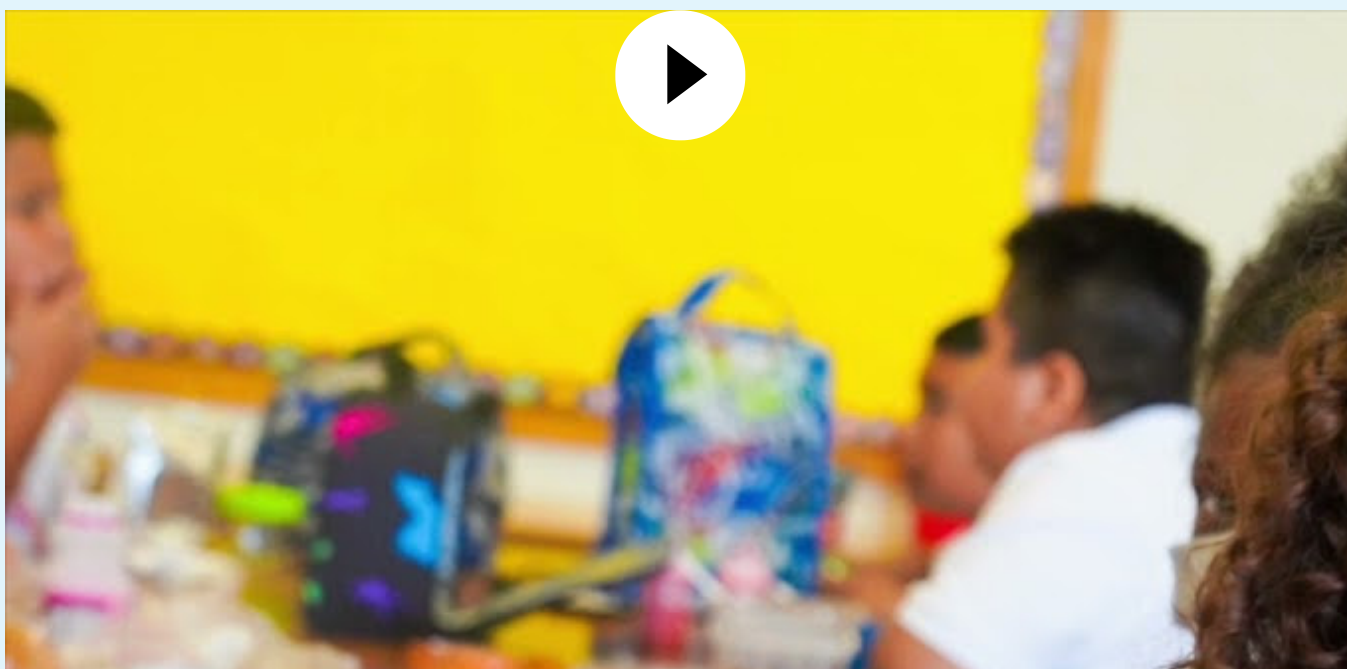


First Quarter Progress Reports Available Next Week



First quarter progress reports can be viewed online in the SchoolMax family portal beginning Monday, Oct. 18.

New! PGCPS in A Minute





Check out our PGCPs In a Minute for a quick update on what you need to know for the week!

Reminder: No School Friday, Oct. 15

There are no classes for students Friday, Oct. 15 due to [professional development](#).

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Visits Riverdale Elementary for National School Lunch Week



For [National School Lunch Week](#), U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack toured Riverdale Elementary School to highlight the importance of healthy and nutritious food in schools.

Complete FARMS Applications by October 31

Did you know Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMS) applications impact more than \$400 million of PGCPs revenue that supports critical programs beyond free meals? Do your part by submitting the FARMS application no later than Sunday, Oct. 31.

Specialty Programs Lottery & Showcases



Applications for high school specialty programs, creative and performing arts (grades 6-8) and career and technical education are open! Explore our world of [specialty programs](#) at an upcoming virtual showcase.

Thursday, Oct. 21 – Prekindergarten through Grade 8 Virtual Showcase [Register](#)
Wednesday, Oct. 27 – High School Virtual Showcase [Register](#)

[Learn More + Apply](#)

#PGCPSProud: CEO Featured in Washingtonian Magazine



CEO Dr. Monica Goldson was named among the *Washingtonian's* "150 Most Influential Women" and featured as a 2021 "Outstanding Woman!" Check out pages 45 and 58 of the October issue to learn more and view other honorees.

Next Week: CEO's Budget Listening Session

Attend Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson's virtual budget listening session on **Monday, October 18 at 6 p.m.** to offer input on spending priorities for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. **To join the listening session:** 844-734-8766 **Spanish dial-in:** 508-924-5155

Nominate a Star Bus Driver!



Next week for National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 18 - 22) help us celebrate the men and women who help transport 130,000 students to school each day by nominating a school bus driver who makes you #PGCPS Proud. Five drivers will be awarded a \$50 gift card with all nominees entered into a grand prize drawing for a chance to win \$1,000 this spring. Look for the entry form in next week's newsletter!

Schools Welcome Verizon Innovative Learning



Nicholas Orem Middle School and Samuel P. Massie Academy are among 246 new schools nationwide joining Verizon Innovative Learning Schools for the 2021-22 school year. Verizon's award-winning education initiative addresses barriers to digital inclusion by connecting students with free devices, internet access and innovative learning programs.

Celebrating Healthy Schools: Walk & Bike to School Day



Last week we celebrated National Walk & Bike to School Day! Hear from the Mt. Rainier Elementary School community on why it's important!

Also, take a survey to share your feedback on how the [Board of Education Climate Change Action Plan Focus Work Group](#) can provide healthier teaching, learning and working environments.

Take the Survey



- **PG13 Episode 5: "Time to Dance"**
- **Teachers Share Their "Why"**

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