the largest groups of mutual insurance companies throughout the United States with corporate headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois. For 100 years, they've helped people manage the risks of everyday life, helped rebuild neighborhoods, invested in communities, and supported education and safety initiatives in communities.

State Farm has become one of the newest Adopt-A-School Partners at Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), adopting Judge Sylvania Woods Elementary to provide students with support and services. One of their most events included the donation of Literacy Kits to students in grades K-5. The Literacy Kits are a part of the **Reading Is Fundamental Program**. The school was gifted with 250 kits (125 kits for students in grades K-2 and 125 to students in grades 3-5).

[READ MORE!](#)

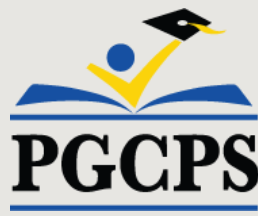


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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT STORY



State Farm Insurance story continues...

The kits included the following:

- **Grades K-2 received the following three books:**
 - Froggy Bakes a Cake
 - One Family
 - A Chair for My Mother
- **Grades 3-5 received the following three books:**
 - Ruby and the Booker Boys: Trivia Queen, Third Grade Supreme
 - Captain Underpants: The Adventures of Captain Underpants
 - Creatrilogy: Ish
- **Bookplate Stickers:** Placed inside of each book to create an important space where children can write their names and feel a true sense of pride and ownership in their new books.
- **250 Bookmarks:** A fun and engaging bookmark for children to use as they read their new books. Each bookmark includes a special spot on the back for State Farm volunteers to write a message of reading encouragement.
- **250 Activity Sheets:** To encourage children to be engaged readers and extend their experience beyond the book.
- **250 Coloring Sheets:** An additional way to encourage children to be engaged readers and extend their experience beyond the book.
- **250 Thank-You Notes:** Provides a fun and creative way for the children to say thank you for the books. These will be collected and returned to Reading Is Fundamental.
- **250 Tote Bags:** To hold each child's set of books and literacy materials (books with bookplate stickers, bookmark, activity sheet, coloring sheet and thank-you note) received from State Farm.

PGCPS is honored to have such a prestigious insurance company as a partner and looks forward to working with State Farm to provide our students with the best educational experience possible.

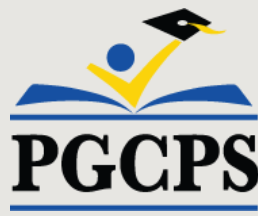


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Based in Silver Spring, Maryland, Kingdom Fellowship AME Church is driven by its four “G” values: “Gather, Grow, Give, Go”. This 5,000-member church has been focused on their motto “We are making Kingdom disciples to make a Kingdom difference” and by this have left their mark in the hearts and hands of their communities.

Kingdom Fellowship, through the efforts and leadership of the Rev. Matthew L. Watley, Senior Pastor, and the Rev. Kendra Smith, Executive Director, was one of Prince George’s County Public Schools’ first partners that contacted, supported, and provided food and supplies for our **COVID Grab and Go Groceries Program**. In collaboration with Prince George’s County Council Chair Calvin Hawkins II and County Council Member Thomas Dernoga (District 1), the church supported this effort at High Point High School almost every Saturday over the past two years during the height of the pandemic.

Meanwhile, Kingdom Fellowship AME Church continues to gather, grow, give and go in the community. In April 2022, the church plans to open its new Worship and Care Center, located at 11700 Beltsville Drive, Calverton, MD. The PGCPS Office of Community Partnerships staff had the pleasure of touring the new Kingdom Cares Center and meeting the Kingdom Global Community Development Corporation team.



In photo (from left to right): Cindy Adlien, Barbara Holt Streeter, the Rev. Matthew L. Watley, the Rev. Kendra Smith, Ronald Wilson and Janice Cooke



The Rev. Matthew L. Watley shows attendees the new worship center

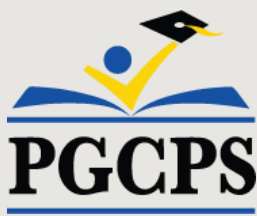


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PARTNER REMINDERS

- All volunteers must sign up in the Volunteer Registration System (VRS). Visit www.pgcps.org/volunteer for more information.
- Mandatory SafeSchools Training must be completed **every** new school year.
- An updated Certificate of Insurance must be sent to the Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) when your current one expires.
- OCP must be informed when partners would like to add a school to their partnership agreement.
- All partner programs will remain virtual until further notice.

Upcoming Events

The next PGCPS Community Partners Meeting is Wednesday, **April 20 from 2-3 p.m.** and we will be celebrating you!

Please be prepared to receive an electronic correspondence in your email.

Special Notes

Let's promote the great things you are doing in our schools. Please email us your photos and details of events that you host to support our students and schools to [**partnerships@pgcps.org**](mailto:partnerships@pgcps.org)

***As of March 1, Quon Wilson transitioned to the Office of Communications.**

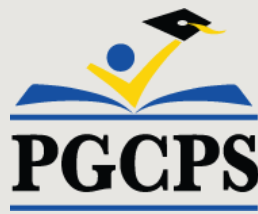


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PARTNER SUPPORT



Office of Community Partnerships

Division of Communications and Community Engagement

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Phone 301.952.6380 Email: partnerships@pgcps.org

Greetings Partners!

We hope this email finds you and your families well. As spring approaches, so does the end of the school year. The Senior Class of 2022 is excited for their next chapter!

We are excited to share that the Graduation Rate increased by 1.5 percentage points to nearly 78 percent for the 2020-2021 academic year with 10 schools registering a graduation rate of more than 90 percent. We expect our number to increase again this year.

In an effort to support our amazing seniors, the Office of College and Career Readiness has contacted our office in hopes of having community partners participate in an incredible laptop/Chromebook giveaway event they have planned in honor of National Signing Day.

Many seniors will be in need of their own laptop/Chromebook as they prepare for college, internships or to serve in the military. It would be wonderful if they could receive a brand new device of their very own.

Would your organization be able to donate a new laptop(s) or Chromebook(s) for the giveaway? If so, provided below are the specifications. We are planning to pre-record portions of the National Signing Day program. If you would like to donate, we are accepting devices until April 21.

If your organization is able to donate a new device(s), please contact our office to fill out the computer donation form.

Minimum specifications for the devices:

- i5 Processor
- 8 GB RAM
- 128 SSD (storage)
- Windows 10 Pro 64-bit
- Built-in Webcam
- 13+ inch LCD

We greatly appreciate you and your organization! Your continued partnership matters!

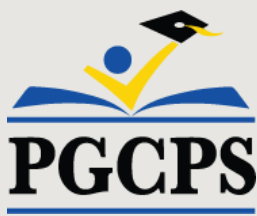


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PARTNER EVENTS

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS
 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!
 Open to High School Seniors
 Visit www.4caapa.org for Application
 Deadline: April 8th

music Scholarships
 COALITION FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS
 "Bringing Color to the Classics"
 Annual Juried Music Scholarship

STUDENT VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PRESENTATIONS
VIRTUAL STUDENT SHOWCASE
 June 4th 11:00 am
 ESSAY & MENTORING PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR CASH AWARD!
 ZOOM link sent upon receipt of application

Contact for Info:
 Dr. Emory Andrews
 301-312-8947 or CAAPA
 office 301-839-1444
 info@4caapa.org
 www.4caapa.org

The Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA)
www.4caapa.org

CAAPA
 Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts

REGISTER TODAY!

SPRING BREAK CAMP
 Cultivating Artists, Musicians, and Performers

YAY!

FREE!
 Mon., April 11 to Fri., April 15, 2022
 9:00 am to 4:00 pm daily
 Grades K - 8
 CAAPA Cultural Center (CCC)
 (located @ Henson Valley Christian Church, left side of building)
 1900 Tucker Rd.
 Fort Washington, MD 20744
FINAL SHOWCASE
 Friday, April 15 @ 6pm
 Registration is limited!
 Based on first come, first served.

APPLY online
www.4caapa.org
caapacamp@4caapa.org
 301-839-1444

At the CAAPA Spring Break CAMP, Seasoned Instructors and Staff are committed to helping cultivate artists, musicians, and performers while identifying and encouraging talent.

Breakfast Snacks Daily

Music
 Dance
 Theatre
 Opera
 Visual Arts
 Outdoor Fun
 Creative Writing
 Behind the Scenes
 Piano
 Multi-Media
 Exercise
 Acting
 Crafts
 Sports

Musical Theatre
 Multi-Media
 Scenery & Design
 Book Nook

*Weather permitting

FUN!

Yippee!

BUILD SELF-ESTEEM
 Literacy
 Creative Problem Solving
 Enriching Experiences
 Encouraging activities
 Motivational Programming

FINAL SHOWCASE & PERFORMANCE
 For Parents, Family, & Friends!

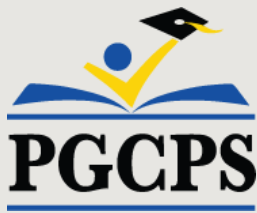


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PARTNER EVENTS



SECURE THE BAG

FINANCIAL LITERACY ACADEMY

Building A Strong Financial Foundations
Financial Literacy Training For Grades 9-12

**MARCH 1, 2022
TO APRIL 5, 2022**
6:30 PM TO 7:45 PM

TUESDAY NIGHTS

During this training you will learn the habits of successful people and how to make your money work better for you.



REGISTER TODAY, SPACE IS LIMITED!
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JOIN THE



TOPTE VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Transforming Outstanding People To Exceptional

**MARCH 2ND TO
APRIL 13TH**
EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:45 PM - 8:15 PM
AGES 14-18

The TOPTE Leadership Academy will take you back to:

- Identify your personal leadership style.
- Recognize your weaknesses and strengths.
- Work on assertiveness and self-confidence.
- Enhance public speaking abilities.
- Develop a personal brand.
- Understand the concept of investing.

- B..... Branding
- A..... Association
- S..... Study Skills
- I..... Investing
- C..... Character
- S..... Success

If interested please visit
www.yknotinc.org/topte
for an application.



SAY *Yes* TO Dress
COLLECTION DRIVE AND
Prom Boutique
GIVE AWAY
MARCH 26TH AND 27TH, 2022 | 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
Berwyn Heights Community Center
6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights, MD

COLLECTION

JANUARY 6, 2022 - FEBRUARY 28, 2022
Collecting clean, gently used or new prom, cocktail dresses, gowns or men's suits or tuxedos.
Shoes - in good condition
Accessories - clutches, handbags, jewelry, cuff links, handkerchiefs, ties, etc.

DROP OFF LOCATION

6178 Oxon Hill Road
Suite 300
Oxon Hill, MD 20745
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Please call 301-819-YNOT for additional drop off information.
Use the link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/213647165266157>

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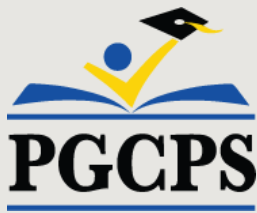


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EDUCATIONAL
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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SERIES

UMD-EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PRESENTS

COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING SERIES FOR RISING SENIORS

ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR
WHO WILL BE APPLYING TO COLLEGES IN THE FALL?

MARCH 22 & 29 • APRIL 5, 19, & 26 • MAY 3 & 10, 2022

- Series Kickoff: Fireside Chat Featuring Dream College Author, Kpakpundu Ezeze • Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
 The Most Important Factors for College Admission • Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
 College Research and Building Your College List • Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
 Writing Your Personal Statement • Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
 Creating Your Resume/Making the Most of Your Summer • Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
 Scholarships and Financial Aid • Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
 Getting Started with the College Application Process • Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

REGISTER NOW!

<https://bit.ly/3sL7oUx>

Contact Carla Partlow at cpartlow@umd.edu with any questions.



The workshop is free for Talent Search students. Students from target schools can apply to Talent Search by visiting <https://talentsearch.umd.edu/talentsearch-apply.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

240.825.3400 or talentsearch.umd.edu
University of Maryland Educational Talent Search
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OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS
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WHAT ARE YOU CAPABLE OF BECOMING?

FIND OUT WITH UMD-TALENT SEARCH



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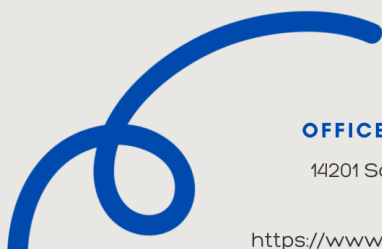


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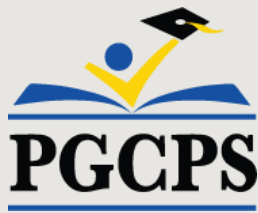


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Get fresh ideas to encourage
a healthier workplace



Kaiser Permanente's Virtual Workforce Health Learning Circle

Pandemic Pounds: Prioritizing Physical Well-being in Difficult Times

Thursday, March 31st | Noon – 12:45 p.m. ET

Click [HERE](#) to register today!

Join us for this learning circle to discuss the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on overall physical well-being. We will dive deep into the toll it has taken on weight management and learn how to help your employees bounce back.

Objectives:

- Learn about the health risks, chronic conditions impact and effects on your business associated with weight
- Understand how the pandemic has impacted weight management
- Identify opportunities and ways to communicate support
- Leverage tools and resources for success



Presenters



Chantal Maddox
Workforce Health Consultant

Chantal is a Workforce Health Consultant for Kaiser Permanente. She partners with employers and brokers on strategic planning to create and sustain a culture of well-being in the workplace. She has been with Kaiser Permanente for 5 years and has 9 years of well-being experience. She holds a Master's in Business Management and a Bachelor's in Exercise Science. In her free time, she thrives by spending time outdoors with family and friends.



Brandon Massie
Sr. Workforce Health Consultant

Brandon is a Senior Workforce Health Consultant for Kaiser Permanente. He consults and guide employers and brokers with strategic workforce planning and health engagement. Brandon has over 15 years of Workplace Wellness experience and is a certified Human Resources Professional. In his free time, he thrives by chasing around his 2 kids and out on the water (weather permitting).

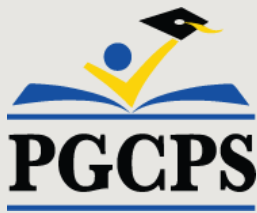


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Revamp your mind and body with Kaiser Permanente

Stay balanced with Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays are monthly classes designed to help you combat stress and build resilience.



Stay healthy with Well-Being Wednesdays

Well-Being Wednesdays are monthly health education classes designed to help you build your overall physical and emotional well-being.



Guided Meditation for Self-Compassion

This meditation will focus on the three main elements of self-compassion.

Guided Meditation for Mental Health

Cultivating a mindfulness practice has been shown to be helpful as a treatment for some people who experience common mental health problems, such as stress, anxiety, and depression. In this session, we'll learn and focus on the positive aspects of this practice and the brain.

Guided Meditation for Focused Attention

Here we'll learn how focused attention meditation can help grow your ability to better handle distractions and attend to the tasks at hand.

With self-compassion, we give ourselves the same kindness and care we would give to a good friend.

— KRISTIN NEFF

Benefits of Movement in Nature

Learn the physical and mental benefits of getting outside, ideas on ways to immerse yourself and exercise in nature, and safety tips to keep in mind.

Food and Mood

We'll tune in to the body and mind and identify self-care practices to bring balance to eating and mood.

Summer Safety

Learn about preventive measures, and how to recognize the signs of heat-related illnesses, so you can protect yourself and others in summer.

Guided Meditation for Self-Compassion

Monday, April 4
12 – 1 p.m.

Guided Meditation for Mental Health

Monday, May 9
12 – 1 p.m.

Guided Meditation for Focused Attention

Monday, June 13
12 – 1 p.m.

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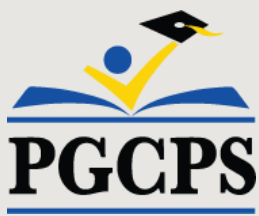


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