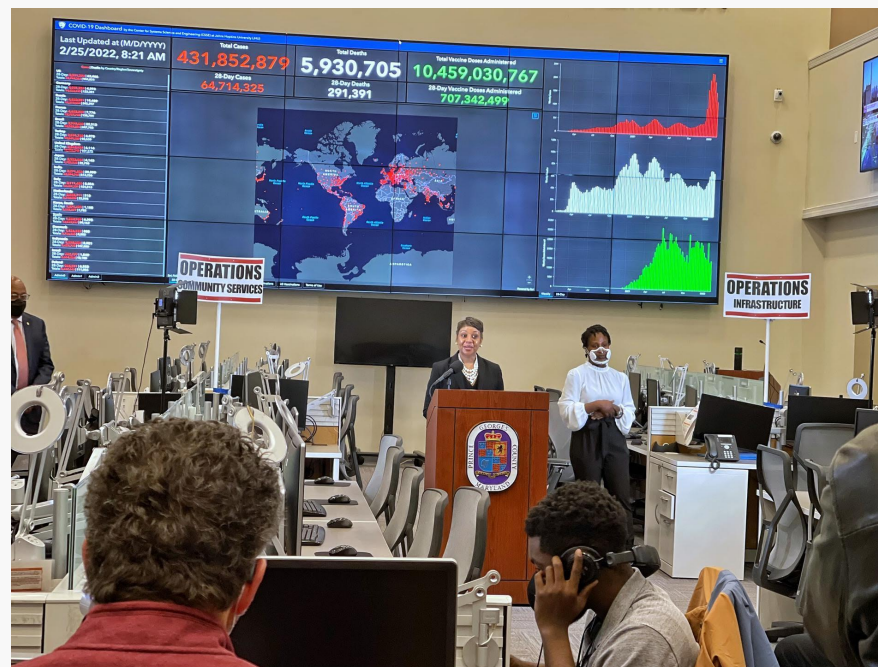


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Top News

Masks to Continue in Schools and Offices



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson announced that masks will continue to be required inside of PGCPS schools and offices. Students may remove masks outdoors at recess and for spring sports.

With continued improvement of public health conditions, Goldson said she anticipates easing the mask mandate by the end of the school year. A detailed letter from the CEO was shared with all staff via email today.

Free Online Tutoring for Students



We are excited to partner with TutorMe to provide academic support to students in the form of tutoring! TutorMe is an online tutoring platform that connects students to live tutors, 24 hours a day in over 300 subjects, right from their home.

Students using the TutorMe platform can communicate with live tutors using a virtual whiteboard, audio/video chat, and screen sharing. TutorMe has an extensive background check process for its tutors and a system for regularly monitoring sessions for quality and safety.

Please review the virtual learning best practices document below to support proper usage of the program:

[Virtual Learning Best Practices](#)

- **How to connect with a [Live Tutor](#) to help with a subject**
- **How to upload a paper to get feedback with the [Writing Lab](#)**

How to Access TutorMe:

1. [Log into Clever](#) using your student login.
2. Click the TutorMe icon.
3. Receive tutoring!

Log Into Clever

Excellence in Education Foundation Scholarships



The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPs, Inc. is accepting applications for the 2021-22 scholarship program for graduating seniors. The **deadline to apply is March 18.**

[Apply Now](#)

Become an Ally Partner for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness



The Ally Partners Program is the McKinney Vento Program (MVP) office's new initiative to eliminate generational poverty and homelessness in Prince George's County. Through this program, interested adults in our schools, community-based organizations and county agencies that assist families and youth will receive training on how to become a trusted point of contact for students experiencing homelessness. Learn more and register to attend a Zoom meeting on April 8 at 1 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

Taking Applications for the Christa McAuliffe Award



The Christa McAuliffe Award recognizes excellence in teaching in honor of the educator who lost her life in the 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger explosion. McAuliffe taught in Prince George's County Public Schools for several years about a decade earlier. The award is presented annually to a teacher who shares the mark of distinction that McAuliffe achieved for the teaching profession.

[Complete an Application](#)

Help Prevent the Spread: Get Vaccinated and Boosted!



Protect your family and help slow the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated! PGCPS continues to partner with the Prince George's County Health Department to hold after-school mobile vaccination clinics in elementary schools. For a complete clinic schedule of sites throughout the county and to download consent forms for individuals younger than 18, visit the county's vaccine site at mypgc.us/COVIDvaccine.

Spotlight

Two Schools Honored for Gifted and Talented Education



EGATE

Excellence in Gifted
and Talented Education

Kenilworth Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School were recently honored at the Maryland Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) virtual awards.

Each EGATE school submitted a comprehensive application, which provided documentation of 21 different criteria under four program objectives: Student Identification, Curriculum and Instruction, Professionally Qualified Teachers and Professional Development, and Program Management and Evaluation.

The following teachers were also recognized as leaders and outstanding TAG educators:

- Betty Adkins, Kenmoor Middle
- Kermethia Armstrong, Glenarden Woods Elementary
- Monique Bartley, Heather Hills Elementary
- Renna Brown, Heather Hills Elementary
- Zandra Brown, Langley Park-McCormick Elementary
- Paul Bush, Kenmoor Middle
- Lemya Crawford, Walker Mill Middle
- Carla Hunter, Benjamin Tasker Middle
- Robyn Jones, Benjamin Tasker Middle
- Ella Kilpatrick, Valley View Elementary
- Chunhong Lin, Benjamin Tasker Middle
- Jeff Lloyd, Walker Mill Middle
- Tyler Mathers, Walker Mill Middle
- Leon McCants, Accokeek Academy

- Mary Mullennix, Kingsford Elementary
- Imon Parker, Kenilworth Elementary
- Drexel Perry, Walker Mill Middle
- Heidi Schmidt, Maya Angelou French Immersion
- Michelle Wickliffe, Valley View Elementary
- Bernadette Woodbury, Kenmoor Middle

Parkdale HS Educator Awarded STEM Grant!



Eighteen-year PGCPS educator and Parkdale High School science teacher Beri Ndi, has been named a recipient of The Society for Science's STEM Research Grant! Ndi's grant will fund STEM kits to engage students in hands-on research and active learning.

"This will empower and prepare students to solve problems in our world around them," Ndi said. "Given the population of students I teach, It is my belief that this will be a great motivation when they are able to connect content directly to their daily lives."

Register: 2022 Spring Pre-Retirement Virtual Conference



The 2022 Spring Pre-Retirement virtual conference will be on Saturday, March 12. The conference is recommended for employees within three to five years of retirement. Space is limited and registration is required. Additional details and the online registration form can be found on the web page.

[Learn More](#)

Summer Opportunities for Students at Six Flags



Six Flags America is hiring students for its 2022 season, including [lifeguards](#), ride operators, cashiers and more. Interested applicants may take advantage of the park's pre-season Hiring Fairs with opportunities to apply, interview and get hired on the spot. Candidates who are offered and accept positions during these events will receive two bonus 2022 one-day admission tickets for friends and family to the park. In-person hiring events will be held at Six Flags America's Human Resources building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 26 and 27. Interested candidates may also complete an application online.

[Learn More](#)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Assistant Principal Application Window Open



FY2023 Assistant Principal applications will be accepted through Friday, March 4 via iRecruitment for **internal applicants only**. Carefully review the video and information sheet detailing the selection process prior to submitting an application to IRC170120.

REMINDER: Pedagogy Performance Assessment for Conditional Certificate Holders

Effective July 1, 2022, all teacher candidates who are required to present Maryland certification assessments for initial licensing will be required to submit

the Pearson Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) or the Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers (PPAT).

Although a passing score is not required at this time, the assessment must be scored nationally. Please visit the [MSDE Performance Assessment webpage](#) to access the full implementation schedule and related resources.

More Information

Register Now for FREE BookNook Tutoring



Reading Tutoring for Grades K-5

Free reading tutoring is now available to students in kindergarten through fifth grades with PGCPs Reads! Our partnership with BookNooks gives your child access to:

- An engaging learning platform proven to help accelerate literacy skills.
- Experienced tutors leading small group online sessions.
- Flexible scheduling and virtual access at home.

Register for Reading Tutoring

Math Tutoring for Grades 4 and 5

We've teamed up with BookNook to offer free math tutoring this spring to students in grades 4 and 5.

Seats are limited and registration for both Reading and Math tutoring ends TODAY, Feb. 25.

Register for Math Tutoring

#TeamPGCPS Paparazzi



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