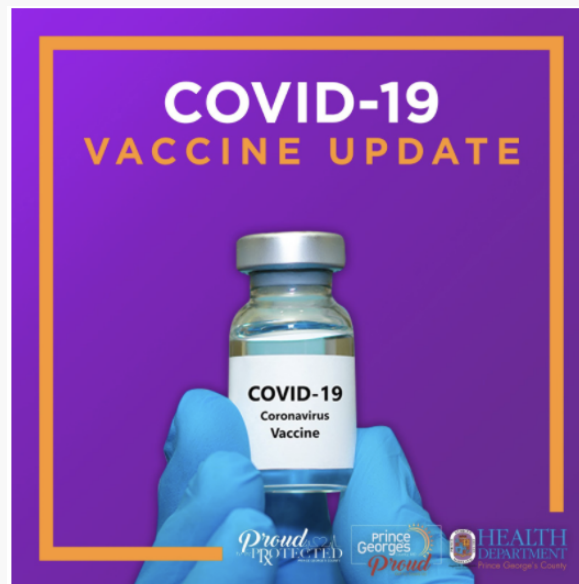


November 5, 2021

## Top News

### COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics for Children Ages 5-11 Begin Monday



“This vaccine is a long-awaited boost for the safety of our youngest learners and will further reinforce COVID-19 mitigation strategy in schools,” said Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson. “We are grateful for continued partnership with our County Health Department to ensure students have access to the vaccine at the earliest opportunity.”

The Prince George’s County Health Department will host after school vaccination clinics for children ages five and older at 15 high schools and nearly 40 elementary schools beginning Monday, Nov. 8.

[Learn More](#)

### Social-Emotional Learning Begins with #TeamPGCPS!



For teachers and staff to best support students, we first must feel supported. Research shows that the transition back to classrooms amid the pandemic has many educators feeling anxious, overwhelmed and in need of social-emotional learning (SEL) more than ever.

“Teachers are still dealing with the effects and stressors of COVID-19 and managing not just their own personal anxieties but those of their students,” said Dr. Jacquelyn Gordon, PGCPs School Psychologist. “We know SEL is critical for students because in order to learn they must be emotionally available for learning. We often forget that this same rule applies to educators.”

Over the next several weeks, #TeamPGCPs School Psychologists Dr. Gordon and Linda Gaskill will share tips for educators and staff on how to intentionally reflect on, cultivate and strengthen their own SEL competencies with the goal of better modeling these skills for students, improving relationships with peers and engaging in practices that support self care.

[SEL Resources for Staff](#)

## **Oracle E-Business Suite Outage Nov. 25-29**

The Oracle E-Business Suite will not be available from midnight on Thursday, Nov. 25 through 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 29. due to scheduled maintenance. During this outage, the Information Technology team will upgrade the Oracle EBS Application database.

## **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. 9**, 6:30 p.m.

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

RSVP

## #HealthyPGCPS: Wellness Webinars and Mindful Movement Classes



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

- **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.
- **Nov. 11:** Chair Pilates Webinar | Noon and 5 p.m.

**Announcements & Professional Development**

## Music Teacher Honored by Country Music Association



Thomas G. Pullen Creative & Performing Arts Academy music teacher Thomas Pierre was recognized as a [Music Teacher of Excellence](#) by the Country Music Association (CMA) Foundation and will be recognized during the 55th Annual CMA Awards to air Nov. 10! The honor recognizes music educators who go above and beyond to support students. Pierre says he is thrilled to have been selected for this award and used the monetary gift received to repair instruments.

## U.S. News "2022 Best K-8 Schools"



U.S. News & World Report released new [2022 Best K-8 Schools](#) rankings focused on math and reading proficiency. Accokeek Academy, Dora Kennedy French Immersion, Glenarden Woods and Heather Hills Elementary Schools, John Hanson and Robert Goddard Montessori and Thomas Pullen Creative and Performing Arts Academy made the national "best schools" list! View PGCPs [elementary school](#) and [middle school](#) rankings.

## Announcements & Professional Development

**Walden University Wants Your Wish List!**



Walden University is thankful for the commitment of PGCPs employees who make wishes and dreams come true every day. To say thank you, Walden will give away a \$125 Amazon gift card to a lucky winner to celebrate the holiday season. Entries will be accepted through Dec. 15.

[Enter Now](#)

## Employee Housing Incentive: Franklin Park Apartments

## *Preferred Employer Program*

### **BENEFITS:**

- **5% discount on first year**
- **Waived administrative fees**
- **Waived application fee**
- **Half off pet fee**

Celebrate your occupation with our Preferred Employer Discount. Valid till the end of your first year. Just present this coupon to the Leasing agent. Terms and conditions apply.

Franklin Park Apartments in Greenbelt is offering PGCPs employees incentives now through the end of the year. New residents will receive the following:

- 5% discount on first year
- Waived administrative fees
- Waived application fee
- Half-off pet fee

## **ICYMI: In Case You Missed It**

### **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 the following interest session:

- [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!](#)

## 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**

## #TeamPGCPS Paparazzi



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Tonight was amazing!! We had so many families join the first @FortFoote\_ES Fall Festival! Shifting the culture begins with engaging the community and that's what we're doing here! Increasing the #PrideAtTheFort.



5 Nov 2021



#TeamPrinceton knows how to #ROAR! It's beautiful when we come together to make memories for students. Mr. Smith, Building Supervisor, was determined to stay late to help prepare treat bags to



Clinton Grove Ele... 4 Nov 2021  
@ClintonGrovePG

Congratulations to Ms. White's class for winning our Door Decoration contest! Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Taylor, Ms. White, and all of the students deserve a standing ovation! 🎉🎉🎉  
[#PGCPSPROUD](#)

## 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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