

December 17, 2021

Top News

All Students Moving to Virtual Learning (Dec. 20-23; Jan. 3-14)



Amid a rise in COVID-19 cases across the nation and within PGCPS schools, all students will transition to virtual learning effective Monday, December 20 through Thursday, December 23. Winter Break will proceed as scheduled, Friday, December 24 through Friday, December 31, and virtual learning will continue Monday, January 3 through Friday, January 14.

All staff will be required to report to their designated work locations during this time except those on authorized leave or quarantine. In-person learning will resume Tuesday, January 18, following the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; students in the K-6 Virtual Learning Program will return Monday, January 31.

[Learn More](#)



Reminder: PGCPS employees can receive free COVID-19 booster shots at school-based clinics hosted by the Prince George's County Health Department! Several clinics will be held during winter break.

[Find a Clinic](#)

Discontinuation of Frontline Health Portal App

Please Note: the Frontline Health Portal app will be discontinued on January 30 due to a lack of usage. Individuals should continue to monitor for symptoms daily following [CDC guidelines](#).

Your Input Matters! Culture and Climate Survey



The 2021 Culture & Climate Survey is back online! Your input matters. If you previously responded to this survey, we would appreciate it if you would complete it again. If you have any difficulties while completing this survey, please email: edsurvey+PGCPS@hanoverresearch.com.

[Take Survey](#)

ICYMI: 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 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 application packets should be submitted to communications@pgcps.org. One teacher and one principal will be selected to represent PGCPS in the contest.

[Principal of the Year Nomination](#)

[Teacher of the Year Nomination](#)

In the Spotlight

Signing Day: Scholar-Athletes Share Future Plans!



High school seniors across the school system announced plans this week to continue their academic and athletic careers!



Division of Academics Highlights!



[Check out good news](#) from the Departments of Career and Technical Education, Creative and Performing Arts, Curriculum and Instruction, Early Learning and Special Education!

Announcements & Professional Development

Stock Market Game for Teachers/Students Grades 4-12

Teachers! Register your students for the Stock Market Game today!
FREE to PGCPs
Grades 4 - 12

Would you like your students to learn about the Stock Market? Attend a Stock Market Game Information session on Monday, Jan. 10 or Thursday, Jan. 20 to learn more! The game begins January 31.

[Learn More](#)

Scholarship Opportunity

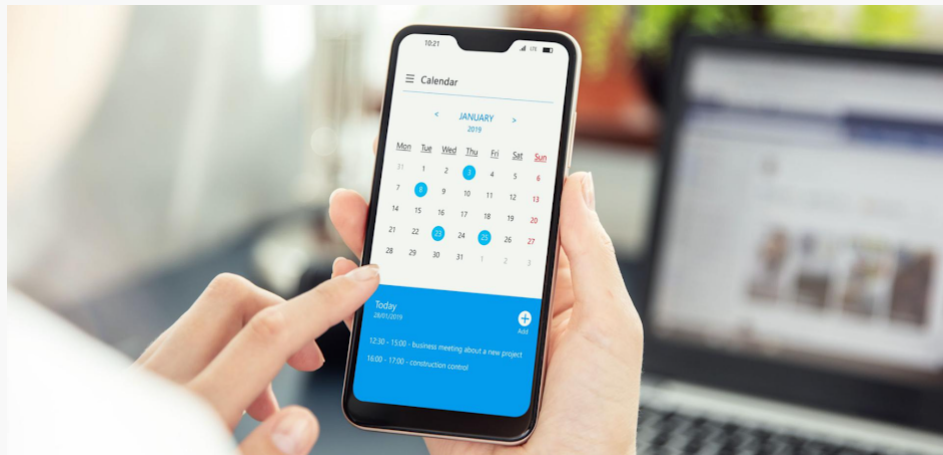


The **Maryland Retired School Personnel Association** is offering three \$2,000 scholarships to public school employees in Maryland who are enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification or certification as a school counselor, speech, and language pathologist, physical or occupational therapist,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

[Learn More](#)

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.

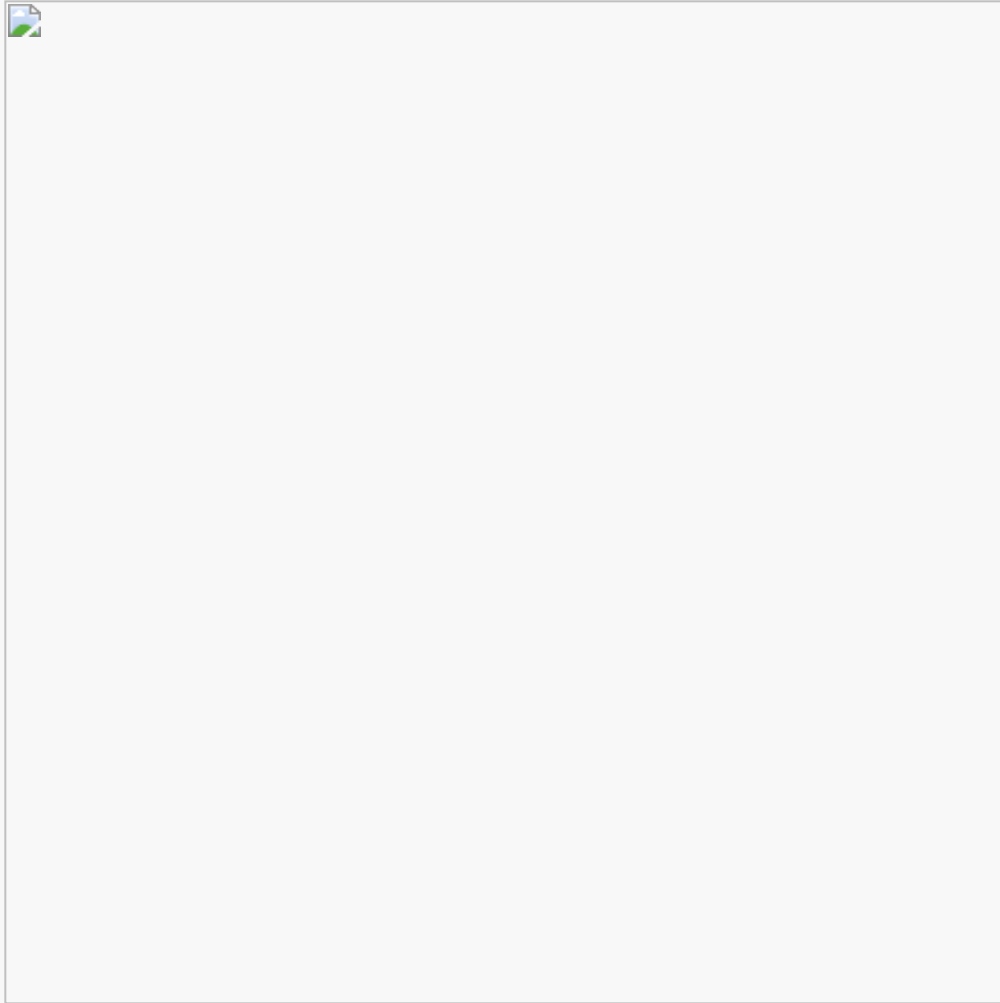
Calendar changes include:

Thursday, Dec. 23: 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](#)

#TeamPGCPS Paparazzi



When it's cold outside you gotta have a hot chocolate bar for your staff! #chocolate #comfortfood @beaconheightspg @pgcps @Title1_PGCPS @drhelencoley @NikiBrown8 @sjackso6



Just received this wonderful book stack as a winner of a #ncte2021 book giveaway! Thank you very much @ncte and @macmillanreads! I can't wait to read, review and spread the book love with my fellow educators!!! If you are a @pgcps teacher let me know which one you want to read!



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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