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February 3, 2021



Get the Scoop

COVID-19 Vaccinations Begin for #TeamPGCPS

More than 1,600 educators and staff have received COVID-19 vaccines since last weekend's kick off. [Take an inside look at the start of the Prince George's County Public Schools employee vaccination program!](#)



Vaccination clinics are expected to run for six to eight weeks. Each week, you will receive registration information by email about the next round of available appointments. A notice will be distributed prior to the release of the appointment registration link to



[Hear from PGCPs teachers](#) who are #PGCPSProudToBeProtected!

Vax Facts: How to Register, Where to Go, What to Bring

Registration: The vaccination registration link will be sent to all employees. Each Wednesday, you will receive registration information by email about available appointments for the upcoming weekend. Please do not share your link with anyone. 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 Vaxxed** [video](#) to help you understand the vaccination process.

Continued Delay with Appointment Link; Some Slots Available at KP

The appointment registration link from the Prince George's County Health Department continues to be delayed. Additional details were sent in an email to central office and school-based staff.

Join the Discussion: COVID-19 Vaccine with Dr. Fauci

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
COVID-19 Vaccine DISCUSSION

Join County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and Dr. Anthony Fauci for a discussion about COVID-19 vaccines and what they mean for you. Dr. Fauci will answer questions and concerns about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines.

February 8th at 2pm

The webinar can be viewed at: <http://bit.ly/FauciPGC>

Hear from Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, on Monday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. in a live webinar hosted by County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. Dr. Fauci will answer questions and concerns about the safety and the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. You can join the webinar at bit.ly/FauciPGC.

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.

#PGCPs Proud: In the Spotlight

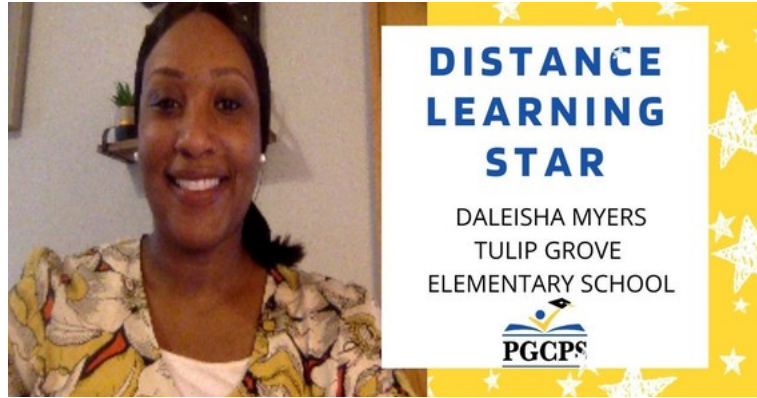
PGCPs Pride

Kudos to Capitol Heights Elementary and Suitland HS!

Parent Honor T. Savoy, whose children attend Capitol Heights Elementary and Suitland High School, has enough praise for staff to fill a 10-page letter. Capitol Heights teachers' interactive and engaging classes have increased her daughter's interest in the subjects. She has high praise for Suitland's counselors: "(They) have been very responsive and helpful with getting my step-daughter adjusted to virtual learning and I'm looking forward to her graduation."

#TeacherTuesday: Sharing Distance Learning Tips

Former PGCPs Teacher of the Year Daleisha Myers shares tips on how to set the tone for welcoming students into the virtual classroom. Each morning the Tulip Grove Elementary teacher has a different theme to set the tone for class: Motivational Monday, Trivia Tuesday, Happy Wednesday, Thinking Thursday and Fun Fact Friday.



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.

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.

Benefits Services: Our Focus Is You

Changes to Flexible Spending Accounts

PGCPs has adopted new Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) rules for 2021.

- Qualifying life events are no longer required for FSA election or modification. Employees may enroll, cancel or change their election amount(s) at any time; however, you cannot decrease any FSA election lower than your year to date payroll contributions.
- All unused FSA funds in 2020 will carry over into 2021.
- Grace periods for eligible claim submissions have been extended through December 31.

For more information on the additional FSA rule changes, and/or to access the FSA enrollment/change form, click [here](#).

PGCPs Goes Red on Feb. 5



February is American Heart Month, the perfect time to learn about your risk for heart disease and the steps you need to take now to help your heart. Join us on **Friday, Feb. 5** for #PGCPsGoesRed and wear red in support of ending heart disease. **Send photos to communications@pgcps.org or post your pictures to social media using the hashtag #PGCPsGoesRed.**

#HealthyPGCPs: February Activities

Wellness 360 is hosting the following webinar during the month of February.

- **Feb. 17:** [Keeping a Healthy Heart](#) - Registration is required.

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

Announcements and Professional Development

Advance Your Career with ACE

Fulfill course requirements for Maryland professional certificate eligibility with American College of Education. Click [here](#) to learn more about ACE course offerings.

PGCPS Provisional Educators


Here to get you there

Start a class February 22 to begin fulfilling course requirements for Maryland professional certificate eligibility

February 22 Human Growth & Development	April 12 Assessment of Diagnostic & Prescriptive Techniques	May 24 Foundations of Education	June 14 Assessment of Student Development
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Additional courses available

100% online, flexible schedule
Learn more [→](#)



Thanks from the Excellence in Education Foundation

The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS wishes to thank all employees who have supported the foundation through giving. Your contributions have helped to close the digital divide, award scholarships to our graduating seniors and so much more!

In appreciation, the foundation has partnered with Kaiser Permanente to offer employees a free chair yoga and mindfulness session on Friday, Feb. 12, from noon to 1 p.m. [Registration](#) is required.

Lifelong Learning: CEO Employee Scholarship Program

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to further your education at Walden University!

[Apply now for the CEO Employee Scholarship Program](#), created in partnership with Walden University. Scholarship opportunities are available to all employees, seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees. Applications are due **Monday, Feb. 15**. Winners may use their scholarship for the start date best for them in a qualifying program from April 2021 through September 2021.

One full-tuition scholarship and one partial-tuition scholarship will be awarded at each level:

- **Bachelor's Degree Program** (runner-up: \$15,000 partial scholarship)
- **Master's Degree Program** (runner-up: \$12,000 partial scholarship)
- **Doctoral Degree Program** (runner-up: \$10,000 partial scholarship)
- **Graduate Certificate Program** (runner-up: \$6,000 partial scholarship)

For more information, call 1-855-628-3427 or visit WaldenU.edu/PGCPS-CEO-Scholars.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

W-2 Forms Distributed

Paper W-2 forms have been mailed to all employees via the U.S. Postal Service. W-2s were mailed to the address on record in Oracle as of Dec. 31, 2020.

W-2 forms will also be available through Oracle Self-Service. In order to access W-2 forms online, you must be in a PGCPS building or parking lot to sign in to Oracle Self-Service or have VPN access.

Requests for reprints of W-2 forms will be processed on or after Feb. 15 for the following reasons:

- Incorrect address in Oracle
- Former employee
- Employee without VPN access

To request a duplicate W-2, please complete the W-2 Reprint Request form emailed to all employees on Jan. 29.

Free Webinar: Debate-Centered Instruction

The National Youth Summit on Education, Justice, and Leadership will host a free webinar on debate-centered instruction (DCI) for middle school and high school teachers, principals and superintendents. The webinar will be held on multiple dates:

- Feb. 16, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 18, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 23, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 25, 5 p.m.

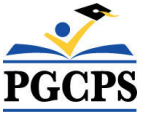
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