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PGCPS Express: Final Reopen PGCPS Report, Virtual Classrooms, SafeSchools Training

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Get the Scoop

Getting #PGCPS1stDayReady!

With teachers set to return next week, let's get the 2020-21 school year started by showing off virtual classrooms! Bitmoji classrooms offer a fun and functional way to welcome students back to school. Share your virtual classroom on social media and tag @pgcps or send photos to communications@pgcps.org. We will feature the best of the best right here in *PGCPS Express*.



James McHenry Elementary School Fourth-Grade Teacher Edyth Duff-Andrews is ready to welcome students to class.

Reopen PGCPS Plan Available Online

The final Reopen PGCPS report is available [online](#) with comprehensive details on instruction, school facilities, student activities, employee services and equity issues.

SafeSchools Mandatory Training Modules

SafeSchools training modules are mandatory for all staff. The training modules are designed to ensure that every employee has the necessary information to establish and maintain a positive, respectful, safe, healthy and lawful culture in which staff share the responsibility for a safe and supportive school environment that contributes to excellence in education.

The trainings are provided in four rounds with the following due dates:

- Round 1 – Aug. 25-26
- Round 2 – Oct. 16
- Round 3 – Dec. 11
- Round 4 – Jan. 28

[Start trainings now!](#)

At Last! Diploma Ceremonies Held for Class of 2020



The coronavirus pandemic put a damper on the rites of passage for Class of 2020 grads. But last week, students enjoyed a shining moment: an opportunity to [cross the stage](#) and receive their high school diplomas!

In the Spotlight

PGCPS Pride

Benjamin Tasker TAG Coordinator selected for National History Day summer program



JanetViana Clarke-Green, Talented and Gifted Coordinator at Benjamin Tasker Middle School, recently joined 98 teachers from across the country for a National History Day summer professional development program.

During the program, Clarke-Green explored digitized primary sources from the Library of Congress, engaged in four live webinar programs and discussions with fellow educators and developed classroom resources.

Teacher Tips from the TOTY

Look for Prince George's County Teacher of the Year Mary Piccirilli's pro tips each week on Twitter for #TeacherTipTuesdays and #FamilyFunFridays, tweeted by the Community Partnerships Office. Follow @mspiccirilli and @PGCPSPartners.

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

#HealthyPGCPS: Walk it Out Wednesdays



Join the challenge and get moving!

Department of Family and School Partnerships specialist Winsome Falby takes an evening stroll through her neighborhood for "**Walk it Out Wednesday.**" Do you walk it like you talk it? Share your photos on social media using the hashtag #HealthyPGCPS or send them to communications@pgcps.org.

Announcements

NBC4/Telemundo44 Virtual School Supply Drive for Teachers

NBC4/Telemundo 44 will host a virtual [school supply drive](#) in collaboration with [Donors Choose](#). Get your students what they need and [get started now!](#)

Walden University Tuition Discounts for Recent Grads

Walden University is offering [four general education courses at a 70% off tuition](#) for children of PGCPS employees who graduated high school in 2019 or 2020. Interested students must be accepted into a two-year or four-year accredited institution for consideration. For more information, contact recentHSgrads@mail.waldenu.edu.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Masks On, Maryland: PGCPS Operating Norms



Gov. Hogan has announced a new statewide order that face coverings are required in the public spaces of all businesses and outdoor public areas whenever it is not possible to maintain physical distancing, effective July 31 at 5 p.m.

PGCPS Operating Norms

- All employees and visitors will be required to wear a face mask/covering while on site; if you do not have one, it will be provided to you. Employees should consult with their immediate supervisor.
- Staff must comply with group size limitations (Stage 2 is 50 persons); virtual meetings are highly encouraged. In-person meetings will comply with social distancing expectations.
- Handwashing is required every 2 hours.

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