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PGCPS Express: Introducing Our '21 Teacher of the Year!

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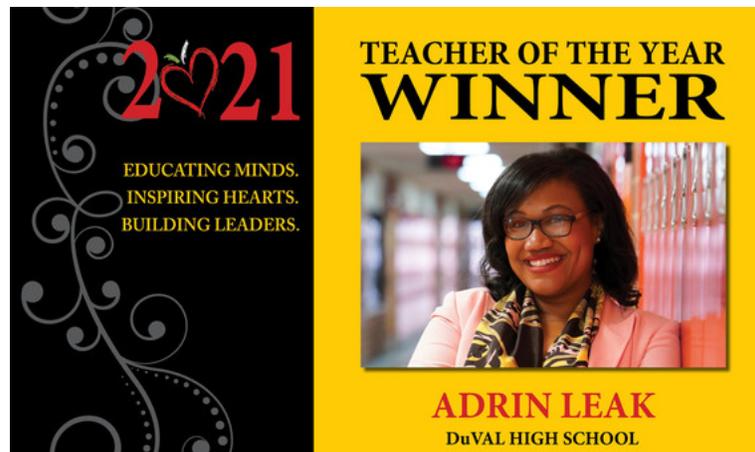
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May 28, 2021

Get the Scoop

Meet Adrin Leak, 2021 Teacher of the Year!



We are proud to introduce 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year, **DuVal High School 10th grade English Language Arts teacher Adrin Leak!** A 12-year PGCPS educator, Mrs. Leak's mission is to close the educational opportunity gap for all students. During her tenure at DuVal, Leak is described as "radiating a passion and zest for learning, building a sense of community, and serving as a stellar example of a master teacher to colleagues.

Congratulations to runner-up, Capitol Heights Elementary School second grade Talented and Gifted teacher Bridget McCoy and second place winner Dr. Mable Smith, eighth-grade Reading & English Language Arts Teacher at Samuel Ogle Middle School.



Reminder: Masks Mandatory Inside PGCPS Facilities



In line with [Prince George's County's phased reopening plans](#), masks/face coverings continue to be mandatory inside of schools and office buildings. Please note the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) recommends schools continue current COVID-19 prevention strategies, including mask-wearing indoors, for the remainder of the academic year. These guidelines apply to all employees and visitors.

"Investing in Education:" CEO Dr. Monica Goldson



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson [discusses the Biden administration's American Families Plan](#) and its potential to improve access to high-quality early education and higher education in *The Hill*.

In the Spotlight

#PGCPSproud

Two Teachers Receive Maryland STEM Educator of the Year Award!



Erin Lukomska-Schlauch and Karen Shelton, both teachers at Charles Herbert Flowers High School, were awarded the Maryland Tech Council's (MTC) [STEM Educator of the Year award](#) in recognition of their commitment to STEM education and the extraordinary dedication demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Excellence in CTE



AMY ROCK
Prince George's County Public Schools

JAMES PALOMAKI
Prince George's County Public Schools

Amy Rock and James Palomaki of our Career and Technical Education program are finalists for Educator of the Year in the annual Maryland Center for Construction Education & Innovation Pathway Awards! Winners to be announced June 8.

PG13 Season Five Finale!



In the [season finale](#) of high school sports series *PG13*, excitement and emotions are on display as students return to the building after more than a year and look forward to their academic and athletic future!

Cicada History & Teachable Moment



With cicadas currently the literal buzz, check out this artistic rendition of the insect drawn 34 years ago by former PGCPSP employee Patricia Walters!

Are you using this year's cicada event as a teachable moment? If so, this picture might help capture a child's attention. With its smile and 'bug boots & gloves,' the insect in the picture signals its innocence and approachability. There's nothing to fear and much to appreciate about this longest lived of any insect. It's waited 17 years to make an entrance!

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

#HealthyPGCPS: Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Find resources to help create balance in your life. Get referrals for child care, elder care or even pet care! Need a councilor to talk to, utilize unlimited 24/7 phone counseling or ask about the in person sessions. Need financial guidance or legal council, EAP can help!

[Employee Assistance Program](#)

Wellness Specific Resources from our EAP:

- [Mindfulness Classes](#)
- [Employee Assistance at Your Fingertips - Mobile App](#)
- [Healthy Sleep Resources](#)

Announcements and Professional Development

Schools and Offices Closed May 31



Schools and offices will be closed on **Monday, May 31** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Saturday: PGCPSP Network Outage

On Saturday, May 29, the computer network will be down for maintenance, resulting in a brief outage from 11am to noon. External access to Oracle, SMAX, Gmail and other G Suite applications will be impacted.

Powering Down 2021



The Technology Training Team (T3) has offered guidance to assist all staff and families in closing out School Year 2020-2021 with respect to the use of technology. [Powering Down 2021](#) provides information about summer procedures for student devices, in addition to guidance about securing and exporting data from digital tools.

Aspiring Leaders Program Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the [2021-2022 Aspiring Leaders Program](#). The Aspiring Leaders Program is an integral component of the school system's comprehensive leadership development pathway and provides leadership development opportunities for qualified teacher leaders who are actively seeking their first assignment as assistant principal. [Applications](#) will be accepted from June 4-18.

2021 Summer Learning Programs



2021 [summer learning programs](#) will offer prekindergarten through 12th-grade students opportunities for acceleration, enrichment, intervention, credit recovery and original credit. This year's programs are available to all students at no cost and offer flexible scheduling including in-person, virtual or hybrid.

Deadline June 1: 2021 Summer School Positions

Employment opportunities and the online application process for the 2021 Summer School Programs can be found in [Bulletin P-02-21 Summer School Employment](#). Specific details, additions, and updates on each summer school program can be found on the [2021 Summer Programs](#) webpage.

For questions, please contact the program contact listed on the [2021 Summer Programs](#) webpage. For general questions regarding 2021 Summer School, please email summerschool@pgcps.org.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Paid Professional Learning Opportunities Available for School Staff

Schools play a significant role in supporting the health and well-being of children and youth, including those affected by traumatic experiences. These sessions are specially designed to educate school staff about trauma and trauma-sensitive practices.

Educators will have the option of attending one or both workshops.

- **Understanding Trauma and Its Impact** includes information about the prevalence of trauma, its impact on children and youth, and implications for schools.
- **Building Trauma-Sensitive Schools** introduces all school staff to the concept of trauma-sensitive schools, why it is important to adopt a trauma-sensitive approach and trauma-sensitive practices for use in the classroom and school wide.

Participants will have access to an online module, downloadable handouts, and participate in a facilitated group session. Please take this brief [survey](#) to help you decide which workshop is the best fit for you. Registration is open in MyPPS using the course titles.

Get The Facts About COVID-19



It can be difficult to sort through all the information about COVID-19 vaccines.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Chairman and CEO of SODEXMagic, [encourages communities](#) to talk to their doctors and get the facts. With [#GetTheFacts](#), Johnson and his team share educational and science-based information to support employees in making personal decisions about COVID-19 vaccines.

Feedback Wanted: PGCPS Equity Strategic Plan



Share your thoughts on the [Emerging Strategic Framework \(ESF\)](#) that will guide development of the PGCPs Equity Strategic Plan! After viewing our short [introductory video](#), submit feedback via a [short questionnaire](#).

#TeachWithUs: Spread the Word About PGCPs Careers!

#TeamPGCPs: It's time to get social! Here are three ways you can get involved as a #PGCPSPride ambassador to help us spread the word about careers with PGCPs:

1. **DOWNLOAD & DISPLAY** a social media banner and Zoom background to [show](#) your #PGCPSPride!
2. **SHARE** our [#TeachWithUs message](#) with your social media networks.
3. **REFER** a [teacher interested](#) in learning more about PGCPs careers for a chance to win!

Reminder: SafeSchools Trainings

Employees are encouraged to complete any outstanding [SafeSchools](#) training modules.

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