

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

### YOU ARE INVITED!

Dear Place Bridge Academy Families,

Greetings!

**You are invited to the Upcoming Family Leadership Institute scheduled from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Dec. 13 at the PPA Event Center, located at 2105 Decatur St. During this session, we will discuss:**

- How to enhance parent leadership and advocacy skills at home, at school and at the district level.
- District initiatives that support equity and culturally responsive education that benefit our students.
- The English Language Acquisition District Advisory Committee (ELA DAC) session will discuss ELA topics, programs and services.

You can [register here](http://face.dpsk12.org/family-programs/fli/) and visit the [FACE WEBSITE](http://face.dpsk12.org/family-programs/fli/) (<http://face.dpsk12.org/family-programs/fli/>) for more information. Food, childcare and interpretation services will be provided at no cost.

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 did the Declaration of Independence do?**

**ANSWER:**

- **Announced our independence from Britain**

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

- **Life**
- **Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness**

**ANSWER:**

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

**CIVICS QUESTIONS! NEW THIS WEEK - DECEMBER 3RD, 2018.**

**LOWER ACADEMY - Who is in charge of the executive branch of the government?**

**UPPER ACADEMY - What stops ONE branch of government from becoming too powerful?**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

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

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

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

**December 13 - Family Leadership Institute - 9:30-11:30 am - PPA Event Center, 2105 Decatur St.**

**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 21 - Jean Day - \$1.00 student \$2.00 staff**

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

**January 7 - First day of School**

**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 14 - ACCESS TESTING STARTS**

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

**February 1 - Teacher Planning Professional day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

**February 18 - President's Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL**

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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](tel: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](tel: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!

As we begin our winter sports season, I would like to remind all student-athletes to bring warm clothing to wear home after games and practices. Our first home game of the season is Wednesday

December 12<sup>th</sup>. Our girls' team will always play first at 4:00 pm, with our boys' team to follow at 5:00 pm.

Thank you and Good Luck!

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

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## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER!**

### **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION 101**

**Have you ever wished you had a magic wand to make your child behave just the way you want them to?** You are not alone. Many parents feel that way from time to time. While there is no magical answer to changing your child's behavior, there are some strategies that can be helpful.

**One strategy is having family rules.** You are probably thinking that is nothing new, we have rules at our house. I am sure that is true, but do you have those rules posted. Work together with your child to produce a poster of the rules for the house, explain the consequences for not following the rules, and then post them some place that you can refer to them when needed. A quick reminder is always good. "What are the rules in this house?"

**A second strategy is having consequences for your child's behavior.** Don't forget that consequences are both **positive and negative**. If your child's behavior is negative, the consequence is negative. behavior is positive then the consequence is positive. Parents often wonder why they need to use positive consequences.

The main reason to using **positive consequences** is to encourage your child to continue to do that behavior. **Tip:** Use things your child enjoys as positive consequences. Play a game with him/her, let her/him chose what you will have for dinner. Spending time with your child is a great positive consequence.

**Negative consequences** also work best if you take away something that is meaningful to your child, such as a favorite toy or a cell phone. **Tip:** Be consistent. It is important to try to be as consistent as possible when giving consequences. The more consistent you are the faster you can shape your child's behavior.

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## **BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!**

### **REMINDER: 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

### **HOW BRIDGES AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM SUPPORTS YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH & LEARNING**

**Afterschool program time is a supervised program that young people like your children; attend when school is not in session. For Place Bridge Academy, this is our BRIDGES program. This afterschool program provides students extra help with homework, reading, writing, math, and science. We have many specialty programs that teach students in fun and exciting ways. Some of those include dance, music, theater, arts and crafts, health and wellness, leadership, and character building.**

**FACT:** Over 10 Million children in the United States attend programs like BRIDGES. **WHY?**

- Afterschool programs aid in supporting your child's health through physical fitness activities and healthy nutritious snacks. There is proof that physical activity can improve student concentration and memory. BRIDGES students have opportunities to participate in basketball, soccer, tetherball, jump rope and many more activities. For our young students, just playing on the playground equipment can pump up their energy levels. Additionally, all BRIDGES students receive a daily healthy and nutritious dinner. Not only does this provide them sustenance and curb hunger, it also provides support for healthy lifestyles.
- Afterschool programs provide a safe environment for children when parents or guardians cannot be with them at the end of the school day. For many, afterschool programs eliminate children having to go home to an empty house and reduces their chances of becoming involved in gangs or participating in other dangerous activities.
- If your child is already in BRIDGES or some other afterschool program, they are already on the journey to becoming healthy, knowledgeable and responsible adults. If not, please feel free to come and visit the BRIDGES program. We would love to have your children join us afterschool and be a part of the fun.

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**BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**  
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## SCHOOL NURSE

### WINTER TIME FAMILY FITNESS!

**For outdoor activities:**

- Dress in layers to keep toasty warm.
- Wear a hat and gloves.
- Wear water proof boots.
- Don't forget the sunscreen (even when it is cloudy) and sunglasses
- Walk around a park and see how many animals you can find out and about.
- Check out the holiday lights.
- Sled for free at Ruby Park.
- Make a snow man.
- Playgrounds are fun in the cold, swing, slide monkey bars. Be sure you wear gloves or mittens.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Have Fun Together

**For questions or concerns please feel free to contact me!**

**Terez Woodward RN CNS**  
**School Nurse**  
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## SHOUT OUT!

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### The Enchanted Forest of Books

Dear Place Bridge Families,

Please be informed that our library is still hosting “**The Enchanted Forest of Books**” Scholastic Book Fair through **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. If you have not visited yet, you still have time to do so (see the time below).

**Thursday, December 6th - 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.**

**Friday, December 7th - 8:00 am – 10:30 am.**

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  
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## **CIVICS BEE WINNERS!**



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

**THEY ARE:**

**LOWER ACADEMY- WRANGA EZAT- 2ND GRADE**

**UPPER ACADEMY - NABAA - 6TH GRADE**

Hans Broers  
8th Grade Social Studies Teacher  
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**ART FEST - YOU ARE INVITED - THOMAS  
JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL**

Shop talented Artisans & Makers

Super fun Kidzone & Visit with Santa

**Art FEST**

30th ANNIVERSARY

THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

GOOD EATS

SAM'S #3 CHILI LUNCH

UNIQUE

ONE OF A KIND GIFTS

DECEMBER 8TH

9AM - 4PM

3950 SOUTH HOLLY STREET  
ON HOLLY SOUTH OF HAMPDEN

<http://bit.ly/tjartfest>

Carolers & Entertainers

Book Sale

The TJ community is buzzing with excitement for the upcoming ArtFest.

Thomas Jefferson High School honors a 30 year tradition by once again hosting the ArtFest this December.



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

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