

December 10, 2021

## Top News

### Adult Boosters Available at School Vaccine Clinics



Did you know Team PGCPS can receive free COVID-19 booster shots at school-based clinics hosted by the Prince George's County Health Department?

There are several opportunities next week, and new winter break clinics have been added!

[Find a Clinic](#)

## Thursday: CEO's Virtual Holiday Party!



Join CEO Dr. Monica Goldson on Thursday, Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Jingle Bell, Rock! — a virtual 60-minute holiday dance party! The event will feature remarks from Dr. Goldson, executive leadership and partners, a live DJ and holiday contests! Employees must [register](#) to participate. Also, enter to win nearly \$1,000 in total prizes.

## Available Soon: Culture and Climate Survey



We apologize for technical issues with this week's launch of the 2021 Culture & Climate Survey and have identified and are resolving the issues. We emphasize our commitment to the integrity of capturing all responses accurately and hope to sustain the momentum of your input! Please look for the survey to re-launch within the next few days.

## **CEO Proposes FY2023 Operating Budget**



## **Transformation 2026 Equity and Excellence**

FY 2023 CEO's Proposed  
Operating Budget

CEO Dr. Monica Goldson unveiled a \$2.6 billion proposed budget for fiscal year 2023 with a focus on educational and operational improvement for PGCPs

through transformation, equity and innovation.

[Learn More](#)

**Deadline Extended: *The Washington Post* Principal and Teacher of the Year Awards**



We are still accepting nominations for *The Washington Post* 2021-22 principal and teacher of the year awards! The deadline to nominate a teacher or principal has been extended to **Friday, Jan. 7, 2022**. Completed applications should be submitted to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org). One teacher and one principal will be selected to represent PGCPS in the contest.

## Eagles Soar as 2A State Champs!



Congratulations to the Frederick Douglass High School Eagles, who claimed the Maryland State 2A championship over Milford Mill, 29-14. We are also proud of the Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School football team, 4A finalists!

## School Psychologist Discusses Her “Why”



*“I chose PGCPS because of the student demographics and the educators’ passion. Even stretched between three schools, I’ve enjoyed every minute... it’s exactly where I’m supposed to be right now.”*

**Read more** of Nationally Certified School Psychologist Dr. Kelsie Reed’s Early Career Spotlight by the National Association of School Psychologists!

**Empowering Students Through Financial Literacy**



Career and Technical Education Financial Education & Empowerment Coordinator Susan Bistransin, who was integral in establishing the school system's personal finance graduation requirement, recently discussed the importance of personal finance for students on FOX45!

Watch

## Global Teacher Prize Winner Honored in State Senate



Global Teacher Prize winner and International High School at Langley Park teacher Keishia Thorpe was honored for her contributions to education this week on the floor of the Maryland State Senate.

**SEL: Community-Building Through Social Awareness**



In our first two Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) posts, we covered **self-awareness** and **self-management**, which require us to look inward. **Social awareness** requires us to focus outward and consider how our biases and prejudices may impact the way we relate to colleagues, students and families. The goal: to create more diverse, inclusive and caring communities; develop authentic relationships; and engage in effective collaboration and problem solving.

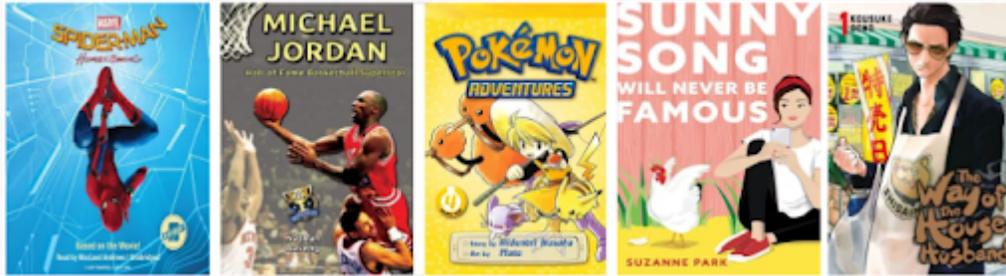
**3 tips to enhance social awareness:**

- Be an active listener.
- Put yourself in someone else's shoes.
- Step out of your comfort zone by exploring new volunteer or service opportunities to find common ground with others, share your stories and hear the stories of others.

[SEL Resources for Staff](#)

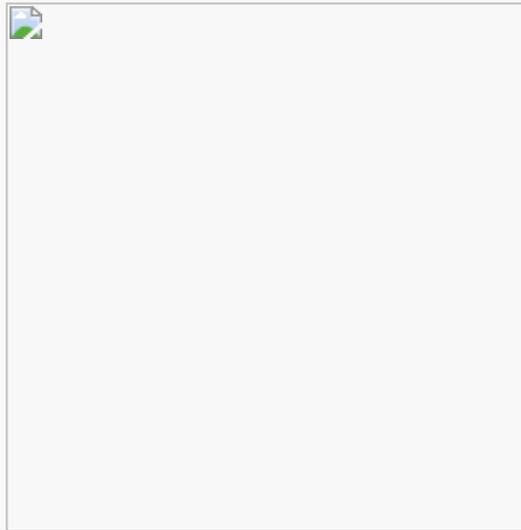
**Announcements & Professional Development**

**Enhance Your Reading Experience!**



New books are now available on Sora and BookTok!

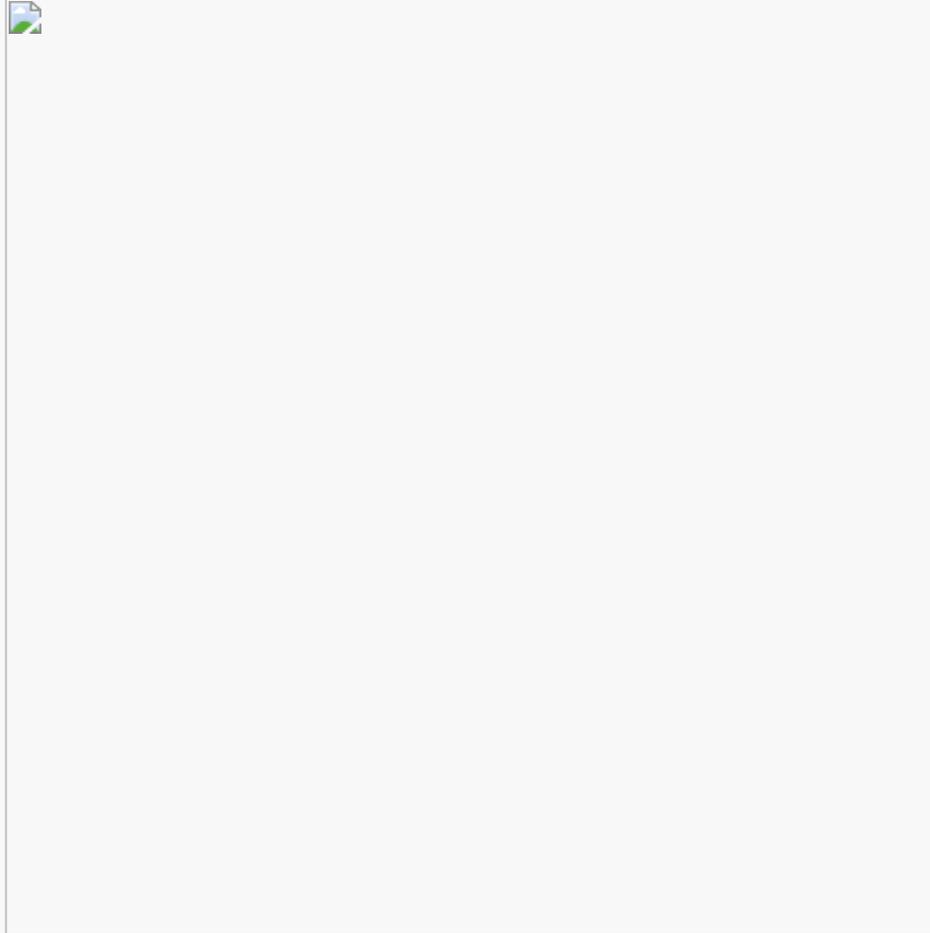
## Scholarship Opportunity



**The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association** is offering three \$2,000 scholarships to public school employees in Maryland who are enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification or certification as a school counselor, speech and language pathologist, physical or occupational therapist, school social worker, administrator or supervisor, media specialist or school psychologist.

[Learn More](#)

## Latino Administrators & Superintendents Meet & Greet

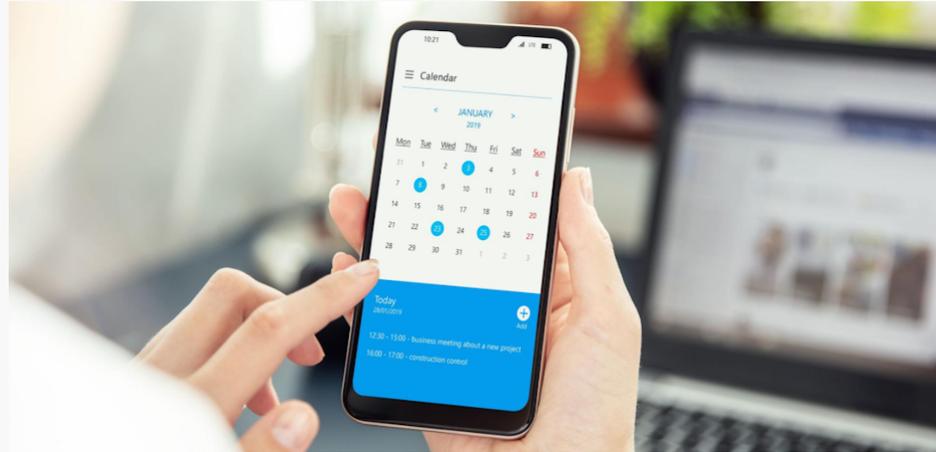


Join the [Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents \(ALAS\)](#) National Capital Region for a virtual meet and greet to learn more about the chapter's history and plans on Friday, Dec. 10 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

RSVP

**ICYMI: In Case You Missed It**

## 2021-2022 Calendar Updates



Please note: recent revisions to the 2021-2022 school year calendar are only applicable to school-based employees. Central office employees should follow their regular duty day schedule as identified by their supervisor and division chief.

### ***Calendar changes include:***

**Thursday, Dec. 23:** Changing from a full day of instruction to a three-hour early dismissal;

**Tuesday, Feb. 22:** Changing from a two-hour delayed opening to a full-day closure for students. In addition to this provision, parent-teacher conferences will occur half-day, and a three-hour early dismissal is for all school-based employees; and

**Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, Friday, March 4, and Friday, May 13;** will offer three-hour early dismissals.

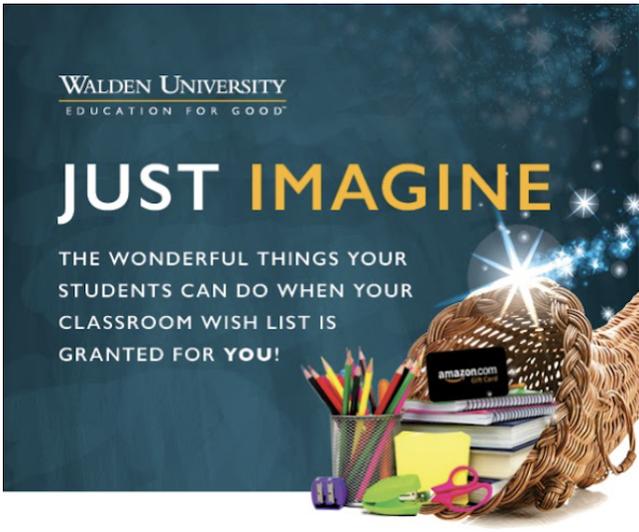
## **Join the Winter Wellness Challenge**



This winter we are keeping a focus on wellness. Join our challenge to keep health at the forefront and for a chance to win prizes!

[Learn More & Get Started](#)

**Walden University Wants Your Wish List!**



Walden University is thankful for the commitment of PGCPs employees who make wishes and dreams come true every day. To say thank you, Walden will give away a \$125 Amazon gift card to a lucky winner to celebrate the holiday season. Entries will be accepted through Dec. 15.

Enter Now

## #TeamPGCPS Paparazzi





Gaywood ES  
@EsGaywood

Teachers are sweet and deserve a treat!  
#HomeoftheMustangs #3PsStrong @PGCPS



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Thank you to @Melwood\_ES for sharing space for us to hold our 2nd teacher bag pick up last night. Mr. Dalton we love your festive spirit! @J\_JonesPE @pgcps



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## Reminders

### Return to Work Guidelines

View [Back to Work Guidelines](#) available in the Staff Portal. Questions should be directed to your supervisor and division chief.

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