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## PGCPS Express: Graduation Season Wrap-Up!

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June 4, 2021



Get the Scoop

### Tassels Turned: Cheers to the Class of 2021!



This week marked the end of graduation ceremonies for Class of 2021 seniors! Watch ceremonies and view other graduation season highlights [here](#).

**June 7-15: Drop-In Vaccination Clinics at Schools**

**FREE**

# VACCINATION CLINICS

*for students*



**June 7-15 at select high schools**



Students ages 12 and over may receive a free COVID-19 vaccine at mobile clinics run by the Prince George's County Health Department. Vaccines will be administered in their mobile unit at the school sites below. Parents or guardians are welcome to accompany their child, but are not required to do so. All students must bring completed [consent forms](#) to be vaccinated.

**Monday, June 7:** Northwestern High School and Suitland High School

**Thursday, June 10:** Crossland High School, Gwynn Park High School

**Friday, June 11:** Frederick Douglass High School and Bladensburg High School

**Monday, June 14:** Potomac High School

**Tuesday, June 15:** Friendly High School

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## PGCPS History: 1987 Cicada Season



Want to know more about the large, fluttering insects that are currently all around? Check out this 1987 episode of our 'Give Science a Hand' show hosted by our own Dave Zahren to learn everything there is to know about cicadas, which appear once every 17 years and have the longest known lifecycle of any insect! [Watch](#)

## In the Spotlight

### #PGCPS Proud



**Dr. Julie Grossman, School Psychologist**, was awarded the 2021 Maryland School Psychologists' Association (MSPA) President's Award on May 14 for her substantial contributions within the organization. Dr. Grossman has worked to revamp and redesign the MSPA organization's newsletter to include articles pertinent to the field of school psychology written by individuals from across the country. Dr. Grossman is a valuable colleague who has significantly impacted students and families.



As Better Speech and Hearing Month comes to a close, the Speech Language Pathologist team recognizes **Kathleen Edelin**, who serves Accokeek Academy as well as Baden and Mattaponi Elementary Schools. Edelin graciously volunteers time to mentor speech language pathologists who are new to the Division of Speech & Language. An invaluable mentor to her speech and language colleagues, she shares her wisdom, creativity and knowledge during departmental trainings for new staff.

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**Nominate a colleague** who makes you #PGCPSproud by sending their name, office/school, photo and a brief description (100 words or less) to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org). Submissions may be edited for length, clarity or grammar.

## Benefits Services: Our Focus Is You

### New Online Fitness & Wellness Services Available



Wellness 360 has partnered with [BurnAlong](#) to offer an unforgettable employee wellness experience. BurnAlong features thousands of online classes for all ages, interests, and levels plus the social motivation needed to achieve your health and wellness goals. Classes range from five to more than 60 minutes, are taught by local instructors across 45+ wellness categories.



#### How does it help me?

PGCPS is partnering with BurnAlong to help make it easier for you to stay healthy. BurnAlong gives you an easy and motivating way to exercise, no matter where you are.

#### How does it work?

Once your BurnAlong account is created, you get access to our entire library of video health and wellness classes. You can exercise on your own, or with a coworker or friend (who you can see and hear on the screen as well).

#### How much does it cost?

It's Free! PGCPS is taking care of the full cost of BurnAlong and giving you unlimited access. Create your account today to take advantage of this benefit.

#### Can my family join?

Absolutely! You can add up to 4 users at no cost, included with your BurnAlong account.

- Simply login to your BurnAlong account
- Go to "My Profile"
- Scroll down and "Add Free User"

#### Can I get BurnAlong on my T.V.?

Yes! BurnAlong is not an app on your T.V. but you can cast from the BurnAlong app to your T.V.

For questions, contact [wellness.benefits@pgcps.org](mailto:wellness.benefits@pgcps.org) or [CustomerCare@BurnAlong.com](mailto:CustomerCare@BurnAlong.com)

## Announcements and Professional Development

### MSDE and AEMS Host "Nikki Giovanni Speaks"

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS) will host Nikki Giovanni on Sunday, June 6 from 1 to 2 p.m. as part of a keynote presentation on equity. Giovanni, one of America's foremost poets, will discuss the role of art and education in social justice and share reflections of the Black Arts Movement.

The virtual event is free and open to the Maryland education community. Space is limited and registration is required to receive a link for this event. Attendees can register at <https://bit.ly/3yywTt6>.

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### Summer Learning Series for Educators

#### (Re)Imagining the Post-Pandemic Literacy Classroom

[WRITE Center](#) is hosting a series of webinars for educators on topics intending to support literacy teachers, curriculum directors, librarians, and others in (re)imagining the post-pandemic literacy classroom. The flat rate to register for this six-webinar learning series is \$30 per person. Registrants will have access to all six webinars, related resources, video replays, and a certificate of participation. [Register now.](#)

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### New Opportunity to Support Homeownership



PGCPS has partnered with [Landed](#), an organization designed to assist employees in managing one of the biggest challenges they face outside of work—finding affordable housing within a reasonable commuting distance to our campus and offices.

Learn how to receive up to \$80,000 in down payment funds to buy a home. You do not need to be a first time buyer, there is no income restriction and the program is open to all PGCPS employees.

Sign up for an information session to learn more:

- **Wednesday, June 9 from 5 - 6 p.m.** → [Sign Up](#)
- **Thursday, June 10 from 6 - 7 p.m.** → [Sign Up](#)
- **Wednesday, June 16 from 12 - 1 p.m.** → [Sign Up](#)

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American College of Education (ACE) has partnered with PGCPS to offer employees opportunities to further your education by selecting course offerings to meet your needs. If you are interested in furthering your education, contact [ACE](#) today!

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Powering Down 2021



The Technology Training Team (T3) has offered guidance to assist all staff and families in closing out School Year 2020-2021 with respect to the use of technology. [Powering Down 2021](#) provides information about summer procedures for student devices, in addition to guidance about securing and exporting data from digital tools.

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## Aspiring Leaders Program Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the [2021-2022 Aspiring Leaders Program](#). The Aspiring Leaders Program is an integral component of the school system's comprehensive leadership development pathway and provides leadership development opportunities for qualified teacher leaders who are actively seeking their first assignment as assistant principal. [Applications](#) will be accepted from June 4-18.

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## 2021 Summer Learning Programs



2021 [summer learning programs](#) will offer prekindergarten through 12th-grade students opportunities for acceleration, enrichment, intervention, credit recovery and original credit. This year's programs are available to all students at no cost and offer flexible scheduling including in-person, virtual or hybrid.

## Reminder: Masks Mandatory Inside PGCPS Facilities



In line with [Prince George's County's phased reopening plans](#), masks/face coverings continue to be mandatory inside of schools and office buildings. Please note the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) recommends schools continue current COVID-19 prevention strategies, including mask-wearing indoors, for the remainder of the academic year. These guidelines apply to all employees and visitors.

## #TeachWithUs: Spread the Word About PGCPS Careers!

#TeamPGCPS: It's time to get social! Here are three ways you can get involved as a #PGCPS Pride ambassador to help us spread the word about careers with PGCPS:

1. **DOWNLOAD & DISPLAY** a social media banner and Zoom background to [show](#) your #PGCPS Pride!
2. **SHARE** our [#TeachWithUs message](#) with your social media networks.
3. **REFER** a [teacher interested](#) in learning more about PGCPS careers for a chance to win!

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