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Clean energy not just good for the environment, but the economy too;
COMMENTARY by Ben Grumbles - link
Parent / Caregiver Support

The Parents Back to School Backpack

It is a backpack of resources to help parents support their students as they begin the school year - how to help them keep organized, creating the right environment, etc.

http://marylandpublicschools.org//programs/Documents/ITSLM/Parents_Back_to_School_Backpack.pdf

Resources

A Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Guide for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

The Chesapeake Bay Trust has just produced this great DEIJ guide.


Professional Learning

2021 MAEOE Conference: RFP Deadline Extended to Sept 15th!

Climate, Nature, People, and Education: It’s All Connected!

Calling all Educators, Teachers, Organizations, Researchers, Scientists, Farmers, Artists, and more. Share your expertise, great ideas, lesson plans, and favorite activities!

We would like to see your proposal and know that this summer has been different and has had its challenges. We have extended the deadline a month. All RFPs must be submitted by 5 PM on September 15, 2020. The RFPs will be submitted via a Google form. To submit a proposal: Link to Form

For more information about conference strands and workshop/session days, please check out the Conference 2021 webpage. If you are not sure which strand(s) are more appropriate for your presentation, the committee will review your proposal and will designate this for you.

Thank you for wanting to be a part of the MAEOE conference. If you have any questions, please submit them to conference@maeoe.org

Sincerely,
The MAEOE Conference Committee
2020 Family Engagement Summit (Dr. Walter Gilliam's Presentation NOW Available)

The 2020 Maryland Family Engagement Summit Webinar Series will include four more engaging virtual events on the second Thursday of every month at 3 p.m. until December 2020.

SAVE THE DATES!

• September 10, 2020: Mental Health and Trauma
• October 8, 2020: Structural Inequality in America
• November 12, 2020: No Small Matters Watch Party
• December 10, 2020: Equity on the Ground

Each webinar will feature national and local experts who will share research-based strategies designed to meet the educational needs of diverse student populations, their families, and communities.

Coming Soon: Registration for the second webinar in the 2020 Maryland Family Engagement Summit Webinar Series!

More information can be found at marylandfamiliesengage.org.

Digital Dialogues with The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy in Maryland and Washington, DC is offering lunch and learn styled virtual events called Digital Dialogues.

Building Maryland’s Coastal Resilience | Wednesday, September 2 | 12 – 12:45 p.m. EST
Sea levels in the Chesapeake Bay have risen about a foot in the last century—an alarming rate at more than twice the global average. By 2050, models project that we could see an average of two feet of sea-level rise.

Join Resilient Coasts Program Director Kelly Leo on Wednesday, September 2 to learn how The Nature Conservancy in Maryland and Washington, D.C. is using mitigation and adaptation to tackle climate change and to strengthen the resiliency of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Registration Link

Facebook Page

The Appalachians & The Amazon | Thursday, October 8 | 12:45 p.m. EST
The future of the world is intimately linked to the forests of Brazil. And the forests of Allegany and Garrett counties in western Maryland are a critical migratory corridor for hundreds of plants and animals, especially as climate change shifts their ranges north.

Join Indigenous Policy Specialist Eduardo Vieira Barnes of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Brazil and Resilient Forests Program Director Donnelle Keech of TNC in Maryland and Washington, D.C. on Thursday, October 8 for a discussion on forest resiliency, both in our backyard, and across the globe.

Registration Link
WEBINAR SERIES: Impossible or Imperative? Safely Reopening Schools During COVID-19

This symposium explores the enormous hurdles K-12 schools face as they work to open in the midst of an unprecedented pandemic. Join the conversation as top national experts discuss the challenges of safely reopening America’s schools and the unexpected lessons and opportunities that may emerge as a result.

This series is sponsored by Johns Hopkins School of Education and includes four webinars:

- **The Shifting Landscape: Reopening and the Politics of Education** (aired on August 18th but the recording is available)
- **Who’s Left Behind? Equity and the Push to Reopen Schools** (August 25th from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)
- **More Than Buildings: Reforming Policy for Today’s Schools** (September 1st from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)
- **Voices of Experience: Real-School Practices During a Pandemic** (September 15th from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)

For more information or to register, visit the [JHU School of Education website](https://www.jhu.edu/).

WEBINAR: From Behaving to Belonging: The Inclusive Act of Supporting Students Who Challenge Us

Join ASCD authors Julie Causton and Kate MacLeod for a webinar detailing the foundational concepts and practical strategies from their new book *From Behaving to Belonging: The Inclusive Art of Supporting Students Who Challenge Us*. Learn how to shift from a traditional "behavior management" mindset—one that is focused on compliance, rewards, and consequences—to a strengths-based, loving approach that encourages the radical act of creating more inclusive and caring schools.

This webinar will leave participants feeling inspired to reconnect with their core values and beliefs about students and teaching and ready to support all students—even those with the most challenging behavior—from a place of creativity, empathy, collaboration, and love.

This webinar will take place on Tuesday, September 1st from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. For more information or to register, visit the [ASCD webinars website](https://www.ascd.org/).
WEBINAR: Understanding and Improving the Universal Tier: Back-to-School Strategies for Meeting the Needs of All Students

Many educators expect students to return this fall with an increased depth and range of social-emotional behavior (SEB) and academic needs. More than ever, it will be important for educators to focus first on the universal needs of all students.

Join Sarah Brown, Ph.D., Executive Director of Professional Learning at Illuminate Education, for an edWebinar to deepen participants' understanding of the universal tier and increase their confidence in identifying universal academic and SEB needs and monitoring the effectiveness of their Tier 1 efforts.

This webinar will take place on Wednesday, September 9th from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. For more information or to register, visit the edWebinar website.

WEBINAR: SEL and Mindfulness: Cultivating Resilience Inside and Outside of the Classroom

This edWebinar will provide teachers with best practices for mindfully cultivating resilience for their own well-being and to support their students’ social and emotional learning and development. Teachers will learn about evidence-based approaches for reducing stress in the midst of these challenging times. Teachers will also learn simple techniques for teaching these skills to their students.

This webinar will take place on Wednesday, September 23rd from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. For more information or to register, visit the edWebinar website.

Reginald F. Lewis Museum Virtual Educator’s Open House

Join the museum to learn about virtual program offerings available for educational groups. Educators will take a guided virtual gallery tour of our permanent exhibition and the current exhibition Freedom Bound: Runaways of the Chesapeake. Participants will also glimpse a virtual living history performance. Museum staff will be available for questions and discussion.

This event will take place on Thursday, September 17th from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

To register, visit Reginald F. Lewis Museum Virtual Teacher Open House registration page.

BOOK STUDY: Belonging Through a Culture of Dignity

Join Learning Forward Maryland and Learning Forward Virginia for a summer book club and 3 synchronous virtual learning sessions with authors, Floyd Cobb and John Krownapple, in the fall. Participants will read the book Belonging Through a Culture of Dignity: The Keys to Successful Equity Implementation over the summer and authors John Krownapple and
Floyd Cobb will facilitate 3 virtual reflection sessions via Zoom on September 23rd, October 7th, and October 14th beginning at 5:00 pm on each date. See the flyer for details.

Online Fall Professional Learning Opportunities - Earn Credits While You Learn

In need of CPD credits? Interested in participating in online courses? MSDE’s fall online professional learning courses will begin in October. The course catalog and registration link are currently posted and can be accessed on MSDE’s eConnect site, https://msde.blackboard.com. Registration closes September 17th. Course space is limited, so reserve your seat now.

Additional questions regarding MSDE’s online professional learning courses, can be emailed to onlinepd.msde@maryland.gov.

Masonville Cove 9/3 Birding Basics First Thursday Event
Naturally Latinos Conference: Call for Proposals

December 2 – 4; 10a – 12p daily

This is a reminder that session, workshop, breakout conversation, and speaker proposals for the 3rd Naturally Latinos Conference are due September 4th!

This year’s conference will be virtual, and our planning committee is looking for keynote speaker suggestions, panels of up to 4 speakers and a moderator, topics for facilitated breakout/discussion sessions, and interactive workshops or other innovative models. Please help us create an amazing conference by submitting your ideas!

Our theme of "Una Comunidad, Many Voices" speaks to the intersectional nature of the Latinx community and of an environmentalism that supports both human and wildlife needs.

Employment Opportunity

Audubon Mid-Atlantic is Looking for a Leader!

I have exciting news on behalf of Audubon! We are looking for a regional director to lead Audubon Mid-Atlantic! We are enthusiastic about this opportunity to work more closely with our colleagues in PA to scale up the important initiatives in our states, and we are looking for someone to lead us. Patterson Park Audubon Center is one of four community engagement hubs of the National Audubon Society that are part of this new, regional program.

Here is the link to the Audubon Mid-Atlantic executive director’s job description, as well as a few highlighted skills listed below. Please let me know if you have ideas for strong candidates to help shape this important work.

A few important qualities:
- Strategic and collaborative leadership
- Organizational management
- Conservation knowledge
- Fundraising expertise
- Strong stakeholder relationships
- Track record for equity, diversity & inclusion

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