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A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

## Top News

### Telehealth Services for Students Coming Soon



PGCPS is excited to announce our new partnership with [Hazel Health](#) that will allow students to complete urgent medical care visits or therapy sessions virtually!

Beginning in October, Hazel's doctors and therapists will be available to see students while they are at home or at school. Services will be available at *no cost* to every student, regardless of their family's insurance or financial situation.

This is an expansion of our present physical and mental health services and we will need teachers and staff to share this information and encourage families to sign-up. More information is coming soon.



### Keeping Us Connected: IT Professionals



# Transform Technology

**For National IT Professionals Day** on Tuesday, Sept. 20, join us in celebrating the information technology team members who work behind the scenes to ensure our computer systems run smoothly and keep us connected! Hear from Chief Information Officer Andrew Zuckerman and team on ways PGCPS IT staff are innovating to support operational excellence.

## Celebrating Diversity: Hispanic Heritage Month



PGCPS kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month this week with FOX5 DC by introducing this year's [Cultural Heritage and Identity Showcase](#) and performing a live [cooking demo](#) of a special family recipe!

"We are proud of our diverse Hispanic and Latino students and staff and are excited to honor this community," said Dr. Jennifer Love, Supervisor, Language Access & Engagement. "We are soliciting submissions from families, students and staff of artifacts that are representative of their cultural heritage."

**A family recipe is just one example** of an artifact that may be submitted and featured in the cultural showcase. Don't forget to share this opportunity with students!

[Learn More](#)

## Spotlights

### #PGCPSproud: Meet the Hoskeys!



**Husband and wife duo Curry Rose and George Hoskey** are both entering their 17th year as PGCPs educators! George has spent his entire 17 years as a social studies and world history teacher at Fairmont Heights High School, where he has also taught electives and sponsored the Student Government Association and Mock Trial Club. George also currently serves as the announcer at the school's home football and basketball games!

Curry Rose began her career as a librarian at Cora L. Rice Elementary School before spending 13 years at Berwyn Heights Elementary School. For the 2022-23 school year, she began a new journey at Kenmoor Middle School!

### **Innovation and Collaboration Among Schools**



Teachers at Mount Rainier Elementary School (MRES) and University Park Elementary School (UPES) teamed up for a creative solution to sharing math lessons among their students. To ensure sixth graders at UPES would receive high quality instruction while their teacher was on leave, MRES sixth grade math teacher Mark Sandy live streamed a lesson on comparing rational numbers to students at UPES!

### **Power of One: Bus Lot Foreman Spreads Cheer**



Laurel Bus Lot foreman Charlene Phillips painted outside chairs and decorated the lot to spread cheer and boost morale among her colleagues!

### High School Football Series PG13 Returns



Award-winning high school football series PG13 is back! In the season premiere, the Frederick Douglass Eagles return to defend their Maryland State Title, and a special relationship between father and son set the stage for what promises to be an exciting season. Tune in each Monday for new episodes.

## Announcements and Professional Development

### Change in Claims Administration Services

Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. has been appointed the new administrator for PGCPs auto liability, general liability, property, and workers' compensation claims. Effective Oct. 1, all new claims should be reported to Sedgwick. Claims currently managed by CorVel will also be transferred to Sedgwick for handling beginning Oct. 1. Reporting procedures, contacts and other details will be provided to all employees with active claims.

[More Information](#)

### Social and Emotional Learning Courses for Teachers

## Realizing Transformation: Rebuild, Recharge, Reconnect Social-Emotional Learning Institute

Join us for an institute, designed specifically for PGCPs, which gives busy educators an opportunity to increase their knowledge and leadership related to social and emotional wellness while earning six graduate level credits.

Valued at \$5000 per participant, the institute is FREE for PGCPs Educators!



PGCPs teacher-leaders are invited to attend an information session to learn more about course offerings on social and emotional learning with Mount Holyoke College and the National Network State Teachers of the Year. Sessions will be held on Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. and Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

[More Information](#)

### DonorsChoose to Match Donations to “Equity Focus Schools”



On Tuesday, Sept. 20, DonorsChoose is doubling donations to teacher projects at [Equity Focus Schools](#). To find out if your school is a DonorsChoose Equity Focus School and qualifies for the match, head to the Tools & Resources section of your DonorsChoose [dashboard](#).

### Grants for Teachers Available



The Military Bowl will provide grants to deserving public school teachers for use in their classrooms through the Extra Yard for Teachers initiative! Preference will be given to teachers who are veterans or from military families as well as to teachers who serve communities with significant military populations. Nominations and submissions for grants can be made through Sept. 30.

[Learn More](#)

## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### New: Strategic Planning & Resource Management Resources

The Office of Strategic Planning & Resource Management has launched a new webpage on the [Staff Portal](#) for the latest updates about PGCPs grantmaking and strategic planning opportunities! Find useful resources such as priority CSIs for the T26 strategic plan and processes for grants development and management.

## Fall Professional Learning Opportunities



Explore a range of credit and non-credit professional and personal learning opportunities in the 2022-2023 Quarter 1 Professional Learning Catalog! Required coursework for certification from the Maryland State Department of Education is also offered.

[Fall 2022 Catalog](#)

## Become an Ally Partner for Local Youth Experiencing Homelessness



The McKinney Vento Program is seeking community partners and trusted adults in schools to join the Ally Partners Program and become a trusted point of contact for students experiencing homelessness in Prince George's County. Workshop pay may be available for some staff. Training will held via Zoom on:

Sept. 28 and Oct. 25 at 4:30 p.m. and Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

[More Information](#)

## Don't Miss Out: Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness



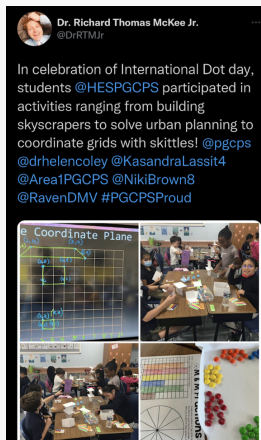
The [Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\) limited waiver period](#) ends October 31 for educators, school personnel, administrators and other employees at all education levels. Visit the U.S. Department of Education's PSLF [resource page](#) for more information and resources.

## Save the Date: PGCPHS Hall of Fame Gala



[The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPs](#) will host its annual PGCPs Hall of Fame Gala on Friday, Oct. 28 at the MGM National Harbor. The gala showcases students and schools, highlights notable alumni through a Hall of Fame induction and raises critical funds to expand educational experiences for students.

## #TeamPGCPs Paparazzi



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