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Partner PGCPS: Season of Giving

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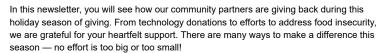
Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) partner **Amazon** donates small desks, graphing calculators, school supplies and more to support virtual learning for more than 100 students at Frederick Douglass High School, thanks to a very special student. See article below.

'Tis The Season To Give

Greetings! As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to surge, this season of giving is all the more important. Many areas throughout our county and state are facing deep pockets of need, forcing families to make difficult choices in the weeks and months ahead to protect their mental and physical health, safety and job security.

During these times, the support of business and community partners like you is even more critically needed. Although we may be socially distanced, we are in this together. I want to thank our many business

partners who have rallied behind Prince George's County Public Schools. Thank you for reminding our students just how much you care!



On behalf of the Community Partnerships team, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Barbara Holt Streeter Partnerships Officer

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PROFILES IN PARTNERING

Amazon Makes Special Delivery to Frederick Douglass HS



Amazon partnered with Frederick Douglass High School to help support virtual learning for more than 100 students.

Amazon donated \$10,000 in school supplies, including small desks, graphing calculators and more. Makayla Eugene, a Frederick Douglass High School junior, helped to facilitate the donation. The International Baccalaureate (IB) scholar focused on giving back to her community as part of a school project, reaching out to **Amazon** to secure the \$10,000 donation to help students most in need.

Many thanks to **Amazon**, Board of Education Member Sonya Williams, Principal Eddie Scott and IB Middle Years Programme Coordinator Dr. Letty Maxwell for their support!



Pairing Volunteer Tutors and Students Through BookNook



PGCPS and BookNook have launched PGCPS READS, a new literacy tutoring initiative that provides students with small group reading instruction. This initiative will help students strengthen and reinforce skills during virtual learning.

Volunteers each spend up to two hours per week reading virtually with 4,000 students in kindergarten through second grade. BookNook is a comprehensive online reading program that offers students access to 800 different texts in English and Spanish. With BookNook, students receive instruction in basic skills, vocabulary development and

reading comprehension.

"We are embarking on an unprecedented initiative to bring our community together during virtual learning," said CEO Dr. Monica Goldson. "We know from research how isolating virtual learning can be for our youngest students."

"We have seen the power of programs like this all across America and are excited to

partner with PGCPS to bring the community together to support students," said Michael Lombardo, founder and CEO of BookNook.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact <u>partnerships@pgcps.org</u> or visit <u>www.pgcps.org/pgcps-reads</u> for more details.

PARTNERSHIP PROFILES

Gwynn Park High School Alumni & Professional Athlete Returns to Give Back to Student Athletes



Kyle Arrington is a proud alumni of Gwynn Park High School and the owner/founder of **EVOLVE**, **Inc.** The eight-year NFL athlete is giving back to the student athletes of his former high school by renovating the school's weight room. Arrington created **EVOLVE**, **Inc.** to create empowerment and growth in youth, particularly in underserved communities.

EVOLVE's charity efforts are guided by its core values and principles of accountability, character and service to community. Their main objectives are to establish sports, health and wellness initiatives that target youth who do not have the means, wherewithal or sustainability to compete, and to partner with local schools to empower students to achieve academically, socially and mentally.

(Below) Photo of EVOLVE team and volunteers dismantling old weight room equipment.





Learn How Your Organization Can Make a Difference in the Lives of Students of Prince George's County

WE NEED YOU! Companies, faith-based & nonprofit organizations, and sororities & fraternities are needed to adopt a school.



To start the process for your organization to become a PGCPS Partner, please click the link below for the

Partnership Form, email our office at <u>partnerships@pgcps.org</u> or call Ron Wilson, Strategic Partnerships Specialist, at 301-952-6380. Click <u>here</u> to apply today!

CEO Employee Scholarship Program is Set to Return December 2020

In partnership with **Walden University**, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will award more than \$300,000 in scholarships and grants through the third annual PGCPS CEO Employee Scholarship Program, set to return December 2020.



Inspired by PGCPS CEO, Dr. Monica Goldson the annual employee scholarship program aims to provide PGCPS employees with the opportunity to receive scholarship funding for continuing education pursuits.

To date, the program has awarded **\$459,950** in employee scholarships funded by education partners. For the Winter 2020 / Spring 2021 award season, **Walden University** will return as a valued partner providing funding for the award of:

One doctoral program of employee choice
One master's program of employee choice
One bachelor's program of employee choice
One certificate program of employee choice
One partial doctoral scholarship in the amount of \$10,000
One partial master's scholarship in the amount of \$12,000
One partial certificate scholarship in the amount of \$6,000

FAMILY RESOURCES



Join Prince George's County Public Schools and our valued community partners as they distribute groceries and provide COVID-19 relief to families in need. Help us spread the word! Supplies are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Grab & Go With Food4Thought

Saturday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Parkdale High School

6001 Good Luck Road • Riverdale, MD 20748

Saturday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Bladensburg High School

4200 57th Avenue • Bladensburg, MD 20710

Saturday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Friendly High School

10000 Allentown Road • Fort Washington, MD 20744



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