



Upcoming Events

Jan. 9 – Jan 19

HSA Testing

Jan 10

SPMT

Jan 16

Schools Closed MLK Day

Jan. 17

SBB Due to Instructional Dir.

Jan. 18 – Jan. 23

Grading Window “Open”

Jan. 19

Staff Meeting

Jan. 23

Schools Closed for Students
Grading Day

Jan. 27

Maryland Special Olympics
Polar Bear Plunge



*R*espect
*O*pportunities
*A*chievement
*R*esponsibility

From The Principal

January 23, 2012

The Grading Window will close at midnight on January 23, 2012. All Unit I employees may work from home. All other staff will be expected to report to work and sign-in.

Retirement Incentive

The BOE approved Dr. Hite's proposal of a retirement incentive. An Application, a FAQ document and the PGCPSS Final Pay Plan description will be available as of Monday, January 9, 2012 at www1.pgcps.org/retirement/. **All applications must**

be sent via email to retirement.incentive@pgcps.org or fax at 301-780-6816 by midnight on February 12, 2012. These are the only two ways of submitting an application. Please note that all email communications will go to the employee's PGCPSS e-mail address.

HSA

This is HSA testing week for students who have already take the test once. We are putting an emphasis on having students take test even if they have met the requirement through a combined score. Please assist us by being in

attendance this week, reading the plan that was sent earlier this week, and encouraging students to attend school and reporting to the testing site.

Reminders

1. Submit accurate attendance for every period on a consistent basis.
2. Provide at least two assignments per week reflected in SchoolMax.
3. During the change of class, please be at your doors to provide a safe and orderly environment. Most inappropriate behaviors occur when there are no adults present.

Leaders of the Pack –Honk, Honk, Honk!!!

Alison Amman- for organizing the HSA testing.

Ms. Turner- for presenting our Professional Development session on Student Centered Learning.

Darla Heinz and Trina Moomau – for organizing and setting up the Holiday Pot-luck

Terri Dendy- for all of her work with the Athletic Program. She can be found numerous nights either coaching or dealing with games or competitions.

Upcoming Birthdays-Not Really...Happy Belated

Ms.Nichole Schmith	December 21st
Ms. Cathy Evans	December 25th
Mr.Bryan Pierre	December 27th
Ms. Ann Pyon	December 28th
Mr.Tom Wright	December 28th
Mr.William Melvin	December 29th
Ms.Rosalyn Turner	December 29th
Ms. Beverly Jackson	December 30th
Mr.Woody Miles	January 1st
Ms.Darla Heinz	January 3rd
Ms.Suzanne Windsor	January 5th
Ms.Mary Toomey	January 6th
Mr.Valerie Collins	January 8th
Ms.Rita Johnson	January 9th





Racing to the Top Together

Common Core – PGCPS Timeline

Common Core

Implementation Timeline (PGCPS)

- **SY2012:**
 - Work with IFL to examine curriculum for rigor and alignment with CCSS and to deepen understanding of text complexity
 - Strengthen writing program by focusing on argument
 - Work collaboratively with core content area supervisors
 - Participate in limited field test of PARCC assessments prototype (PGCPS)
- **SY2013:**
 - Create curriculum using resources from MSDE and PARCC
 - Increase interdisciplinary PD for reading informational text and writing
 - Participate in initial field test of PARCC assessments (governing states)
- **SY2014:**
 - Implement MSDE/PARCC/PGCPS curriculum
 - Participate in full field test of PARCC assessments (all consortium states)
 - **SY2015:** Participate in full implementation of PARCC (curriculum & assessments)

Safe and Supportive School

Ms. Gupta's Quote of the Week

"When you score a goal, or hit a three, or get a touchdown, you don't do it for yourself, you do it for the team 'cause the name in the front of the shirt is more important than the one on the back."

~Author Unknown

From Security Team

Cpl. Rudinski and Ms. Finkelstein have been working diligently to organize and collect money to support the Maryland Special Olympics. I want to see Cpl. Rudinski in the ice-cold bay. Help them reach their goal by clicking on one of these links.

www.coolschools.kintera.org/northwestern

www.coolschools.kintera.org/nhsfinkelstein

www.coolschools.kintera.org/rudinski