

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

### WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

Dear Place Bridge Academy Families,

Greetings!

You are receiving this information because PBA is identified as a Weather Delay Schedule school. (starting at or after 8:30 a.m.)

**In the event that the district calls for a Weather Delay, PBA will be delayed for one hour.** The purpose of the Weather Delay Schedule is to provide school buses additional time to pick up students and reduce student wait time in severe weather.

The decision to close or delay school will be made by the Superintendent based on information provided by representatives from the DPS Transportation Services, transportation agencies and the weather bureau.

PDF Fliers translated in the nine consent decree languages are available on transportation website, <http://transportation.dpsk12.org/weatherdelay/>.

Please email [transportation.dpsk12.org](mailto:transportation.dpsk12.org) or call them at 720.423.4600 with any questions.

Thank you,

Brenda Kazin  
Principal

## 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 - WHAT IS AN AMENDMENT?**

##### **ANSWER:**

- A change (to the Constitution)
- An addition (to the Constitution)

#### **QUESTION: UPPER ACADEMY - WHAT DOES THE CONSTITUTION DO?**

##### **ANSWER:**

- Sets up the government
- Defines the government
- protects basic rights of American

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

**LOWER ACADEMY - What did the Declaration of Independence do?**

**UPPER ACADEMY - What are TWO of the rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence?**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**December 3 - 7** - Scholastic Book Fair - Library

**December 12** - Girls Basketball Game @ 4:00 pm, Boys Basketball Game @ 5:00 pm - PBA

**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** - Access Testing Starts

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

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## **REMINDERS!**

### **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

### **ACCESS TESTING STARTS JANUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 15**

Parents, make sure that your student is at school and on time for the Access Test. Also, do not pull students out for appointments during this time. All students should be well rested, and have eaten a good breakfast on testing days. Encourage your student to do their best.

### **SCHOOLCHOICE, ECE, AND KINDERGARTEN 2019-2020 REGISTRATION**

The DPS 2019-2020 1st Round choice window opens on January 15, 2019. Round 1 forms must be submitted by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, on or before 4:00 pm. Forms will be available at PBA or through the DPS website at <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org>. The choice window details regarding this process will be sent home with your student in December. You may also pick up a DPS enrollment guide at the school.

### **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!

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## **SPORTS!**

This week starts our Winter Sports Season for Girls and Boys Basketball. Practices are Monday-Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00, with our first home game on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

This year **THE GIRLS TEAM WILL PLAY AT 4:00 AND THE BOYS WILL FOLLOW AT 5:00.** Please call me with any questions. Good Luck to our Winter Sports Teams!!

**Please feel free to contact me with any questions!**

**Kathleen Nickless  
Athletic Director  
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Email: [kathleen\\_nickless@dpsk12.org](mailto:kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org)**

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## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER!**

### **Mindfulness: Being Aware & Being Present**

In our busy world, our minds and bodies can get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle, and may have a hard time slowing down. It is also easy to get stuck thinking about things in the past or the future, while forgetting to focus on the here and now.

**The benefits of mindfulness** for children and adults are plentiful, including decreased stress and increased resilience. Mindfulness is bringing our attention to our thoughts and feelings without judgement. By practicing a quiet moment, deep breathing techniques, and talking about how staying in the moment can help us cope with difficult feelings.

For more information about mindfulness [click here](#) and try the app [mindful-app.com](https://www.mindful-app.com).

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## **BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!**

### **NO BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

- December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup> – Winter Break
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Martin Luther King Holiday
- February 1, 2019 – DPS Non-Student Contact Day – Teacher Planning & Assessment
- February 18, 2019 – President's Day Holiday

### **BRIDGES STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY**

Parents please remind your students who attend BRIDGES that they are not allowed to use their 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.

### **DON'T FORGOT! PARENT PICK UP TIMES ARE:**

- 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.

**Roxie Berkman**  
**Enrichment Programs Director**  
**BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**  
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## SHOUT OUT!

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### The Enchanted Forest of Books

Dear Place Bridge Families,

We are excited to inform you that our library will be hosting “**The Enchanted Forest of Books**” Scholastic Book Fair during the week of **December 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>**. The book fair provides a wonderful opportunity for students and families to purchase the most current and popular children’s books and to get kids excited about reading. All book sale profits go to our school library to buy books for our library collection.

**Please watch for a book fair flyer that will be sent home with your child this week. The flier highlights many of the popular books that will be at the book fair. Parents and family members are warmly welcomed to come to the book fair during the hours listed below.**

**Monday – Thursday      8:00 am. – 4:30 pm.**  
**Friday                      8:00 am. – 10:30 pm.**

Even if you are unable to purchase books from the book fair, the book fair is an excellent opportunity for students to explore new books and get excited about reading.

Thank you for your support! Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions regarding the book fair.

**Suzanne Ramsey**  
**Place Bridge Academy**  
**Teacher-Librarian**  
**720-424-0970**



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## CIVICS BEE WINNERS!



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

THEY ARE:

LOWER ACADEMY- REDWAN MAHAMEDALI - 2ND GRADE

UPPER ACADEMY - MARYAM HUSSAINI - 6TH GRADE

**Hans Broers**  
**8th Grade Social Studies Teacher**  
**720-424-0960**

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— *Bringing the World Together* —

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

**Place Bridge Academy**  
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