

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Corner



**PLEASE REACH OUT  
IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT!**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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**TIME**  
**FOR another**  
**Giveaway!**

Holiday Season is upon us again and It brings with it, great excitement and joy. It is a special time of the year when we express love, and a busy time filled with sharing with families and friends.

It is time for our **ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY AND WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY!** We are motivated to ensure that every student who would like a TOY and/or needs a WINTER COAT, gets one. Our distribution days are scheduled as follows:

- **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades - Wednesday, December 16 – from 10am – 3pm**
- **ECE – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Thursday, December 17 - from 10am – 3pm**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades - Friday, December 18 – from 10am – 3 pm**

This year, due to COVID, we will be doing a modified parking lot toy and winter coat distribution system. This will take place outside, at the back of our building, in front of our Parent Welcome Center on the days and times indicated above. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you with the specific time slot for pickup. Please note the important details below if you want your student to participate:

- **Transportation will not be provided**
- **Parents will drive their children to school on their assigned date and time**
- **Parents and students must wear face mask and comply to instructions for safety precaution.**

For more information and/or questions, please reach out to Ms. Akudo Nwokeukwu at 720-424-0965, or by email at [akudo\\_nwokeukwu@dpsk12.org](mailto:akudo_nwokeukwu@dpsk12.org).

**Shout Out!**

**TO OUR NOVEMBER ROADRUNNERS 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.**

**Congratulations**



# TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS!

Hazber Muhsin  
Abygail Ditmore  
Lindsay Uribe Mundo  
Alexander Gonzalez-  
Marroquin  
Jemira Kabeya-Kamba  
Mintesinot Tamire  
Genesis Santos-Pineda  
Khadidja Mahamat  
Bitanya Yirgu  
Malyun Aweys  
Brian Guevara-Melara  
Fanta Camara  
Alexandra Perez  
Kendra Perez-Barranco  
Jenny Guevara- Galdamez  
Amiyah Godwin

Juan Mercado-Ayala  
Ali Al-Rubaiawi  
Wisal Al-Tameemi  
Rose Shungu  
Ofelia Sevillano  
Brian Harris  
Leilonie Smith  
Zakira Massoud  
Michelle Atayde-Amaya  
Yousif Kudair  
Jaedon Satchell-McKinney  
Emanuel Morales-Gomez  
Maab ELhamrouni  
Zovon Sylvester  
Keyla Mejia  
Ghalib Rahman  
Danial Sultani

## DPS MEAL DISTRIBUTION AND DELIVERY SITES!

Denver Public Schools is providing free weekday breakfast and lunch meals to any child 18 years or younger at curbside locations throughout the city. Pickup is available M-F 11:00 am - 1:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Click [HERE](#) to Learn more and/or see meal distributions sites.

Denver Public Schools is providing weekday breakfast and lunch to DPS students Monday - Friday via school buses to designated sites throughout the district. Meals will still be available for pick-up at DPS schools. Click [HERE](#) to Learn more!

## SPORTS!

Dear Student-Athletes and Parents,

I hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy through this unsettling time. I wanted to give you an update on our middle school sports programs for Place Bridge Academy. The Athletic Department has pushed back the sports season until January 2021. At that time they will reevaluate the COVID numbers and decide next steps.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy! If you have questions please feel free to reach out to me.

Good Luck, Roadrunners!

Kathleen Nickless  
Athletic Director  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

December 18 - Last Day of School

December 21 - 31 - Winter Break -No School for All Offices closed

December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

January 1 - New Years Day - No School for All - Offices closed

January 4 - Teacher Planning Day - No School for Students

January 5 - 1st Day of School for Students

January 18 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School for All - Offices closed

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## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

### **THE DENVER SANTA CLAUS SHOP IS GIVING AWAY TOYS FOR EVERY GIRL AND BOY!**

WHEN: DECEMBER 11,12,14, &15!

Click [HERE](#) or copy and paste the link below for more information and/or to pre-register.

<https://www.register.denversantaclausshop.org/>

### **TEMPORARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES-LEFT BEHIND FUND UP TO \$7,500!**

The FACE Centers and HEN are supporting DPS families not eligible for government benefits in applying for temporary rental assistance of up to \$7,500.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Must be ineligible to receive government benefits
- Demonstrate that you have experienced complete job loss or significant work hour reduction of 20 hours or more a week during COVID-19
- Have a picture ID (passport, state ID, matricula from another country, etc.)
- Must provide proof of occupancy (signed lease, landlord letter, rent payment receipts)

If you have a DPS student, contact the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Centers 720-424-2961 or 720-424-2970 to apply. Those without DPS students can call 211 to apply. Click [HERE](#) to download flyer

### **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

### **THE DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY - FREE VIRTUAL CITIZENSHIP STUDY GROUP AND/OR ONE-ON-ONE:**

The Denver Public Library has free virtual citizenship study groups, as well as one-on-one appointments for people to prepare for the citizenship exam. Citizenship Study Groups meet weekly on Thursdays 5:30-7:00 (you can attend the whole time, or just come for any portion you're available) via Google Meet or via phone. You can find the info [HERE](#) or copy and paste this website [denverlibrary.org/plaza](https://denverlibrary.org/plaza) (scroll down the page a bit, then you'll see 'Plaza Online Citizenship Study Group' you can choose to join on Google Meet or just calling in from a phone). Or click [HERE](#) or use this link (<https://meet.google.com/gxr-ijiz-tbw>)

to join directly on Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 pm  
The Study groups are free and open to all!

## **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](mailto:FACEHelpline@dpsk12.org).

## **FREE AND LOW COST TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES:**

Some Denver Libraries are offering outdoor computer use. Click [HERE](#) to download all free and available low-cost Technology Resources in Denver.

## **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



**PBA WEBSITE CLICK [HERE](#)**

**2020/2021 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK  
CLICK [HERE](#)**

**2020/2021 DPS SCHOOL CALENDAR CLICK  
[HERE](#)**

**COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (CSC)  
CLICK [HERE](#)**

**1ST QUARTER PARENT MEETING  
PRESENTATION SLIDES CLICK [HERE](#)**

**2ND QUARTER PARENT MEETING  
PRESENTATION SLIDES CLICK [HERE](#)**

# CYBERBULLING HANDOUT CLICK [HERE](#)



**PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY**

— *Bringing the World Together* —

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

**Place Bridge Academy**  
**Attendance Line: 720-424-0968**  
**720-424-0960 | [place.dpsk12.org](http://place.dpsk12.org)**