

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Dear Place Bridge Academy Families,

I'm writing to share our 2018 School Performance Framework (SPF) results with you. The SPF is like a report card for schools, telling us important information about how much our students have improved their scores on state tests from year to year, and how engaged and satisfied our students and families are with our school. We are then able to use this information to make any necessary changes in the classroom and to bring in additional supports where needed.

Our SPF report was sent home with your children last week. Please let us know if you would like to access the documents in another language, as we can provide you with an interpreter and/or translated documents.

- We are "Yellow" Approaching on the DPS SPF. However, we are "Orange" on the Preliminary CDE SPF. The CDE SPF will be finalized in January.
- We are "Green" Met Expectations on Student Growth as measured by CMAS Testing
- We are "Red" Not Meeting Expectations on Students Performing at Grade Level as measured by CMAS Testing
- We are "Yellow" Approaching on Engagement as measured by the Student/Family Perception Survey

In order to move to Meeting Expectations for the 2019 School CMAS Test, the school is taking the following actions:

- Implementing Capturing Kids Hearts in order to help make PBA a safe and welcoming school
- Work with staff to differentiate learning to meet the needs of all our students.
- Create a Parent Ambassador Program to hear parent concerns
- Continue with the Home Visit Program
- Provide After-School Homework Help and Enrichment through our Bridges Program.

Each year, the SPF also focuses on how well we serve and challenge all of our students, especially students of color, students in poverty, English language learners and students with disabilities. The Academic Gaps rating on our report will help our school target areas for improvement that can help every student reach his or her full potential.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our results and how we are using them to make our school even better. For more information about the SPF, including our detailed school report [click here](#).

Sincerely,

Brenda Kazin
Principal

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 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK!](#)

QUESTION: LOWER ACADEMY - How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?

ANSWER:

- 18 and older

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

ANSWER:

- 6 years

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

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

LOWER ACADEMY - What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

UPPER ACADEMY - What is the supreme law of the land?

UPCOMING EVENTS!

November 1 - Fall Play - Open to Parents & the community - 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Auditorium - Free for all

November 6 - 8th Grade Field Trip Career Fair – National Western Complex - 9:00 – 12:30 pm

November 7 - Music Performance - Beginning Band, Strings & Choir during 5th period - Auditorium

November 8 - Lifetouch Picture retakes

November 9 - Fall Art Show (Visual Digital Art)

November 13 - Inside the Orchestra - 2:00 pm - 2/3 grades - 3:00 - K/1 grades

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

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

REMINDERS!

NOVEMBER 1 - 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 today, November 1st from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for the community. The **performance is free of charge and will take place in the PBA Auditorium. Come watch our students at their best!** Parents invite family and friends.

NOVEMBER 4 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS.

Don't forget to **MOVE YOUR CLOCK BACK 1 HOUR**

THANKSGIVING LUNCH - THURSDAY NONMEMBER 15

We will have our Thanksgiving lunch celebration on Thursday, November 15 from 10:55 am - 12:50 pm. All families are welcome to join their child for lunch. The price is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 2 - 18 who are not registered at Place Bridge Academy. A reservation form will be sent home with your student, or you may make reservations in the front office.

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!

SPORTS!

**Congratulations to our Flag Football team for beating Merrill 12-0 in the cold and rain!!
Our Volleyball team played an awesome match with Merrill but came up short. Keep up the great work and sportsmanship!**

Our basketball season is soon approaching. Try-outs will be the week of November 26th. Listen to morning announcements for more information.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions!

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Athletic Director
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COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

What Are Your Children Learning From You?

We've all heard that old saying, "Do as I say, not as I do." Have you taken a moment lately to think about what behaviors your children are learning from you? Children pick up on behaviors modeled by the adults in their lives. They hopefully learn about love, sharing, self-control, and how to get help when needed. If these types of behaviors are learned, your children will most likely handle their own daily interactions in the same fashion. They will also probably grow up to be parents who model the same behaviors with their own children. Unfortunately, children sometimes also learn about anger, blaming, and selfishness.

Bringing up children is the most difficult and rewarding job in the world. Frustration comes with every transition your child is experiencing. Even normal childhood behavior can trigger anger in parents, especially when we are tired or overwhelmed by other things happening in our life. It is the responsibility of all parents to discipline their child with love and understanding. If at any time you feel your anger escalating out of control, please take a break and find a way to calm down. Talk to a friend or neighbor, ask for help to determine if this is normal behavior for your child's age, and get some advice to help you deal with the behavior that is making you angry. Stay in control to be sure to model behavior you would want your child to exhibit.

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SCHOOL NURSE!

HEALTHY HALLOWEEN PART 2!



- Have a healthy dinner before trick-or-treating
- Use nontoxic face paint or make-up instead of masks, test on a small area of the face the day before to be sure there is no skin irritation and wash it off before going to bed.
- Use reflective tape on costumes. Carry glow sticks or flashlights
- Avoid loose costumes, restrictive clothing, or costumes that are too long and wear shoes that fit to prevent falls
- Cross streets at crosswalks and look both ways.
- Go in groups with a responsible adult supervisor.
- Don't go into other people's homes.
- Avoid homemade or unwrapped treats. Wait until you get home to examine all your treats and throw out all opened, broken seals or unmarked treats.
- Consider celebrating at a community center, church or another organized event

For questions or concerns please feel free to contact me!

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BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

Dear Parents!

I hope you're having a great fall and loving the change of seasons! Below are some reminders about future program closures, program pick up times, winter weather conditions, new classes, and great pictures of our students enjoying last Friday's Fall Festival. Enjoy and have a great week!

NO BRIDGES ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

- November 19, 2018 to November 23, 2018 – Thanksgiving Break
- December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019 – Winter Break

PARENT PICK UP TIMES AND PROCEDURES

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

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 5:50 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.

NEW BRIDGES CLASSES STARTING THIS WEEK

- 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)

CALVARY CHURCH AND BRIDGES FALL FESTIVAL!

Last Friday our BRIDGES students had an amazing Fall Festival that was sponsored by our community partners, Calvary Church Denver and their volunteers. Some of the many fun activities included face painting, pumpkins, candy bags, a variety of outside games, a balloon artist making superhero characters, a visit from the firefighters at South Metro Fire Department who let our students go inside their fire truck, and of course...food! It was a wonderful afternoon and made memories for our students that will last a long, long time. Thank you Calvary Church Denver and your wonderful volunteers for your generosity and support of our BRIDGES students. It is greatly appreciated by all. Below are some pretty awesome pictures of the event. Enjoy!!!

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

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SHOUT OUT!

CIVICS BEE WINNERS!



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

THEY ARE:

LOWER ACADEMY- NONE

UPPER ACADEMY - MARYAM HUSSAINI - 6TH GRADE

Hans Broers
8th Grade Social Studies Teacher
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FREE FAMILY NIGHT - AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE!

Denver Museum of Nature and Science is hosting a FREE FAMILY NIGHT PACKED WITH FUN ACTIVITIES on **November 5, from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. If you are looking for something to do with your children, this is guaranteed to be a good one! Check this out!

  

Visit the Museum at night! **Free Family Night** No food or beverages will be available

2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO
www.dmns.org

Free Planetarium show at 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, and 8:00

Explore the second and third floor diorama halls and two exhibits

Monday, Nov. 5th 5:30-8:30 PM

Please RSVP with the number of guests and a showtime to McDonaldT@si.edu

Mindbender Mansion
Mindbender Mansion was produced and toured by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, Oregon. iCUBA! is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (AMNH.org) in collaboration with the Cuban National Museum of Natural History.

iCUBA!
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