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## PGCPS Express: CEO Announces Reopening Plans

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February 19, 2021

### Get the Scoop

#### CEO Announces Reopening Plans



On Wednesday, CEO Dr. Goldson [announced our plans](#) to resume in-person teaching and learning this spring. We will implement a hybrid learning schedule, where students can split their time between in-person and remote learning, and that families may opt into.

##### Highlights:

- **Wednesday, March 3:** School-based staff is encouraged to begin teaching virtually from their classrooms and central office employees must report to their assigned work locations.
- **Wednesday, March 17:** All school-based staff must return to schools to teach virtually from their classrooms in preparation for our students to return in April.
- **Wednesday, March 10:** Fall coaches may begin in-person afterschool conditioning and outdoor workouts for students involved in athletic activities.
- **Monday, March 29 through Monday, April 5:** Spring Break
- **Tuesday, April 6:** Spring sports season will begin.
- **Thursday, April 8:** Phase 1 instruction will begin with a two-day hybrid learning schedule for all special education students in kindergarten through 12th grade and for students in prekindergarten through sixth grade and 12th grade.
- **Thursday, April 15:** Phase 2 instruction will begin for all remaining seventh-through 11th-graders.

Please note the last day of school for students will be Tuesday, June 15; for teachers, the last day will be Wednesday, June 16.

### #PGCPS Proud: In the Spotlight

#### PGCPS Spotlight

##### Schools Celebrate National African American Read-In

Elementary schools participated in the [National African American Read-In](#) virtually by inviting guest readers from the community as well as book authors.

The National African American Read-In encourages communities to read together while focusing on the importance of diversity in literature and learning about the contributions of African American



authors. It was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month.

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## PGCPS Professional School Counselor Makes Dream a Reality



**James Madison Middle School Professional School Counselor Regina Holbert** started with a dream and made it a reality. Check out her story on [how she achieved her dream side hustle while balancing a full-time job and family.](#)

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## #PGCPS Proud

**CMIT North Elementary Technology Lead/teacher Michael Williams** goes above and beyond to equip teachers with tools to engage students in learning says his colleague Beora McCain-Wigfall. His scholars created their own avatars as an engagement tool to get them excited about learning.



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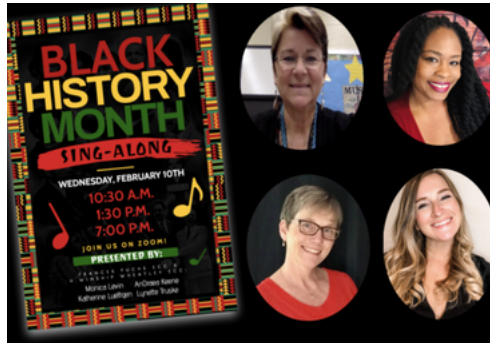
**Parent Tanya White** has nothing but great things to say about the Special Education Department at Benjamin D. Foulis Creative and Performing Arts School.

White, whose two daughters attend Foulis, said teachers **Charolotte Watson-Bell and Roy Williams** "make sure Individualized Education Plans are implemented. They work with them after school and sometimes even on weekends. I can't thank them enough for all the hard work that they do day in and day out. I really appreciate the both of them."

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## #TeacherTuesday: Sharing Distance Learning Tips

Music teachers **Monica Levin & Katie Luettgen** of Frances Fuchs ECC and **Lynette Truske and AnDraea Keene** from H. Winship Wheatley ECC teamed up to host a sing-along. The event engaged nearly 300 young learners and their families in a [Black History Month virtual sing-along honoring artists from the past and present!](#)



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## #PGCPS Proud Alum Seeks to Inspire Future Latinx Physicists



**Jorge Ramirez Ortiz**, a **Charles H. Flowers High School alum** and senior physics major at the University of Maryland, says his love of science began with the PGCPS Science Bowl! Today, Ramirez is [working to inspire the next generation of Latinx physicists!](#)

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## Looking for Distance Learning Pros!

Do you have advice on making the most of the distance learning experience with students? We are highlighting **distance learning stars** to discuss or demonstrate best practices for teachers and/or families on PGCPS social media for #TeacherTuesday. Videos should be no longer than one minute. Send submissions to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org).

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**Nominate a colleague** who makes you #PGCPS Proud 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.

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#HealthyPGCPS: March is All About Nutrition



**National Nutrition Month** is an annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

Wellness 360 will host the following webinars during the month of March:

- **Overcoming Plateau** - No registration required. Visit [Wellness360](#), scroll to wellness webinars and click the link for this session ten minutes prior to the start time.
- **Truth about Sweeteners, Sugar Replacers, and Sodium in Foods** - [Registration is required.](#)

The webinars will begin at 4 p.m. Visit [Wellness360](#) for more information.

## Announcements and Professional Development

### Save the Date: PG 13 Returns Next Week!

Our high school sports series *PG13* is following scholar-athletes during distance learning and documenting the unique challenges around recruiting during COVID-19. Stay tuned for new episodes beginning Monday, Feb. 22!



## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Employee Vaccination Clinics Update

**CEO Dr. Monica Goldson** provided an update to employees in an email last week about vaccination clinics. Highlights:

- The **Prince George's County Health Department** expects to resume first-dose vaccinations for PGCPS employees on Saturday, February 27 and Sunday, February 28. We will provide you with the appointment registration link when it is made available to the school system.
- **Kaiser Permanente vaccination clinics** will continue as scheduled. Central office, school-based and support staff will be able to register for appointments at that site when the link is available.
- Employees who receive **vaccinations from health care providers and through other venues, such as pharmacies**, can take vaccination leave on the next duty day following the appointment with proof of vaccination.
- **Do not register non-PGCPS employees**, including spouses and parents, for vaccinations at the Kaiser Permanente and Health Department clinics. They will not receive vaccinations if they appear for an appointment. When you do not adhere to the registration guidelines, you are taking limited spots from your colleagues.

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### Vaccination Facts: How to Register, Where to Go, What to Bring

**Registration:** Use your PGCPs email address when registering. Employees who do not live in Prince George's County should use their school or office address.

**Clinic locations:** **Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex** is located at 8001 Sheriff Road in Landover. **Kaiser Permanente Rehabilitation Center** is located at 4400 Forbes Blvd. in Lanham.

**Don't forget:** Bring a PGCPs work identification card or another form of employment verification (i.e., printed pay stub) to the appointment.

Check out our **Facts of Getting Vaccinated** [video](#) so you know what to expect.

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### Frequently Asked Questions: Employee Vaccinations

You've got questions? We've got answers! You can find the latest information on the employee vaccination plan on the PGCPs website. For more information, visit [www.pgcp.org/vaccine](http://www.pgcp.org/vaccine).

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