

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

It is the season of Thanksgiving. We as a staff would like to express our gratitude for your continued support.

Next week, as we take time off to reflect on what we are thankful for, I would like to take a moment to give thanks.

I am thankful for:

- Our students for their huge effort in becoming the very best they can be.
- Our parents for their unrelenting support in building effective partnerships. Your involvement here makes a much stronger community, and your children benefit from your efforts.
- Our PBA volunteers, teachers, and staff, for their immeasurable service and hard work. Your outstanding commitment and for constantly challenging our students to reach new heights are highly appreciated!

For these and a million other things, I am TRULY THANKFUL! I wish you all a memorable Thanksgiving.



CITIZESHIP 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 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK!](#)

QUESTION: LOWER ACADEMY - We elect a President for how many years?

ANSWER:

- 4 Years

QUESTION: UPPER ACADEMY - We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?

ANSWER:

- 2 Years

Check out our "SHOUT OUT" COLUMN BELOW TO SEE OUR WINNERS!

CIVICS QUESTIONS! NEW THIS WEEK - OCTOBER 29TH, 2018.

LOWER ACADEMY - WHAT IS AN AMENDMENT?

UPPER ACADEMY - WHAT DOES THE CONSTITUTION DO?

UPCOMING EVENTS!

November 15 - Thanksgiving Lunch - 10:55 am - 12:50 pm

November 15 - Inside the Orchestra – 9:00 - 4/5 grades - 10:00 am 6/8 grades

November 16 - **NO school for ECE students**

November 19 - 23 - **Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL**

November 26 - Celebrate the Beat begins

November 27 - CSC meeting - 4:15 pm - Library

December 3 - 7 - Scholastic Book Fair - Library

December 14 - AMP Holiday Party - Kinder & 1st grade - Embassy Suites - 8:15 am - 1:00 pm

December 18 - Parent Ambassador's 2nd meeting - Parent Welcome Center - 10:30 am

December 19 - Free Adult English Language Registration - Beginner and Intermediate classes - Parent Welcome Center - 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

December 24 - January 4 – Winter Break. No school for students.

January 9 - Free Adult ESL Registration & Testing- Beginner and Intermediate classes - Welcome Center- 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

January 10 - Free Adult ESL Registration & Testing- Beginner and Intermediate classes - Welcome Center- 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

January 15 - Round 1 SchoolChoice Window opens and closes February 15

REMINDERS!

THANKSGIVING LUNCH IS TODAY- THURSDAY NONMEMBER 15 - 10:55 am - 12:50 pm.

The price is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 2 - 18 who are not registered at PBA

NOVEMBER 19 - 23 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK

REGISTRATION FOR ADULT ESL CLASS - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19 - 10 :00 AM

Beginner Class - Starts Monday, January 14, 2019

Intermediate Class - Starts Tuesday, January 15, 2019

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: PBA 354** See more details [Here!](#)

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 Attendance Line at **720-424-0968**, 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!

SPORTS!

Congratulations to our Volleyball and Flag football teams for a terrific season! They finished their seasons this week with hard work, effort and sportsmanship. Way to go Roadrunners!!

Next up will be basketball try-outs for boys and girls starting the week of November 26th. Please listen to announcements so you don't miss the dates!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

HELPING TO SET YOUR CHILDREN ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS!

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused— it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten.

As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by:

- making regular school attendance a priority.
- Figuring out the reasons for your child's absences whether they're physical or emotional and
- taking advantage of support services, such as free tutoring, student mentoring and afterschool activities

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SCHOOL NURSE!

SLEEP HYGIENE!

Yes even when you are OFF from SCHOOL, Get up and go to bed around the same time (within 30 minutes of routine time). Be sure you are getting enough sleep :

- **ECE and Kinder students need 10-13 hours of sleep nightly**
- **Students age 6-13 years need 10-11 hours of sleep**
- **Students 14 and older (Adults included) need from 8-10 hours of sleep.**

Get outside when the sun is out, this helps regulate your sleep hormones like melatonin, prolactin and oxytocin all which can you sleep.

Turn off ALL electronics at least one hour before bedtime, yes, TV's, videogames, phone, computer. E-book, etc.

Avoid caffeine, sugar, and chocolate as they are all stimulants and interfere with sleep.

Exercise every day, can be a walk, bike ride, cleaning house, dancing, just move.

For questions or concerns please feel free to contact me!

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BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

BRIDGES STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY

Parents, recently in BRIDGES we had students who were using their cell phones inappropriately and threatening to put other student's safety at risk. The students involved were expelled from BRIDGES.

Due to this situation, please remind your children that they cannot use cell phones during program. This is no different from the cell phone rules during the school day. When you registered your child for BRIDGES, both you and they signed the Parent/Student agreement letter stating they would not use their cell phones during program time. Should your child need to use their cell phone to call you, or you need to contact them, they must ask a BRIDGES teacher for permission to use their phone. If your student continues to use their phone without permission, it will be taken away. BRIDGES staff will return the cell phone at the end of program. If the problem continues, parents will be required to pick up the cell phone from the Main Office. Continuation of this problem will result in permanently being expelled from BRIDGES.

We want your children to enjoy the activities provided at BRIDGES, and not be distracted by their phones. Please do not hesitate to contact the Program Director or the Administrative Team should you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of cell phones in BRIDGES. Thank you for your help and support.

NO BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- November 19th to November 23rd – Thanksgiving Break
- December 24th to January 4th – Winter Break
- January 21st – Martin Luther King Holiday

PARENT PICK UP TIMES AND PROCEDURES

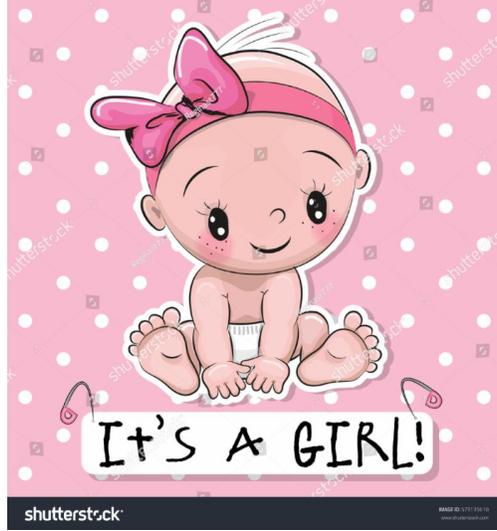
- Monday through Thursday: 6:15 PM
- Friday: 4:30 PM

PROCEDURE: It is important that you pick your student at that time as the school building will be closed for the day. If students are not picked up at that time, BRIDGES staff will notify DPS Safety and Security. Also, if you are picking up your children from BRIDGES you can pick them up in the Cafeteria by 5:45 PM. 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. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

For more information on BRIDGES please contact:

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SHOUT OUT!



**Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Depew on the
arrival of their new baby girl.
Baby Harper Marie Depew, born November 9,
2018!**

CIVICS BEE WINNERS!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR LAST WEEK'S CIVICS
BEE QUESTIONS!**

THEY ARE:

LOWER ACADEMY- SILVANNA GEBREMARIAM - 2ND GRADE

UPPER ACADEMY - NABAA AL-ZUBAIDI - 6TH GRADE

**Hans Broers
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PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY

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

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