

November 12, 2021

Top News

Best In Class: PGCPS Teacher Shines on International Stage!



International High School at Langley Park teacher Keishia Thorpe received the \$1 million 2021 [Global Teacher Prize](#) this week, rising above 8,000 nominees from 121 countries around the world! Awarded by the Varkey Foundation in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Thorpe was selected for her work expanding college access for low-income, first-generation immigrant and refugee students.

[Read More](#)



Final Chance to Weigh In: School Boundaries



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**PGCPS COMPREHENSIVE
SCHOOL BOUNDARY INITIATIVE**

Community Conversations
November 2 - 13, 2021

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

 Register

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. Don't miss a final opportunity to tell us what you think at a virtual meeting this Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Spanish translation will be provided.

RSVP

Student COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Continue Next Week



The Prince George's County Health Department will continue vaccination clinics for children ages five and older at more than 50 schools.

Sites & Appointments

Self-Awareness for Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)



Self-awareness is a SEL skill that plays a critical role in how we understand ourselves and how we relate to others and the world. Check out these three ideas from [InnerDrive](#) to tap into self-awareness — then challenge yourself to reflect on one next week!

Identify strengths and weaknesses

Take a few minutes to complete the Values in Action (VIA) character strength survey or reflect on your results of the Clifton Strengths Assessment. What are your top character strengths and how do they guide your interactions with others?

Ask for Feedback!

Be open-minded and willing to question views you might hold about yourself. Be vulnerable and embrace constructive feedback as a powerful way to support personal growth.

Question Your Decisions

We are faced with a myriad of decisions daily. Pausing to reflect on your “why” when making

decisions can enhance self-awareness and ensure your decisions are aligned with your values and goals.

SEL Resources for Staff

In the Spotlight

James Madison Middle School Raises \$9K for Breast Cancer Research



James Madison Middle School's recent Walk for a Cure raised more than \$9,300 for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation!

Nutrition Specialist Shares Leadership Journey



PGCPS Nutrition Specialist Patrice "Pia" Puertollano, shares her leadership journey in the latest edition of [School Nutrition Association Magazine](#)! Food & Nutrition Services Director

Joan Shorter describes Pia as an exemplary team member who consistently goes above and beyond to support all aspects of their team.

Maryland Monthly Amazing School Librarian



Cherokee Lane Elementary School media specialist Charlene Saint-Jean is the Maryland Association of School Librarians "Librarian of the Month!" A 25-year educator, Saint-Jean offers students not just opportunities to read, but to explore, research and engage in digital literacy and foundations of coding.

Announcements & Professional Development

2021 Stuff-a-Truck Holiday Food Distribution

**STUFF
'A'
TRUCK
2021**


Angela H. Ambrosini
County Executive

 Prince Georges county
Office of Community Relations
connecting people connecting resources



- Pre-Registration Required
- While Supplies Last
- One Box Per Car
- Masks are Required

Holiday Food Distribution



**Friday, November 19, 2021
12PM - 4PM**

**FedEx Field, Platinum Lot A
1600 FedEx Way, Landover, MD 20785**
Inclement Weather Location: Solar Panel Area

Pre-Register at:
<https://sat2021.eventbrite.com>

Join Prince George's County Office of Community Relations to help families in need this holiday season.

[Register](#)

Oracle E-Business Suite Outage Nov. 25-29

Reminder: 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.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

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](#)

[#TeamPGCPS Paparazzi](#)

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SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING 🌟
Promoting SEL and classroom climate for my scholars. Scholars with strong social-emotional skills are better equipped to manage daily challenges, build + relationships, make informed decisions, thrive in & in life. @pgcps @LargoLionsHS 🙌❤️👧



11:25 AM · Nov 9, 2021 from Largo High School · Twitter for iPhone

4 Retweets 16 Likes

CEO Monica Goldson
@drmonicaceo

Join me in cheering on the undefeated @CMITAcademy Lady Tigers as they continue a historic season and make history as the first @pgcps 1A girls soccer team to reach the state semi-final tournament! #PGCPS Proud



3:38 PM · Nov 11, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

16 Retweets 4 Quote Tweets 81 Likes

Shaneena Holland
@SMcdonnaugh

I would agree that I'm loquacious! Vocabulary parade @AppleGroveES @pgcps



7:50 PM · Nov 9, 2021 from Severn, MD · Twitter for iPhone

1 Retweet 25 Likes

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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