

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Corner



**WE MISS SEEING OUR STUDENTS  
IN THE HALLWAYS AND IN  
CLASSROOMS!**

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**PLEASE REACH OUT  
IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT!**  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Break with your loved ones! We are continuing the remainder of this semester with 100% remote learning!**

As we begin planning for the rest of the year, we wanted to share information for families who would like to change their learning option (either in-person or virtual) for next semester.

Elementary school families with students in grades K-5 can request a change to their current learning option. The window to make a change is now open through Sunday, Dec. 6. Elementary families that don't take action will remain enrolled in their current learning option through the end of the school year.

Much like this semester, we are hoping to be able to offer in-person learning for all elementary students next semester, along with a 100% virtual option, but it will depend on current health conditions at the time. Therefore, families enrolled in the in-person option are choosing that they want their student to attend school in-person as much as possible as soon as the health conditions allow through the end of the school year. Families that don't feel comfortable having

their student participate in in-person learning for the spring (through May 2021) should be enrolled in the 100% virtual option.

If you would like to request a change to your current learning option, please complete the Learning Option Update form on the Parent Portal by Dec. 6. You can also call our school's front office to complete a paper form or make your request for changes over the phone.

We will make every effort to accommodate change requests for families who need it. Families who put in a request for a change to their student's learning option can expect to receive confirmation from us after Dec. 7.

## TO ALL 6TH GRADE PARENTS!

During this challenging year, school staff are working to teach students about mental health and how to seek help if they are worried about themselves or a friend. We are using a program called SOS Signs of Suicide. The program teaches students about this difficult topic and encourages them to seek help.

SOS has been used by thousands of schools over the past few decades. Studies have shown that it effectively teaches students about depression and suicide while reducing the number of students' self-reported suicide attempts. In DPS, all 6th and 9th grade students receive this training each year.

Through the program, students learn:

- That depression is treatable, so they are encouraged to seek help
- How to identify depression and potential suicide risk in themselves or a friend
- To ACT (Acknowledge, Care and Tell a trusted adult) if concerned about themselves or a friend
- Who they can turn to at school for help, if they need it

Students will watch age-appropriate video clips and participate in a guided discussion. Following the video, students will complete a response form which asks whether they would like to talk to an adult about any concerns. School staff will conduct brief meetings with any student asking to talk.

We encourage you to visit [www.sosignsofsuicide.org/parent](http://www.sosignsofsuicide.org/parent) for information on warning signs for youth suicide, useful resources, and some of the key messages students will learn.

If you would like additional information, or have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in this program please contact me at 720-424-1076 or [jessica\\_aragon@dpsk12.org](mailto:jessica_aragon@dpsk12.org). If you do not want your student to participate, please contact me by Friday, December 4th. **The program will be presented in Advisement classes on December 7th, 10th and 14th.**

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# Get Ready

## Coming Soon

### HOLIDAY TOY GIVEAWAY FOR ALL PBA STUDENTS!

### PARENTS, STAY TUNED AND WATCH OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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

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

Click [HERE](https://www.register.denversantaclausshop.org/) 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

## 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!

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## 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!

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**Athletic Director**  
**Phone: 720-424-1042**  
**Email: [kathleen\\_nickless@dpsk12.org](mailto:kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org)**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**December 7** - Middle School Mizel Museum virtual field trip - Eye Witness to History about the slave labor camps during the Holocaust - 1:40 - 3:25 pm

**December 8** - Collaborative School Committee Virtual Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm

**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!

### **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-jjiz-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](#)**

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

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

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**CYBERBULLING HANDOUT CLICK [HERE](#)**

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**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)**