



Office of Community Partnerships

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Merry & Bright!

Greetings Partners, Principals and Friends,

This newsletter is intended to celebrate the great work that community partners like you are doing in the lives of the 136,500 students and nearly 22,000 employees in Prince George's County Public Schools.

In every newsletter, you will find essential partner reminders, new opportunities to support our students and schools, and information about exciting events that our partners make possible for our students and staff.

Recently our office had the honor of celebrating Ms. Keishia Thorpe a 12th-grade English teacher at International High School Langley Park. Ms. Thorpe was awarded the 2021 Global Teacher Prize by the Varkey Foundation in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for her work to expand college access among low-income, first-generation immigrant and refugee students. Ms. Thorpe was selected for the \$1 million prize from over 8,000 nominations and applications from 121 countries worldwide.

Our educators are world-class, and we are very #PGCPSProud of them all.

Thank you to community and business partners: AwardsPlus of Clinton, Party City of Woodmore, Safeway of Upper Marlboro and Starbucks Prince George's County Community Store who helped us celebrate Ms. Thorpe's accomplishment with an award assembly at her school.

We are grateful for the continued support of our partners and your willingness to support our students and staff. In the spirit of gratefulness, we are excited to also usher in a new season of giving at PGCPS. This month, we launched our annual charitable giving campaign in partnership with the **United Way of the National Capital Area (NCA)**.

Collectively, our employees have donated \$508,863.83 since 2006 to support the United Way NCA, their non-profit partners, and our very own Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, Inc.

If you would like to help support our annual charitable giving campaign, please click here to make your donation through the United Way NCA and enter Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, Inc. in the "Increase Your Impact" field. Alternatively, you can donate directly to our Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, Inc. by clicking here.

A donation to the Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, Inc. will be used to fund education-related programs and help provide internet services, hot meals, scholarships, hygiene kits for individuals experiencing homelessness, after-school club supplies, STEM kits, in-school laundry assistance, and more services that directly benefit our students.

The Christmas holiday season is here, and I thank you for making every day merry and bright for our students and staff. My team and I extend best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous holiday season.

Yours in service,

Barbara Holt Streeter

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Partnerships Officer





Let's Get Social

Follow us on Twitter at **@PGCPSPartners**

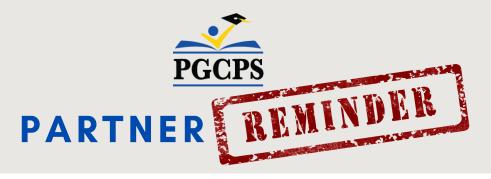


(L to R) Dr. Eunice Humphrey, Principal of International High School Langley Park, and Carlos Lopez, Manager of Starbucks Prince George's County Community Store

(R to L) CEO Dr. Monica Goldson and Keishia Thorpe, 12th-grade English teacher, and family



(L to R): ShaVon T. McConnell, Communications Specialist; Barbara Holt Streeter, Partnerships Officer; Carlos Lopez, Manager of Starbucks Prince George's County Community Store; and Dr. Eunice Humphrey, Principal of International High School Langley Park (ALL High Point HS Alumn)





Please remember:

- We want to promote the great things you are doing in our schools. Please email us at partnerships@pgcps.org with photos and details about events you host to support our students and schools.
- Please remember all partner programs will remain virtual until further notice.
- 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. To become a volunteer, click here.
- Please 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.

Prince George's County Public Schools will be closed December 24 - December 31 for winter break and the Christmas holiday.





A WORD FROM OUR PARTNERS



United Way of the National Capital Area

Did you know that Prince George's County residents are employed yet struggle with the cost of living?

Every two years, a grassroots research initiative takes place to help our region identify our ALICE – an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – populations. ALICE represents the growing number of households in our communities that are employed but do not earn enough to afford basic necessities.

Based on 2018 ALICE reports for Prince George's County, 35 percent of households are ALICE – seven percent of households are at the poverty threshold and earn \$26,500 (for a household of four persons) or less. This means that a large percentage of Prince George's County ALICE households do not qualify for federal programs that could help alleviate the burden of some of their monthly expenses, such as food and health care.

To learn more about ALICE, please visit www.unitedwaynca.org/ALICE.





PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

READY, SET, GO VIRTUAL CAREER EXPO 2021

GIVEAWAYS!

Find the career path that you want to take. This is an excellent opportunity to explore all the options available to you.



BILINGUAL CANDIDATES ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE



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THANK YOU PARTNERS!









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