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## PGCPS Express: Week Two — In the Books!

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September 11, 2020

### Get the Scoop

#### Week Two: In the Books!

Week two is done! As we continue to navigate through this new normal, let's keep our students at the forefront of our motivation. Stay connected with students. They are missing you! Parents are also learning to adjust. Encourage them to reach out to you with questions or assistance. We are #PGCPSStrong.

### In the Spotlight

#### Talented and Gifted Educators Receive MEGGYs



**Marites Melad, Benjamin Tasker Middle School; Debra Perhach, Talented and Gifted (TAG) Coordinator; and Wendy Walton, Capitol Heights Elementary**, are among this year's MEGGY Award honorees by the Maryland Educators of Gifted Students. Melad and Walton were recognized in the *Outstanding Educator in the Field of Gifted and Talented Education* category. Perhach was honored in the *Outstanding Educator in the Field of Gifted and Talented Education* category. All three educators will be acknowledged for their accomplishments at the annual Maryland State Conference on Gifted and Talented Education next month.

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## Looking for Distance Learning Pros!

Do you have advice on making the most of the distance learning experience with students? This fall, we will highlight **distance learning stars** each week on PGCPs social media. Share a one minute max video telling us or demonstrating your best practice for teachers and/or families. Send your video to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org).

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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

### #HealthyPGCPs: September Activities

**Fall into good health and fitness!** Take advantage of free fitness classes and wellness activities this month available through the Benefits Office. All activities will be hosted virtually. Classes are open to all employees.

Details are available on the [Employee Wellness Program](#) webpage. For more information, please contact [wellness.benefits@pgcps.org](mailto:wellness.benefits@pgcps.org).

## Announcements

### Educators/Paraprofessionals: SEL Training

The Sanford Harmony platform for social-emotional learning (SEL) training has been restored and classroom-based educators/paraprofessionals can now access the modules. The deadline has been extended to **Sept. 30**.

Educators and paraprofessionals must view four videos:

- Helping Students to Achieve (Inspirational Connections)
- Linking Identity and Achievement through Cultural Competence (Cultural Competence)
- Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Students (Trauma-Informed Instruction)
- Building Relationships with Students (Inspirational Connections)

Those who completed the videos prior to the site shutdown are not required to view them again.

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### New Name, New Mission

The Office of Compliance is now the **Office of Compliance and Ethics (OCE)**. Under the leadership of Robin Welsh, Esq., the primary responsibility of the OCE will be to create a more compliance-oriented school system by working collaboratively with schools and offices to enhance safe and supportive learning and work environments, meet financial responsibilities, and follow policies and administrative procedures. As a component of the Office of General Counsel, the OCE will share compliance and ethics-related information to keep you updated on ongoing compliance and ethics issues.

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### Census Deadline is Near

**DEADLINE TO SELF-RESPOND IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH**

*Census data and funding will be more important than ever to help communities recover from the impacts of COVID-19.*

Call **1-844-330-2020** or visit **My2020Census.gov**



*\*Must be completed online or by phone by 11:50 PM EST, or postmarked on or before September 30th.*



Census funding is more important than ever as communities recover from the impacts of COVID-19, and it's not too late to be counted! All households have until Sept. 30 to respond to the 2020 U.S. Census [online](#), via mail or by phone at 1-844-330-2020 (English)/ 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish).

## Distance Learning Reminders

As we continue with distance learning, please note the following:

**Always follow PGCPs protocols related to Zoom meeting settings.**

- [Confirming Zoom meeting settings](#)
- [Getting Started: PGCPs Zoom](#)

**School social media managers** should not post images from classes in session unless publicity release forms are on file for all students who appear in the image.

## Working From Home Tip

### Set Boundaries

Working from home during this pandemic can sometimes make you feel like you are working all day and all the time. If that's the case, set boundaries. Create a structure in your schedule where you are able to balance work and your personal life.

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