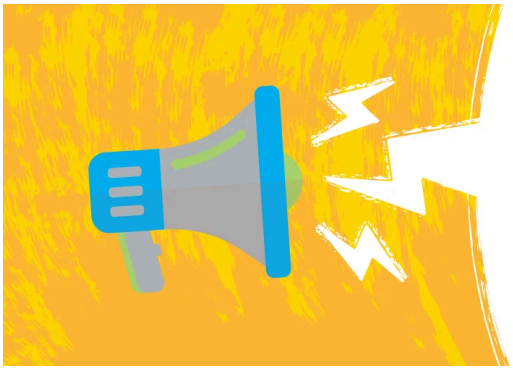
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ENGAGE PGCPS: 2026-27 Teacher of the Year Announced! (04/20/26)



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2026-27 Teacher of the Year Announced!





Clara Allsup, English teacher at International High School at Langley Park (IHSLP) is the 2026–2027 PGCPS Teacher of the Year!

Rebekah Benson-Flannery of College Park Academy and Dr. Julita Lizardo of Largo High School were named first and second runners-up, respectively. Both are English teachers and National Board Certified educators.

2026 PGCPS Teacher of the Year Finalists

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Step inside the classrooms of our 2026–27 Teacher of the Year and finalists! Hear directly from students, colleagues, and school leaders about what makes each of them extraordinary, and why their work matters now more than ever.

Read More & View Photo Gallery for Teacher of the Year

48 Media Centers Reimagined



As PGCPS unveiled its 47th redesigned media center at Frederick Douglass High School, a surprise 48th school was announced!

Read More about Media Center Transformations

Flowers Seniors Lead in STEM



Four Charles Herbert Flowers High School seniors (James Egbuanran, Kingsley Nwogu, Halmed Kamara, and Keven Amaya Muñoz) were named Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship recipients, earning $40,000 over four years toward computer science or engineering studies along with a paid Amazon internship! Flowers led the Maryland–Virginia–D.C. region with the highest number of recipients from a single school. Selected from a competitive national pool, students were recognized for academic excellence, leadership, and community impact.

Get a Boost for Your Child's Education Savings!



The State of Maryland and Maryland 529 are helping make college, trade, or technical school more affordable through the Save4College State Contribution Program. Since its launch, more than 75,000 applicants have received $250–$500 in State contributions.

Visit Maryland529.com/Save4College to check your eligibility and apply by May 3, at 11:59 p.m.

Download the College Investment Flyer

Important Calendar Reminder

Schools are open all day for students on Wednesday, April 22 as part of the updated PGCPS 2025-2026 school calendar.

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This Week's Events

April 20 – BOE Academic Achievement Committee Meeting

April 21 – BOE Disability Issues Advisory Board Meeting

April 21 – Board Ethics Advisory Panel Meeting

April 22 – **Inclement Weather Make-Up: Full Day of School for Students**

April 22 – BOE Operations, Budget & Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting

April 23 – BOE Business Meeting

April 25 – Latino Education Summit: Advancing Equity & Cultural Responsiveness in PGCPS

April 28 – Family Institute: Kindergarten Readiness

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