# **Engage PGCPS: Apply for High School Specialty & Middle School Performing Arts Programs**

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**Apply Now for High School Specialty & Middle School Performing Arts Programs** 



Applications for high school specialty programs and middle school Creative and Performing Arts (CPA) programs for the 2021-22 school year are now open and will be accepted online through Friday, Dec. 18. The high school Career and Technical Education application window is separate and will run from Tuesday, Nov. 3 to Friday, Jan. 8.

More Info + Apply

**TONIGHT: School Construction Plan Telephone Town Hall** 



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson will host a telephone town hall on **Monday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.** to offer updates on the proposed Alternative Construction Finance plan for six schools. The plan will create new schools for approximately 8,000 students attending Drew-Freeman, Hyattsville, Kenmoor, and Walker Mill middle schools and new buildings in the Adelphi and southern areas of the county. County Executive Angela Alsobrooks will join Dr. Goldson during the town hall.

Learn More

## Sign Up for Free K-2 Reading Tutoring



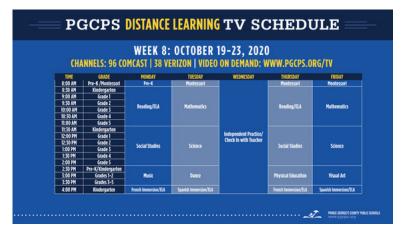
Students in kindergarten through second grades can receive free virtual reading tutoring with trained tutors! Tutoring will begin in November and will take place twice a week in the afternoons through April 2021. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Sign Up

#### **PGCPS-TV Lessons Now Available Through End of Quarter**



Elementary students can view school lessons on <u>PGCPS-TV</u> (channels 96/Comcast and 38/Verizon). Instructional videos cover reading, math, science, social studies and electives and will be available through Thursday, Nov. 5.



**Easier and More Secure Student Zoom Sign-In** 



Beginning Monday, Oct.19, when students click the link for a Zoom meeting, they will be redirected to a login page where they will enter their PGCPS username and password (similar to how they are already logging into other PGCPS tools, such as Clever). Students will no longer need to sign into Clever or the Zoom app before joining a Zoom meeting.

Read More

## **Changes to Meal Sites Take Effect This Week**



Beginning Monday, Oct. 19, some school meal pickup sites and delivery locations are discontinued due to low participation. <u>View discontinued locations.</u>

More Info + Locations

**Need Shots? Register for a Free Immunization Clinic** 



Students can receive free vaccinations at one of our four high school wellness centers through late November. Families must register online for an appointment.

More Info + Register

## Announcements

## **Update on SAT/PSAT and ACT Testing**



Learn about how PGCPS is monitoring test center capacity, availability, and adherence to safety and health protocols to ensure as many students as possible are able to test safely.

Testing Update

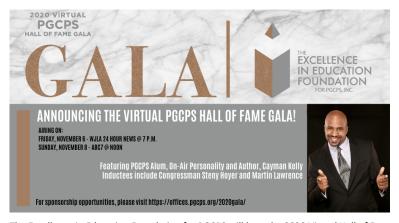
#### Learn a Language: Free Access to Duolingo



Families are encouraged to take advantage of <u>Duolingo</u>, a language-learning website and mobile app that students can use to learn and improve proficiency in over 30 languages!

Get Started

Save the Date: 2020 Virtual Hall of Fame Gala



The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS will host the 2020 Virtual Hall of Fame Gala on Friday, Nov. 6 highlighting notable alumni around the world! Funds raised during this event will enhance student learning opportunities and expand scholarships and programming.

## **Parent Forum: Bullying Awareness Month**



Join District 3 Board Member Pamela Boozer-Strother with At-Large Board Members Sandra Shephard and Curtis Valentine on Tuesday, Oct. 20 for a virtual parent forum on cyberbullying and prevention from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (Zoom ID: 993 5029 4395 Password: nobullying)

#### **Halloween During COVID-19**



Prince George's County has released guidance for Halloween. Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating is not recommended. Trunk-or-treats should be shifted to one-way, drive-thru distributions for candy. Residents are encouraged to attend events sponsored by the county or municipal governments.

#### **Need WiFi Help?**

PGCPS continues to cover the cost of the Comcast Internet Essentials program, which provides affordable high-speed internet at home, for families eligible for free and reduced-

price meals (FARMS). Non-FARMS families may also obtain a Verizon hotspot for home internet access by making a request through their school or by calling our Distance Learning Hotline at 240-696-6229, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## In the News

#### **Kettering Immersion Students Display Language Skills**



To close out Hispanic Heritage Month, Kettering Middle School sixth graders showed off their language skills, presenting research entirely in Spanish and interviewing teachers in Spanish to learn more about their backgrounds, dialects and cultures. The 2020-21 school year is the first year for the Spanish immersion program in middle school — and Kettering's immersion team come from countries including Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Spain and the United States!

#### **PGCPS Alum to Appear on The Voice Premiere!**



Tune in to the season premiere of The Voice on Monday, Oct. 19, to join us in cheering on Tamara Jade Fingal, an alumna of Woodmore Elementary, Benjamin Tasker Middle and Suitland High School! View her audition <a href="here">here</a>!

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