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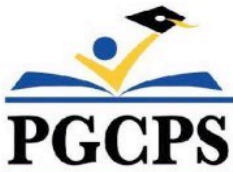
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# Associate Superintendent Updates

Home test kits and KN95 masks will be distributed to all students and staff. One kit containing two tests will be available for each child enrolled in our schools. The distribution will be held at schools and offices. Students will be requested to test weekly in order to return to school the following week.

Every Sunday, tests should be taken and results uploaded from January 23 through February 27. The link for uploading will be provided this week. Home test kits will be distributed biweekly until the end of February to facilitate this request.

More students will be randomly tested in our weekly pools. We have worked with testing vendors to double the capacity to 20 percent of students.

New county and state quarantine rules [were implemented](#) with clear guidance on when students can return to school after contracting or being exposed to COVID-19.

Staff testing was expanded during virtual learning. All employees regardless of vaccination status were able to get free COVID testing provided by PGCPS due to the difficulty of obtaining tests in the community. Weekly testing of unvaccinated staff will continue.

No spectators will be allowed at athletic events through the end of January. Athletes who are not vaccinated will continue to be tested weekly. Starting Tuesday, February 1, attendance at athletic events will be limited to 25 percent of building capacity.

The Temporary K-6 Virtual Learning Program will conclude Friday, January 28. This program was always designed to be a temporary option in the absence of a vaccine for children ages 5-11. PGCPS does not have permission from the Maryland State Department of Education to go beyond the timeframe established at the beginning of the school year. Each school will facilitate a return to school orientation meeting for our elementary virtual students during the week of January 24, 2022. <https://www.pgcps.org/offices/ceo/testimonies-remarks-and-messages/2021-2022/from-the-ceo-return-to-in-person-learning-to-wn-hall---january-12-2022>

# How Can You Support Our Students?

Assist with recruiting teachers, substitute teachers, bus drivers, and other pertinent staff members.

[PGCPS Career and Job Opportunities](#)

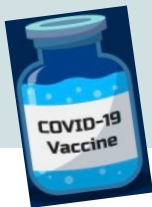


Assist your children at home by accessing PGCPS enrichment packets for grades K-12.

[Winter Enrichment Packets](#)



Wear a mask, keep children home when sick and get your child vaccinated. The Prince George's County Health Department, in partnership with Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), is holding after-school vaccination clinics.



- Each clinic will have Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccine supply available. [Vaccination clinic](#) information and locations.

Allow your child to be randomly selected for weekly testing.

[Complete the permission slip at this link](#)



Continue your collaborative partnership and ongoing communication with your school and child's teacher(s).

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Mission

Resources

Workshops/Calendar

Consultations



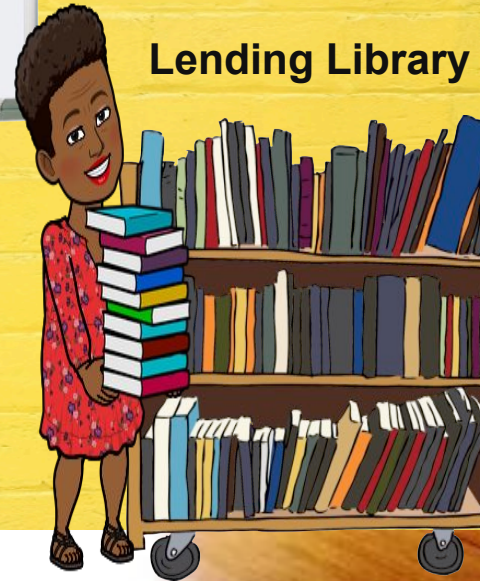
Lending Library

Marsie

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Yvette

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## SUPPORT GROUP

SUPPORTING BEHAVIOR CHANGE

- Session 1 - 10/28/2021 - Overview of support group and ABA
- Session 2 - 11/18/2021 - Basics of Behavior
- Session 3 - 12/16/2021 - Prevention/Antecedent Strategies
- Session 4 - 01/21/2022 - Positive Reinforcement
- Session 5 - 02/24/2022 - Consequences
- Session 6 - 03/24/2022 - Compliance
- Session 7 - 04/21/2022 - Functional Communication
- Session 8 - 05/26/2022 - Task Analysis and Chaining
- Session 9 - 06/09/2022 - Prompting/Generalization/Maintenance

This support group will use principles of Applied behavior Analysis (ABA) to help parents understand and address problem behaviors that their child may exhibit at home and/or school.

**TO REGISTER  
BY PHONE CALL:  
301.431.5675**

**LOCATION: ZOOM ROOM**

**TIME: 6:30-8:00**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**LINK:**

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FSCBEH](https://tinyurl.com/FSCBEH)

**FACILITATORS:**  
BETH DIAITE, ED.D., BCBA,  
YVONNE ALLEYNE,  
BCBA, AND SCOTT  
SHOWALTER, MENTAL HEALTH  
COORDINATOR



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## PARENT WELLNESS SUPPORT GROUP



This group will provide parents with support, tools, strategies, and resources. Our goal is to help parents "refuel" while lowering their levels of stress, frustration, and anxiety. Parents will learn to support their own mental well-being as well as that of their family members.

- Session 1 - 10/21/2021 - It's Okay to Feel & Embrace Your Emotions
- Session 2 - 11/18/2021 - Know Your Values & Maximize Your Strengths
- Session 3 - 12/09/2021 - Harness Your Energy & Refuel Your Tank
- Session 4 - 01/13/2022 - Set Intentions, Stay Centered & Focused
- Session 5 - 02/10/2022 - You Matter: Life Hacks for Taking Care of You
- Session 6 - March 2022 - \*\*\*Parent Empowerment Conference
- Session 7 - 04/07/2022 - You Are Enough: Setting Realistic Expectations
- Session 8 - 05/12/2022 - Reflecting On the Journey & Counting Your Wins
- Session 9 - 06/09/2022 - Summer Fun

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Location: Zoom Room  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
- 8:00 p.m.

**Register**

Today  
Link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/FSCMWELL>

**Facilitators:**

**Yvette Young, LCSW-C  
Beth Diaite, Ed.D., BCBA**

## Family Support Center Newsletter



## 11th Annual Parent Empowerment Conference

- **Keynote Speakers:**  
*Dan and Samuel Habib*
- **Tentative Date:** March 19, 2022





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## COVID Guidance Updates

### Dr. Traci Jones

Supervisor for the Office of School Health  
Office of School Health