

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**CELEBRATING OUR PBA VOLUNTEERS  
- Very Incredible People!**

Thank you to all our volunteers for your time, dedication and commitment to volunteering and making a difference in the lives of our children.

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***WE RAISE OUR GLASS IN HONOR OF OUR  
PBA VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!***

**THANK YOU**

Your time, expertise, attentiveness, and warmth add a refreshing dimension to the lives of our students and are highly valued by both our staff and our students.



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## PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY EXPECTATIONS AND ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES!

*Place Bridge Academy Students and Families,*

*We hope that you are doing well and staying healthy during this time. In order to continue your child's education, we need you to understand and help us enforce some basic expectations and attendance guidelines. While we know this is a new environment for all of us, helping our students learn and grow as scholars and citizens during this period of digital learning is as important as ever. Please review the expectations below to insure your student's success.*

**Expectations for Students:**

- **Connecting with all of your teachers daily, including ELD and Specials**
- **Completing assigned work and submitting to teachers**
- **Following behavior expectations and norms outlined in our Student Handbook and established in each classroom (all activities online are monitored and students are expected to be responsible and respectful technology users)**
- **Contacting teachers during their assigned office hours if they need additional assistance to successfully complete digital lessons**
- **Completing Social Emotional lessons/activities weekly through Google Classroom**

*Attendance will be taken for each day and recorded. If students are not engaging in their online learning, they will be counted as absent. If you believe your child's absence should be excused for any reason, please call 720-424-0964. Thank you for your cooperation and support during this time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Place Bridge Academy  
Administration and Mental Health Support Teams*

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## WE ARE HERE TO HELP! COVID-19 PBA FAMILY SUPPORT SURVEY!

Dear Parents,

We hope you are healthy and staying warm this chilly Thursday. Please be aware that we are supporting our students and families who would want to RECEIVE assistance during this difficult time. Please complete this survey if your family would like to receive any kind of support if you have not already done so. Contact Akudo Nwokeukwu @ akudo\_nwokeukwu@dpsk12.org if you have any questions.

Click [HERE](#) to start survey or follow the link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DoCXIV2qErX\\_WGW6fElaWbxbeyayQqm6WOO8CDkFLE/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DoCXIV2qErX_WGW6fElaWbxbeyayQqm6WOO8CDkFLE/edit)

Thank you,

## FREE BABY SUPPLIES!

The Colorado Office of Early Childhood has received baby supplies from FEMA. Essential baby supplies, including formula, diapers and baby wipes, are being distributed to local Family Resource Centers and food banks throughout Colorado. These regional locations will help arrange the distribution of supplies to child care providers and families in need. Click [HERE](#) if you are in need of these items to find the contact information for the local distribution site closest to you

Tami Koenig MA,  
School Counselor

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## ARE YOU MOVING OR ATTENDING A DIFFERENT SCHOOL?

**MOVING OR ATTENDING A DIFFERENT SCHOOL!** If your child is leaving to attend a different school for the 2020-21 school year, please email our Registrar, **Lisa R. Velasquez** at [LISA\\_VELASQUEZ@dpsk12.org](mailto:LISA_VELASQUEZ@dpsk12.org). Mrs. Velasquez will explain the withdrawal process to enable a smooth transition to your new school.

**MOVING BUT WANT TO STAY AT PBA!** If you have moved outside of the PBA catchment area and would like your student to continue their education at PBA, please email our Registrar, Ms. **Lisa Velasquez** at [LISA\\_VELASQUEZ@dpsk12.org](mailto:LISA_VELASQUEZ@dpsk12.org). Lisa will assist you with the process to remain.

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## CELEBRATING A DAY WITHOUT HATE - APRIL 20TH - 24TH!

As you may be aware, this week we have been celebrating A Day Without Hate. A Day Without Hate was started by students in 2007 and has grown in schools across the state ever since. **Every April we use this week to show nonviolence, respect and unity within our school community. Each day this week we have had students, parents and teachers participate in these small activities to promote peace.**

### April 20-24th:

**Monday-** A Day of Service: Find someone to thank! Many people are still working during this time, such as garbage collectors, mail delivery people, grocery store employees, and medical staff. Write a kind letter or a kind message to put up against your window or to post outside your door at your house! Take a photo of your kind message and send it to Ms. Aleks to share ([aleksandra\\_matysek@dpsk12.org](mailto:aleksandra_matysek@dpsk12.org)).

**Tuesday-** Encouragement day: Find 5 students in your class that you haven't talked to much this year and write them a kind message or words of encouragement.

**Wednesday -** Self Care Day: During this time of uncertainty, make sure that you are not only taking care of others but also yourself. Try some of these resources for yourself:

<https://vimeo.com/mindyeti>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18wXCEKkHhMOI9H-ilck9m4ITPs2y-ZBU5kwD0h9Ufo/edit>

**Thursday - A Day of Gratitude: What does gratitude mean to you? Practice some gratitude with yourself and with your family. What can you find to be grateful for during this time? Can you write a note to a family member showing your appreciation for them?**

**Friday-** Day Without Hate: Wear white!! White represents peace so post a picture of you in your white shirt on your social media, send it to Ms. Aleks, or post it on your Social Emotional Lessons page to share with everyone!

What does a day without hate mean to you?? Create a short video of that this day really means and send it to Ms. Aleks ([aleksandra\\_matysek@dpsk12.org](mailto:aleksandra_matysek@dpsk12.org)) .

Thank you all and have a great peace week!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

April 20 - 26- National Volunteer Appreciation Week  
May 25 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
May 29 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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## COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

### PLAYING ON THEIR OWN!

No friends or siblings around to play with? No problem! Playing alone teaches your youngster to entertain themselves, solve problems independently, and use their imagination. Consider these tips for helping them make the most of solo play: Have your child put together a basket of toys that they can play with alone. Good options include play dough, building-blocks, jigsaw puzzles, and single-player games like Simon or Rush Hour. Share solo activities you enjoyed at their age. You might teach your youngster to play Soli-taire, do yo-yo tricks.

Provide props for imaginary play, such as old clothes and accessories for dressing up, or take-out menus and catalogs for playing restaurant or store. Your child will have to be creative to play multiple roles—maybe they will use two different hats and pretend he's two construction workers deciding how to dig a tunnel.

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## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

### **DPS FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND MEAL DELIVERY SITES!**

Denver Public Schools is offering free weekday breakfast and lunch to students and families in need at Grab-and-Go sites throughout the city until circumstances change. Vegetarian options are available.

To prioritize social distancing, families are not allowed to eat on site. DPS is not able to provide transportation to the Grab-and-Go sites.

Breakfast and lunch are also available for adults and can be picked up every weekday. In addition, weekend breakfast and lunch are available for families to pick up every Friday. The adult and weekend meals are made possible by fundraising from the DPS Foundation.

**Breakfast & Lunch:  
Grab-and-Go Meal Pickup  
Monday–Friday  
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

Click [HERE](#) FOR MEAL DELIVERY SITES AND SCHEDULES

### **HOW TO LOGIN TO CHROMEBOOKS AND GOOGLE EMAILS AND APPS:**

Our Technology Teacher, Mr. Jame Wilkerson has created a video explaining the steps for students and parents on how to login to Chromebooks and Google Emails and Apps. Click [HERE](#) to watch the video. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Wilkerson

## **REMOTE LEARNING RESOURCES:**

DPS has created a guide to some strategies you can use to support your student's remote learning. Click [HERE](#) to access the tips and guidance.

## **RESOURCES TO USE WITH/FOR STUDENTS:**

[Google Meet Expectations](#)

[Google Meet Student Expectations](#)

[Read/Write](#) supports reading text out loud, understanding unfamiliar words, researching assignments and proofing written work

[Equatio](#) dictates equations and formulas aloud

[WriQ](#) writing achievement tool -assess and motivate student writing while providing automated meaningful feedback and delivering a standardized benchmark for grading.

## **HEALTH QUESTIONS AND DENVER HEALTH'S SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS:**

For health and wellness questions and concerns, contact our School Nurse, Ms. Terez Woodward. Her google voice number is - 719-749-1622, and her current office hours are 8-10 am Mon-Friday.

Also, there will be no face-to-face visits on-site at our Denver Health's School Based Health Center, but phone visits are available to assist with non-urgent medical questions, medication refills, and to help connect you to other Denver Health resources. Call the following numbers for assistance:

- Place Bridge Campus SBHC: 720-424-2050
- Lincoln Campus SBHC: 720-423-5020
- North Campus SBHC: 720-423-2718
- Evie Dennis Campus SBHC: 720-423-7610

## **MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION:**

Click [HERE](#) for additional resources.

## **HOME INTERNET NEEDS:**

Click [HERE](#) to apply! You may contact: Mary Spillane @ Comcast. Her cell phone number is 720.641.2264!

Additional information about Internet Options from DOTS (in Many Languages) click [HERE](#)

## **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

Click [HERE](#) to see Resident Resources

Go [HERE](#) - Rent and Utility Help

## **DENVER METRO EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK:**

The Denver Emergency Food Network delivers free, prepared meals to homebound families and elderly individuals in need during the COVID-19 crisis. Sign up for meals on the waitlist below. We are usually able to deliver meals 2-3 days after you request them and will text/email when they are delivering.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## **TAX PREP OPTIONS:**

- (in the midst of COVID-19 Closures) [Remote Drop Off](#) – A new program by Code for America in partnership with VITA sites is available to households making \$60,000 or less. More info [HERE](#).
- [IRS Free File](#) – Includes a number of free online filing options for both federal and state returns available for households making \$69,000 or less. More Info [HERE](#).
- [MyFreeTaxes.com](#) – Through United Way's partnership with H&R Block, every household with a [simple return](#) can file their federal and state taxes for free (this option does not include filers who are contract workers, i.e. Uber or Lyft drivers). More Info [HERE](#).

## **FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES:**

Coronavirus Emergency Loans:

[English Flier](#), [Spanish Flier](#)

## **FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES SICK WITH COVID-19:**

See information [HERE](#).

## **DEALING WITH COVID-19 QUESTIONS FROM YOUR CHILDREN:**

"Something Strange Happened in My City: A COVID-19 Social Story for Young Children"

This is free, online resource and translated in MANY languages.

Find the book [HERE](#)

## **DPS FAQ ON COVID-19 RESPONSE:**

Click [HERE](#). DPS will continue to update this page as information is available.

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**2019/2020 PBA SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR  
FOUND [HERE](#)**

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— Bringing the World Together —

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

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