

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Place Bridge Academy hosted a **FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS LAST FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH**, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, in partnership with the following organizations:

- Family And Community Engagement (FACE),
- Denver Health Based Clinic, CREA Result,
- Evans Medical Clinic,
- Martinez Mobile Dental,
- Connect Health Colorado,
- Kids Choice, and
- Sheridan Health Services

We were able to get 145 community members vaccinated, and hundreds of others access to important medical screenings and services. It was a fantastic event, and I cannot thank the aforementioned partners enough for the hard work and collaboration that made it possible. We are lucky to have such a great team with a strong commitment to serving our community. **CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SEE EVENT PICTURES!**

CLICK HERE FOR
OUR SUCCESS
STORIES

COVID-19 Vaccine Information for DPS Students - 16 and Older!

Vaccines are another tool in our toolbox in ensuring that our schools are healthy and safe for students and staff, and we are excited to partner with Denver Health and Children's Hospital Colorado to offer vaccinations to our eligible students. Currently, vaccines are available in Colorado for those 16 years old and older. [Find out when you're eligible.](#)

DPS' healthcare partners would like to support our students in accessing the COVID-19 vaccines as soon as possible, for those who would like to get one:

- **Denver Health:** Eligible students ages 16 and older may contact our School-Based Health Centers at 303-602-8958 to get connected to a vaccine appointment. In addition to providing vaccines to students at their existing clinic sites, Denver Health will be operating [6 drive-up clinics at DPS school sites](#) in late April and early May; appointments are required. Parental consent either in person or with a current signed [consent to treat form](#) on file in the Denver Health system is required for students ages 16 and 17.
- **Children's Hospital Colorado:** Eligible students ages 16 and older and their families may register for vaccine appointments using their [web portal](#). Children's Colorado will then contact you directly to schedule your appointment. Appointment invitations expire after 72 hours. All individuals under the age of 18 must have exactly one parent or legally authorized guardian present with them to sign a physical consent form at both the first and second dose appointments. Full instructions for navigating the Children's Colorado process can be found [here](#). Patients and families with questions about receiving the vaccine at Children's Colorado can review these [FAQs for patient families](#). Questions regarding scheduling a COVID vaccine appointment can call the Children's Colorado COVID vaccine hotline, 720-777-8889.

Please reach out with any question!
DREW SCHUTZ
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We're Proud of You!

MARCH



*Students of the
Month*

These are students who had excellent B.R.I.D.G.E values (belonging, respect, integrity, diversity, generosity, and effort) especially the values of: diversity, integrity, belonging.

KINDERGARTEN:

Jacksteel Htoo
Iker Palacios-De La Cruz

FIRST GRADE:

Adithya Khadka
Amira Oudeh
Saeed AIDallal

SECOND GRADE:

Camila Huapaya
Jamal Al-Tameemi

3-5 NEWCOMER:

Belal Akbari

THIRD GRADE:

Aryan Adhikari

FOURTH GRADE:

Iris Caballero-Quintanilla
Emran Delil
Charlotte Toure

FIFTH GRADE:

Bimala Lamichhane
Rodriguez, Selia

SIXTH GRADE:

Abwe Bonaveture
Naaliyah Pettus
Kahlee Cooper

**Omar Lopez-Banos
Alasia Hampton-Parker
Ahmed Khalifa**

SEVENTH GRADE:

**Rawaa Zardy
Benitez-Mondragon, Edwin
Wah Moo
Abdiqani Hussein
Samira Kenna
Michelle Atayde-Amaya**

EIGHTH GRADE:

**Emanuel Morales-Gomez -
8th Gr Math
Yuanlin Li - 8th gr Science
Nong Soe - 8th Grade ELD
Camila Medina - 8th
Language Arts
Kyaw Klay - 8th SS**

SPORTS!

Dear Parents,

After many months of waiting to hear about the Middle School Sports programs, I have some sad news. The sports programs at PBA will not be able to participate this school year.

Transportation is a big part of our sports and because of COVID we are unable to accommodate our student-athletes. We are hoping our sports programs can start up again next Fall.

I know how important sports are for our kids and I am sorry that it will not happen this year.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any question(s) you may have.

Go Roadrunners!

**Kathleen Nickless
Athletic Director
Phone: 720-424-1042
Email: kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS!

**April 16 - CMAS Science Testing - 8th Grade Students Only
April 20 - PBA Collaborative School Committee Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm
May 11 - PBA Collaborative School Committee Meeting- 4:15 - 5:15 pm-
May 28 -Last Day of School**

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

FREE WEEKLY FOOD DELIVERY FOR HOME AGED 6 - 18!

Denver Food Cluster is providing free weekly food deliveries of 7 meals, 14 snacks, and 7 cartons of milk for each child in the home aged 6-18. This is for all Denver families living within 20 miles of the capital building. Once a family signs up, deliveries start within a week or 2. The deliveries continue through June of this year. Here is the link for families to sign up. Click **HERE** or copy and paste the link below for more information or to register your children <https://www.coloradofoodcluster.com/sign-up-and-manage-deliveries>

FREE TAX HELP!

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is offering free tax help to individuals who earn

less than \$57,000. VITA is trusted and free of charge. The preparers will help you claim all available tax credits. VITA preparers are trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). To learn more please click the link below.

- [Free Tax Help - English](#)
- [Free Tax Help - Spanish](#)
- [Free Tax Help - Arabic](#)
- [Free Tax Help - Farsi](#)

UPDATES ON CITIZENSHIP TESTING & CLASSES!

Did you know that in December, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) updated the US Citizenship test. The test now has 128 questions and applicants will need to answer more questions correctly. The geography section was removed and the history and civics test expanded, resulting in a longer test requiring more complete answers. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the class, please contact Julio Trujillo 720-424-2972 or via email at Julio_Trujillo@dpsk12.net or Tristan Benitez at 720-424-2961 tristan_benitez@dpsk12.net. The class will start on January 19th, virtually during the day and in the evening.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH PAYMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL BILLS?

If you are having issues with payments for essential bills, FACE CENTER is supporting families with utility bills - rent, energy etc. They will also help walk families through completing your application. There is also support for undocumented families available and they will connect families to those who are processing the apps. If you are interested, please reach out to: FACE Center - Johnson Elementary School - Phone: 720-424-2970 FACE Center – Phone: 720-424-2961

FREE COVID TESTING!

DPS is pleased to announce we are expanding our partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado to offer our free COVID-19 testing for students to support a safe return to school. Our full community of students and staff will now have the opportunity to take an initial COVID-19 test before coming back to school as well as ongoing screening tests every other week... For more information click [HERE](#). You can see an updated list of testing sites [HERE](#) including a link to register and schedule testing appointment for your students. The test will be completed via nasal PCR test or SalivaDirect™, and results will be returned within 36-72 hours.

FREE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED AT THE FACE CENTER!

The FACE Centers offer free wraparound services to community members 16 or older in order to obtain critical life skills to increase their economic self-sufficiency and the academic achievement of their students. The FACE Centers offer a variety of multi-generation services at one location, making it convenient for families to benefit from multiple services offered in their school community. Participants do not have to be DPS parents, all services are open to all community members.

LIST OF SERVICES OFFERED:

1. **GED Classes**
2. **Workforce development - job placement, resume building, workforce training, interview preparation**
3. **DPS Hiring Pipeline - for jobs available in Food Services Department, Facilities, Paraprofessional and more!**
4. **English Classes**
5. **Financial Literacy**
6. **Citizenship classes**
7. **Computer classes**
8. **Early Literacy classes**
9. **Legal Clinics and Workshops**
10. **Basic needs assistance**
11. **Social Emotional Support**
12. **Free Childcare during all classes**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CLASS SCHEDULE AND TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE CLASSES AND SERVICES, PLEASE CONTACT:

- FACE Center - Johnson Elementary School 1850 South Irving St, Denver, CO 80219
Phone: 720-424-2970
- FACE Center – John H. Amesse Elementary School 5440 Scranton St, Denver, CO 80239
Phone: 720-424-2961

FAMILY CONSTITUENCY SERVICES - CONTENTS SCHOOL AND DISTRICT RESOURCES!

For general Denver Public Schools questions or concerns, contact the Family & Community Helpline at [720-423-3054](tel:720-423-3054) or email FACEHelpline@dpsk12.org.

PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY/DENVER HUMAN SERVICES PARTNERSHIP - HELP WITH APPLYING FOR BENEFITS:

Our Partnership with Denver Human Services is ongoing! Please reach out to Juanita Chavez @ 720-483-6606, if you need assistance with any of the following:

- Rental Assist
- Motel Vouchers
- Family Reunification
- State ID/Birth Certificate Waivers
- MEDICAID, SNAP, TANF ASSISTANCE

Or to Belinda Lui @ 720-944-2774 or email at belinda.lieu@denvergov.org, if you need assistance with any of the following:

- Job Readiness Training
- Vocational Training
- GED Preparation Resources
- Referrals to community and Agency resources



[PBA WEBSITE](#)

[2020/2021 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK](#)

[2020/2021 DPS SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

[2020/2021 DPS FAMILY RETURN TO SCHOOL
GUIDE](#)

[COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE \(CSC\)](#)

[1ST QUARTER PARENT MEETING
PRESENTATION SLIDES - SEPT. 24, 2020](#)

[2ND QUARTER PARENT MEETING
PRESENTATION SLIDES - NOV. 18, 2020](#)

[3RD QUARTER PARENT MEETING
PRESENTATION SLIDE - FEB. 25, 2021](#)

[CYBERBULLING HANDOUT](#)



PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY

— *Bringing the World Together* —

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

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