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LUNCH & RECESS DUTY PAY- CLASS ACTION GRIEVANCE MOVING FORWARD

PGCEA has heard about the pushback. Our response is push forward. We have moved the grievance to Level IV which is Arbitration. An arbitrator will be selected to hear the case if no resolution prior. Important, that you continue to fill out the form and submit to timekeeper for payment. You can click link below to access form.

Please keep a copy of the form for yourself; the record.

[Click here](#) to access form.



Do not forget to RSVP to the Upcoming CONTRACT STRATEGY SESSIONS.

The RSVP link is on the next page.

BARGAINING FOR THE COMMON GOOD- CONTRACT STRATEGY SESSIONS

Please join us at the upcoming Contract Strategy Sessions to review new proposed language.

Friendly High School- Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 4:30 pm.
Click here to RSVP.

High Point High School- Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 4:30 pm
Click here to RSVP.



Parents & community members interested in learning more about Bargaining for the Common Good and supporting PGCEA in the bargaining process are invited to join us for a Community Unity Session from 6-7:30 pm.

2019 LEGISLATION PUBLIC HEARING



The 2019 Prince George's County Delegation PUBLIC HEARING, will be held:

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: PRA Auditorium in Riverdale Park
6600 Kenilworth Ave
Riverdale Park, MD 20737



Both local and bi-county bills will be heard. For further information, please visit www.princegeorgesdelegation.com.



SAVE THE DATES

Holiday Party

Friday, December 14 | 6:30 pm - 09:30 pm
Dave & Buster's

Bargaining for the Common Good- Contract Strategy Sessions

Friendly High School- December 18, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST



The MLK essay and poster contest are open to all Prince George's County Public School students in grades three through twelve (3rd-12th). Three winning essays and three winning posters will be selected. Each winner will receive \$150.00. Each 2nd place winner will receive \$75.00. Each 3rd place winner will receive \$50. A **total of twelve prizes** will be given.

[Click here](#) to view the Contest Rules & Guidelines.

All entries must be postmarked or **delivered by December 13, 2018**. Photocopies of this form are acceptable. Mail the essay entries to: PGCEA, 8008 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, Maryland 20747. Deliver poster entries to same address. PONY delivered entries will not be accepted. PGCEA Office Telephone: 301-736-2700; Contact person: Devin Nixon, dnixon@pgcea.org or Adrienne Parks, Aparks@pgcea.org.

DR. ALVIN THORNTON NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

Dr. Alvin Thornton former School Board Chair and Chair of the Thornton Commission has been appointed by County Executive Angela Alsobrooks to chair the PGCPB Board of Education.

Read Maryland Matters online article by Bruce DePuyt: [The Return of Alvin Thornton](#)

Congratulations Dr. Thornton! PGCEA is looking forward to working with you.

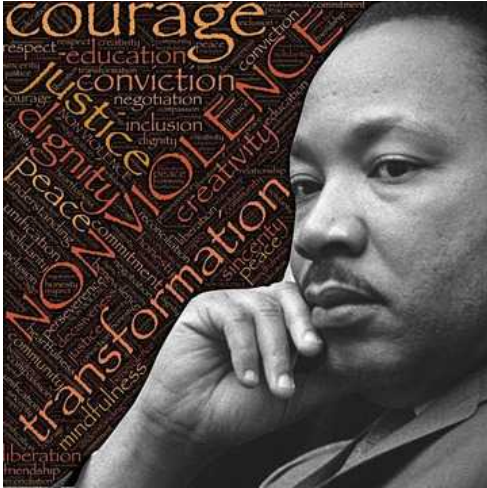


Dr. Alvin Thornton with Acting CEO Dr. Monica Goldson and newly sworn in Board of Education Member.



PGCEA offices will be closed for the Holidays starting Monday, December 24, 2018 through January 1, 2019.
We will reopen on January 2, 2019.

MSEA 34TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION



This year's theme is "90 Years: Re-committing to the Dream."

The theme will explore: the progress made in the 90 years since Dr. King's birth and how now more than ever, we need to come together and re-commit to Dr. King's dream in its entirety.

Event Date: January 19, 2019 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Registration: [Click here](#) to register. Registration will be open to all members on a first come, first served basis.

RSVP Deadline: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - 5:00 pm

Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport



CIRCLE KEEPER REFRESHER

This training is for those who have been trained in the Circle Process and may need a refresher or support in getting started. We will focus on values, principles and touch on specific circle situations that may come up in your educational settings.

A light dinner will be served.

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Time: 4:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Location: PGCEA Center

[Click here](#) to RSVP



UPDATE: TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

This picture was sent to me on Monday of this week shortly after the doors opened for tuition reimbursement application submission. There were only 2 staff working in the office. On the positive side, one of the recommendations from the tuition reimbursement task force has been adopted for the next submission period.

***Starting with the Second submission of Tuition reimbursements requests will be accepted on line. Details and Instructions will be available prior to March 18, 2019.**

- Second submission: Course end date between November 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019, requests accepted from March 18, 2019 until March 22, 2019.
- Third submission: Course end date between March 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019 requests accepted from July 15, 2019 until July 19, 2019

PGCEA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

State legislators representing the county have been invited to discuss issues facing the region as well as proposals for the upcoming legislative session.

Registration will be open to all members on a first come, first served basis.

Event Date: January 4, 2019 - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

RSVP link coming soon!



MSEA LEGISLATIVE OPEN HOUSE

We invite you to an Open House the opening day of the General Assembly. For more information call 800/448-6782 ext. 3634.

January 10, 2019 - 4:00pm to 7:00pm

MSEA Headquarters

140 Main Street

Annapolis, MD 20721

RSVP Deadline: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - 4:00pm

Email dspriggs@mseanea.org to RSVP.



MSEA STATEWIDE SCHOOL FUNDING RALLY

We'll need thousands of members and friends of education there to urge the General Assembly to pass a new and improved school funding formula as they respond to the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission. Look for much more information on the rally in the months ahead. See you there!

Event Date: March 11, 2019

Where: Lawyers Mall in Annapolis



Photo by Katie Campbell/Arizona Capitol Times

**MSEA RALLY
MARCH 11TH
#REDFORED**

A TIME TO READ, A TIME TO GIVE

During December PGCEA RAA (Read Across America) committee collects toys, books, and clothing for homeless students.

We would much appreciate a donation of one or more of these items that will be donated to a shelter.

Recipients range in age from birth to 21. Respectfully we ask that item be new, not worn. If your school wishes to collect and you cannot deliver to PGCEA, items can be picked up from your school. *Please make your donation by Friday, December 14, 2018.*



Reading is lifelong and can be enjoyed every day. Checkout the links below.

Alfie: (The Turtle That Disappeared) by Thyra Heder

Titles for Middle School Readers

Titles for Teen Readers

For more resources [click here](#).

CONTRACT ARTICLES EVERY TEACHER SHOULD KNOW

Article 17- Authorized Leaves with Pay - H. Personal Leave - Page 23 -

1. Leave immediately **before or after a holiday**, emergency makeup, vacation or staff development day(s) may be requested for reason and **must** have final approval from the *Chief Human Resources Officer*. Such leave request must be received by the Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer **at least two weeks in advance**. Unless officially notified of the Chief Human Resources Officer's decision no later than **five (5) days** after receipt of the leave request, the requested leave will be approved.



[Click here](#) to view the PGCEA contract.

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Dave & Buster's
1851 Ritchie Station St
Capitol Heights, MD

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12/18/18

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Friendly High School
10000 Allentown Rd,
Friendly, MD 20744

[Click here](#) to RSVP

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Bargaining for the Common Good- Contract Strategy Session

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 | 4:30 pm

High Point High School
3601 Powder Mill Road
Beltsville, MD 20705

[Click here](#) to RSVP

1/15/19

Circle Keeper Refresher

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Forestville, MD 20747

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1/19/19

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Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport
1739 W. Nursery Road
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

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