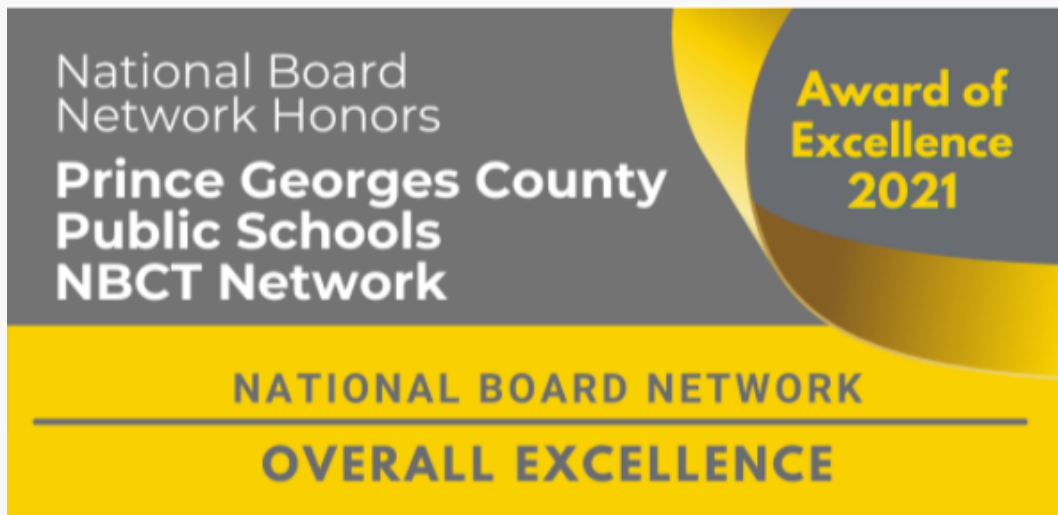


January 28, 2022

Top News

Teaching Excellence: PGCPS NBCT Network Earns Top Honor!



The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards announced PGCPS as one of six National Board Networks to receive the 2021 award for “Overall Excellence” for teaching to the profession’s highest standards! **Did you know** PGCPS has 478 National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) and more than 400 educators at various stages in the assessment process? On March 1, we will celebrate 23 newly certified and 36 renewal NBCTs at a pinning ceremony.

[Learn More](#)

Welcoming Back K-6 Virtual Learners



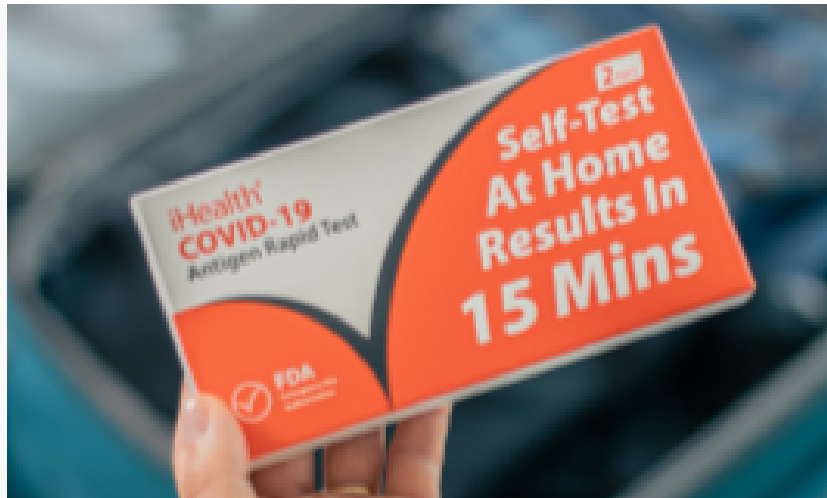
On Monday, January 31, schools will welcome back students who were enrolled in our K-6 temporary Virtual Learning Program. PGCPSS has resources for families who have questions about the end of the virtual program or school bus transportation.

Our Transportation Call Center will be open this weekend on Saturday, January 29 and Sunday, January 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide assistance to families at 301-952-6570.



Welcoming Back K-6 Virtual Learners

Weekly COVID-19 Home Testing Underway



More than 85,000 families administered and uploaded COVID-19 test results in our first week of home testing. We continue to encourage families to test children and share results each Sunday through Feb. 27.

[Learn More](#)

Nominate an Educator for MSDE Teacher Board Member



The Maryland State Department of Education is conducting a statewide election to fill the teacher member seat on the State Board of Education (SBOE), which will become vacant on July 1. **Nominations will be accepted through January 31.**

[Learn More](#)

[Nominate](#)

Help Prevent the Spread: Get Vaccinated and Boosted!

Protect your family and help slow the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated! PGCPS continues to partner with the Prince George's County Health Department to hold after-school mobile vaccination clinics in elementary schools. For a complete clinic schedule of sites throughout the county and to

download consent forms for individuals younger than 18, visit the county's vaccine site at mypgc.us/COVIDvaccine.

2021 W-2 Form Distribution



W-2 forms will be sent via the U.S. Postal Service to all employees by the end of the month. W-2s will be mailed to the address on record in Oracle as of December 31, 2021. Employees with full access to Oracle will be able to view W-2s online today.

In the Spotlight

William Hall Academy Unveils Mural



Created by local artist Ryan Allen in partnership with the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council, a new mural at William Hall Academy incorporates history and looks to future cultural vibrancy of the school and neighborhood!

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. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity or grammar.

Announcements and Professional Development

Free BookNook Math Tutoring



Registration for free math tutoring with BookNook is now open for students in grades K-3 at [28 select schools](#). The math tutoring is also open to *all* fourth and fifth grade students! Please encourage eligible families to take advantage of this opportunity. Registration ends Feb. 11.

Sign Up

#HealthyPGCPS: Health and Wellness in Food

PGCPS is committed to healthy schools and lifestyles and providing a total learning environment that enhances the development of lifelong habits in wellness, nutrition, and regular physical activity.

Help us keep PGCPS healthy by sharing your favorite healthy recipe. From gluten-free muffins to veggie frittatas, everyone has their specialty they love to make. Recipes should be sent to communications@pgcps.org and may be featured in a future PGCPS Express.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

PGCPS Goes Red for American Heart Month



February is American Heart Month, the perfect time to learn about your risk for heart disease and the steps you can take now for prevention. Join us on Friday, Feb. 4 for #PGCPSGoesRed and wear red in support of ending heart disease.

Student Environmental Stewardship Art Contest



The William S. Schmidt Center is challenging students to create an original two-dimensional piece of art with the theme *Be the Change: What actions can you take to protect the environment around you?* One winner will be chosen from each region (North, Central and South) in five grade divisions (15 total winners). Entries will be judged by the environmental message, visual presentation and creativity/craftsmanship. **Entries must be received by Friday, Feb. 4.**

Wellness360 Free Fitness Classes!



BurnAlong gives you instant access to **on-demand and live video classes** spanning 45+ fitness and wellness categories. Classes are accessible on phones, tablets, computers, and smart TVs. There are classes for every age, interest, and fitness level, ranging from 5 to more than 60 minutes. The service is available free of charge to permanent PGCPs employees and their family members (you can add up to four family members under your account).

Register: join.burnalong.com/PGCPS

For additional information or questions, please contact wellness.benefits@pgcps.org.

American College of Education Info Session

PGCPS Teachers and Staff, make this year your year!

Join us to learn about available opportunities with American College of Education, including:

- Single course offerings
- Master's in Educational Leadership
- Online doctoral programs
- Partnership grants... and more!

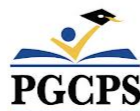
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Melissa Hill

Manager, Field
Operations



Learn more about opportunities to further your education.

Register

2022 ESFCU Professional Development Awards Now Available

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union will present professional development awards to 12 educators (administrators, teachers and support staff) who have made a difference by positively impacting student success and who aspire to further their own development. The \$1,000 award can be used toward continued education (e.g. workshop registration, certification fees, travel and tuition).

Apply Now

PGCPS Paparazzi

Shaneena Holland
@SModonnaugh

Our Virtual School Learners are preparing for their return! Today @AppleGroveES scholars who have been learning from home had the opportunity to tour the building and meet teachers in person. We can't wait to have you back in our building! @pgcps @SheenaHardy08



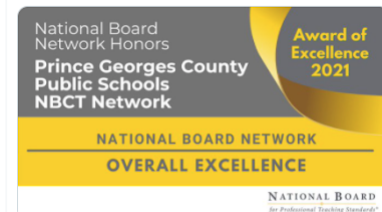
CEO Monica Goldson
@dmonica00

This morning I had the pleasure of watching four Potomac High School 3DE student teams pitch innovative and forward-thinking business solutions in a case competition with @HomeDepot and @KPMG. Congratulations to the winning team! @PHSWolverines #PGCPS Proud



Senetria Blocker, NBCT
@MentorTeacher4

The Prince George's County Public Schools NBCT Network is being honored for our work in 2021 in the area of Overall Excellence. We are so excited 🙌 #PGCPSNBCTs are the little engine that could. We are small but mighty. @pgcpsnbct @NBPTS #NBCTstrong #NBCTWeek @pgcps



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