

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Dear Parents,

In an effort to increase student safety during winter months, Denver Public Schools would like to remind you of its Weather Delay. PBA may be impacted by the Weather Delay Schedule. This schedule will delay schools that start at or after 8:30 a.m. for one hour which will provide school buses additional time to pick up students and reduce student wait time in severe weather.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

If DPS schools are on a Weather Delay Schedule:

- Morning school buses will run the delay schedule and begin pick-ups at bus stops one hour later than the normal pick-up time. (Example: If your morning school bus pick-up time is 7:55 a.m, your bus will pick-up at 8:55 a.m.)
- ECE and kindergarten will not be canceled. They will run in accordance with the delay.
- Breakfast will still be served to students as they arrive to school.

If DPS schools remain open during severe weather:

- The district will monitor the weather throughout the day to ensure student safety.
- The required transportation will be provided. However, services may be modified to ensure bus driver and student safety.
- Traffic conditions may require students to spend additional time in route to school, special activities, programs or at home.
- If severe weather begins during the school day, a decision may be made regarding early dismissal.
- Bus routes will run in the same order as normally followed in the afternoon. Depending on conditions, arrival times at home may vary.
- After-school activities (athletic events, enrichment programs, etc.) may be modified or canceled as a result of the weather conditions.

If DPS schools are closed due to severe weather:

- Transportation will not run any buses.
- All after-school activities, which include elementary and middle school sports, are canceled and transportation will not be provided for these activities.
- Please make the necessary plans for the care of your student in the event that school is canceled.

How will you be informed:

In the event of inclement weather, district officials will make the decision by 5 a.m. If the decision is made to close or delay school, local television and radio stations will be notified immediately and broadcast regular announcements of school closures or delays.

You can also visit the thedenverchannel.com, 9News.com, kdvr.com and denver.cbslocal.com. Notifications in Spanish will be made on radio newscasts on 1150-AM, 1280-AM and 1090-AM.

For detailed information [click here!](#)

CITIZENSHIP QUIZ!

One of the requirements in the naturalization process is taking the United States Naturalization Test. To help you prepare for the naturalization test, we will be quizzing your students each week with 2 questions from the 100 civics (history and government) questions. Answers to those questions will be released the following week. Please follow us on this column and on School Deets to practice them.

CIVICS ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK!

QUESTION: Lower Academy – How many justices are on the Supreme Courts?

**ANSWER:
9 SUPREME COURT JUSTICES**

QUESTION: Upper Academy – What does the judicial branch do?

ANSWER:

- REVIEW LAWS
- EXPLAIN LAWS
- RESOLVES DISPUTES
- DECIDES IF A LAW GOES AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION.

CIVICS QUESTIONS! NEW THIS WEEK - OCTOBER 8TH, 2018.

**LOWER ACADEMY - Who was the first President?
UPPER ACADEMY - Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?**

UPCOMING EVENTS!

October 15 - Food and Nutrition Services Tasting Event - Cafeteria - during all lunch time
October 17 - Football team and Volleyball games at - 4:00 pm
October 18 - Parent Teacher Conferences
October 18 - No BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
October 19 - No SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF
October 22 & 23 - No SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Planning/Assessment/Professional Days
October 22 & 23 - No BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
October 25 - Parent Teacher Conferences
October 25 - No BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
October 26 - BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL Fall Festival - 1:30 - 4:00 pm
October 30 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm
October 31 - Fall Play - 2nd Period Middle School classes - 9:55 - 10:55 Auditorium
November 1 - Fall Play - Open to Parents & the community - 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Auditorium
November 19 - 23 - Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

REMINDERS!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES- OCTOBER 18 & 25

Parent-Teachers Conferences will be held on October 18th and 25th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm on both nights. More information will be coming from the classroom teachers and on School Deets regarding transportation.

OCTOBER 19 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

OCTOBER 22 AND 23 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Planning/Assessment/Professional Days

OCTOBER 31st AND NOVEMBER 1ST - FALL PLAY AT PBA AUDITORIUM

Watch Your Back for Stingy Jack! A Funny and Haunting Jack-O-Lantern Tale by Jamie Gorski, will be performed on Wednesday, October 31st from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. for all 2nd Period Middle School classes and on Thursday, November 1st from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for the community. **Both performances are free of charge and will take place in the PBA Auditorium. Come watch our students at their best! Parents invite family and friends**

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The BRIDGES After-School Program has started. Student registration is required to attend. Registration forms can be picked up in the Main Office or from the Director, Ms. Roxie Berkman.

NOVEMBER 19 - 23 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK

SHOP AMERICAN FURNITURE WAREHOUSE (AFW)

Shop American Furniture Warehouse, Make any purchase at any AFW location, online or by phone

ANYTIME or INVITE FAMILY/FRIENDS and support our school. Use Promo Code "SCHOOL" During check-out or mention our school or our **School ID: PBA354** See more details [Here!](#)

ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES - AUGUST TO DECEMBER

Beginner Class - Mondays and Wednesdays - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Intermediate Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDERS

SCHOOL DAYS - Monday - Thursday - 8:45 am - 4:00 pm, Friday - 8:45 am - 1:00 pm

BREAKFAST- Free for all students - 8:15 am - 8:45 am

ABSENCES AND TARDIES PROCEDURE

Please call the Main School line at **720-424-0960** and press 1 for the Attendance Line, include your student's name, lunch (id) number and why your child(ren) will not be at school. Also, don't forget to call us @ **720-424-0960** before 3:30 pm to let us know if your child will not be riding the bus home!

BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PARENT PICK UP PROCEDURE

Parents if you are picking up your children from **BRIDGES** please pick them up in the Cafeteria by 5:50 P.M. After that time they must be picked up in the front of the school building. Depending on the weather students will be outside in the front or inside the foyer by 6:00 pm.

SPORTS!

This week our Late Fall teams will be practicing to get ready for their first game! Our Flag Football team and Volleyball team will play at PBA on Wednesday October 17th starting at 4:00 pm.

Please remind your student-athlete to turn in the \$25 fee and emergency information before the play.

Thank you and Good Luck!!!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions!

Kathleen Nickless, Athletic Director - 720-424-1042

COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

TEACHING EMPATHY:

At around 8 or 9 years of age, children begin to develop the cognitive skills necessary to understand the concept of empathy. Even 6 year olds are concerned about being treated well, and they want others to be treated well too. **Below are some ideas to help develop empathy in our children.**

IDEAS TO HELP DEVELOP EMPATHY:

Praise Empathetic Behavior: When your child performs an act of kindness, tell him what he did right, and be as specific as possible e.g., "You were very generous to share your pretzels with Tommy. I saw him smiling and I know he was happy."

Use Role Play: Have your child put himself in the other person's shoes and role play the situation. Also, look back at prior experiences when the tables were turned.

Look for Good in Everyone: When our children are faced with people they don't like or are at odds with, encourage them to try to find something good, however small, in that person.

Involve Your Child in Charitable Activities: Acts of kindness and charity are excellent ways to teach your children empathy. Your child could help when planning and making a meal to take to a sick friend. They could also help donate time or items to a local charity.

Teach Basic Rules of Politeness: Good manners are a concrete way for your child to show caring and respect for others.

Give Your Children Jobs: Research suggests that children who learn responsibility also learn altruism and caring.

Use I-Messages: Use I-Messages when you talk to your children about feelings. Teach your child to use I-Messages to express his/her feelings in a positive way e.g. I feel ____, When you ____, and I want _____

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BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

Good Day Parents!

It has been a busy time for our **BRIDGES** students. They have participated in numerous fun activities lead by our talented instructors and outside community providers. They are doing all kinds of Fall arts and crafts projects, developing skills to be a positive role models and advocate for their community, and participating in our Place Bridge Academy Junior Optimists Club which is sponsored by our amazing volunteers from the Windsor Gardens Optimist Club. Our 5th grade students are participating in a performance and dance class called Celebrate the Beat. Every day students are able to do their homework, read their books, and have a nice dinner before they go home for the day.

Starting this month and early November, BRIDGES is adding the following classes:

- **Imagine Learning Tutoring (K-4th grades)**
- **Robotics (6th through 8th grade)**
- **Secret Agent Science Lab (Kindergarten through 4th grades)**
- **Hip Hop Dance (Kindergarten through 4th grades)**
- **Break Dance (6th through 8th grades)**

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NO BRIDGES ON THE DAYS BELOW

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October 19 - No school for students and staff

October 22 & 23 - No School for Students - Planning/Assessment/Professional Days

October 25 - Parent Teacher Conferences

For more information on **BRIDGES** please feel free to contact me.

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SHOUT OUT!

1st GRADE FIELD TRIP TO THE ZOO - A DAY TO REMEMBER!



PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY
— Bringing the World Together —

School Vision: Competent, Confident, and Caring Students Ready to Pursue their Dreams!

