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PGCPS Express: Happy New Year, Team PGCPS!

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January 8, 2021

Get the Scoop

Happy New Year, Team PGCPS!



Wishing you a new chapter filled with growth, adventure and happiness!

Scheduled Oracle E-Business Suite Outage Jan. 8-11

The **Oracle E-Business Suite**, including employee self-service, will not be available starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, due to scheduled maintenance. During this outage, the Information Technology team will upgrade the Oracle EBS Application database. Oracle will be back online the morning of Monday, Jan. 11.

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.

#PGCPS Proud: In the Spotlight

PGCPS Spotlight

Four Schools Honored for Gifted and Talented Education



Kenmoor Middle School, Maya Angelou French Immersion School, Tulip Grove Elementary and University Park Elementary have qualified for the 2020 Maryland Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) designation!

Creative Pandemic Teaching



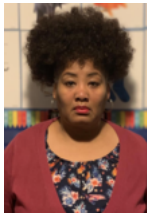
Whitehall Elementary School teacher (and PGCPS [Distance Learning Star!](#)) April Shawyer was recently featured in [The Washington Post](#) for her top-secret mission videos used to jumpstart her virtual music classes with students.

PGCPS Pride



John Hanson Montessori School teacher Dana Lee gets a gold star from parents for helping students succeed in the virtual learning environment.

Parents Max and Karen De Mijango applaud Lee for being organized, structured, creative and an effective communicator: "She has translated as much face-to-face learning to various virtual platforms which has made it extremely helpful for my 7-year old to understand what is expected of her on a daily basis."



Edward M. Felegy Elementary kindergarten teacher Tambra Cook-Huff exudes PGCPS Pride when it comes to her students.

Parent Larry D. Covington says that Cook-Huff gives her students a foundation for which they can build on. "She isn't just a teacher, she acts as the students' temporary parent, nurse, friend, mentor and cheerleader."

#TeacherTuesday: Sharing Distance Learning Tips

Hyattsville Elementary kindergarten teacher Annique Roy knows how to get students excited to learn! She delivered handmade stuffed characters ("Book Buddies"), personalized face masks and other supplies to each of her 19 students.



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 #PGCPS Proud 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

January Wellness Activities

[Wellness360](#) will host a webinar on "[Herbs and other Natural Foods](#)" during the month of January. Webinars are held on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Visit [Wellness360](#) for more information.

Announcements

New Board of Education Leadership

Dr. Juanita Miller has been appointed by the County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks as the new Board of Education Chair. **Board Member Sonya Williams (District 9)** will serve as Vice Chair.

IRS Change in Standard Mileage Rate to \$0.56

Effective Friday, Jan. 1, employees using their cars for official travel will be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.56 per mile. The new rate will be applied to any requests for mileage reimbursement for travel occurring on or after Friday, Jan. 1.

Reminder: Safe Schools Training

The next round of **mandatory SafeSchools training modules** are due no later than Thursday, Jan. 28. Sessions include:

- Sexual Harassment
- Diversity Awareness
- Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Prevention

Electronic Books Available Around-the-Clock



The Professional Library has a variety of new [ebooks available](#) just for you. For more information, contact cathe.francoeur@pgcps.org.

Learn More on Becoming a Literacy Professional

Employees who have a desire to learn and share literacy research are encouraged to [register](#) and attend the Summer Graduate Reading Cohort virtual information meeting. The meeting is co-sponsored by PGCPS and Bowie State University and will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 19 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The program offers many benefits including hybrid courses and preparation for a career as a Literacy Coach, Literacy Specialist or Certified Reading Specialist. Eligible candidates will also receive a \$1,000 stipend toward tuition. For more information, contact Dr. Jacquelyn Sweeney at jsweeney@bowiestate.edu or Dr. Olga Pabón at opabon@pgcps.org.

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