

October 29, 2021

## Top News

### Hall of Fame Gala: Honoring Alums, Empowering Students



The 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Gala hosted by the Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCP recognized alums for their diverse accomplishments and raised more than \$216,000 for scholarships, programs and resources for students!

[View Photo Gallery](#)

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#### Thank You, Sponsors!

The Hall of Fame Gala would not be possible without the contributions and commitment of many businesses, individuals and groups. Thank you to title sponsor [United Healthcare](#) as well as [Care First](#), [Kaiser Permanente](#), [G.S. Proctor and Associates, Inc.](#), [First Baptist Church of Glenarden](#) and [Lanier Electronics Group](#).

## 'Gold Star' in Financial Education!



PGCPS earned the [Gold Standard District](#) award from Next Gen Personal Finance for our financial literacy requirement that ensures all students take at least one stand-alone course in personal finance before graduation. Senator Chris Van Hollen recently joined CEO Dr. Monica Goldson and students at JA Finance Park to learn more about our approach to financial literacy education and the 3DE model at Potomac High School!

## Call for Nominations: *The Washington Post* Principal & Teacher of the Year Awards



We are accepting nominations for *The Washington Post* 2021-22 principal and teacher of the year awards! **The deadline to nominate a teacher or principal is Wednesday, Dec. 15.** Completed application packets should be submitted to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org). One teacher and one principal will be selected to represent PGCPS in the contest.

[Principal of the Year Nomination Packet](#)  
[Teacher of the Year Nomination Packet](#)

## School Boundary Community Conversations



*Save the date  
& don't miss this!*

## PGCPS COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL BOUNDARY INITIATIVE

Community Conversations

November 2 - 13, 2021



*Register*

[www.pgcps.org/boundary](http://www.pgcps.org/boundary)

PGCPS school boundaries will change within the next two to three years to address utilization and growth challenges and better balance enrollment across schools. Your input is essential! Attend a virtual meeting to discuss changes under consideration.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2**, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 9**, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 13**, 10:30 a.m. (English con traducción al español)

RSVP

## Update: William Wirt Middle School Construction



Join our Department of Capital Projects on Wednesday, Nov. 3 for an update on design and construction of the new William Wirt Middle School.

Register



## Staff COVID-19 Testing Update

Beginning Monday, Nov. 8, unvaccinated Central Office staff who require weekly testing can avoid completing weekly paperwork onsite by registering electronically with CIAN Diagnostics. Staff may also contact CIAN Diagnostics for weekly results at 240-396-4343.

[Register](#)

## Alum Hosts Filmmaking Masterclass



Hall of Fame honoree and award-winning filmmaker David E. Talbert, hosted a recording session and masterclass with high school media arts students. Kudos to Media Arts team members Barbara Liedahl and George Crawford for coordinating this opportunity for students!

## #HealthyPGCPS: Wellness Webinars and Mindful Movement Classes



Improve your physical and mental health and [join](#) a wellness webinar or mindful movement class!

- **Nov. 2:** Tai Chi | Noon and 5 p.m.
- **Nov. 3:** Smart Grocery Shopping and Label Reading Webinar | 3 p.m.
- **Nov. 4:** Chair Pilates | Noon and 5 p.m.
- **Nov. 9:** Tai Chi | Noon and 5 p.m.
- **Nov. 10:** Nutrition - The Truth about Sweeteners, Sugar Replacers, and Sodium in Foods, Webinar | 5 p.m.

## Announcements & Professional Development

### Sign up for a Free Flu Shot

**PROTECT YOURSELF  
AND THOSE AROUND YOU.**

**Get the flu shot.**

- No cost
- Available at your workplace
- Open to anyone 18 or older

The last day to receive a [free flu shot](#) from Kaiser Permanente is Nov. 3 at Skyline Administrative Building from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

### LETRS Professional Development Coursework

Take advantage of Language Essentials for the Teaching of Reading and

Spelling (LETRS), a professional development series providing teachers with fundamentals of reading instruction: phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, writing and language. [Learn more](#) about Volume 1 coursework which starts on Dec. 6 or attend one of the following interest sessions:

- [Nov. 5](#)
- [Nov. 11](#)

More info: Simone McQuaige: [altramez.mcquaige@pgcps.org](mailto:altramez.mcquaige@pgcps.org).

## American Education Week (Nov. 15-19)

[Share](#) how your school or office will celebrate [American Education Week!](#)

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Transformation 2026: The Journey Begins!



PGCPS is on a journey towards transformation. Learn more about our [2021-2026 strategic plan](#) and how it aims to change your approach to teaching, learning, working and leading over the next five years.

## Continuing Education Opportunities

### University of Maryland College Park

[Register](#) to attend a virtual information session on Nov. 16 at 5 p.m. to learn more about the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). The ESOL Office has partnered with the University of Maryland College Park to offer a partial scholarship (80% of the

tuition fees) for non-ESOL teachers, teacher leaders, and administrators who are interested in acquiring this [12-credit course certificate](#).

### American University


Attend a free [virtual open house](#) and learn more about American University's degree programs. The open house will give interested candidates a full overview of the program, application requirements and more.

### Washington Adventist University

The [Master of Education in School Counseling](#) degree at [Washington Adventist University](#) was developed to accommodate the needs of working professionals by offering classes in convenient evening and Sunday classes accelerated formats offered through the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. For more information call 301-891-4086 or email [mharris1@wau.edu](mailto:mharris1@wau.edu).


## #TeamPGCPS Paparazzi



 Professional Library 29 Oct 2021  
[@PGCPSProflib](#)


One of our librarians dressed up as a jellyfish book character!!!  
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<https://t.co/jEISLPXjs>



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It's Day 4 of [#NBCTSpiritWeek](#) - Paraphernalia Day! Our [@OPLLpgcps](#) Mentors are representing [@pgcpsnbct1](#) today! [@CoachKHolden14](#) [@Mentorteacher4](#) [@RainyaMiller](#) [@ColleenEccles1](#)



 KateLloyd, NBCT 27 Oct 2021  
[@LearningWLloyd](#)

Today is day Day 3 of [#NBCTSpiritWeek](#). If you are [#PGCSProud](#) and you want to learn more about becoming an NBCT join us today. During NBCT Spirit Week check out [#PGCPSNBCT](#) Blog <https://t.co/lsgljiesGdz>





We love to see the amazing things happening in your classrooms, offices and the community! Use the tag #TeamPGCPS on social media to share with peers.

## Reminders

### **Mandatory SafeSchools Trainings**

SafeSchools training modules are mandatory for all staff. The training modules are designed to ensure that every employee has the necessary information to establish and maintain a positive, respectful, safe, healthy and lawful culture in which staff share the responsibility for a safe and supportive school environment that contributes to excellence in education. **Round 3 sessions are due by Wednesday, Nov 17. [Start trainings now!](#)**

### **Return to Work Guidelines**

View [Back to Work Guidelines](#) available in the Staff Portal. Questions should be directed to your supervisor and division chief.

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