

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



ACCESS AT TESTING

Dear Parents,

Beginning on January 13th, English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade will participate in the ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs assessment. ACCESS stands for Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State. This assessment measures a student's English language skills in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. ACCESS 2.0 is a state assessment and is used by classroom teachers to determine the level of language support that a student may need during instruction. With this information, we are also able to monitor student progress on an annual basis, and determine when a student is ready to be placed in mainstream instruction. Click [HERE](https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access/tests) to learn more about this assessment or visit the following web page: <https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access/tests>.

Place Bridge Academy will be administering the assessment between January 13, 2019 and February 14th, 2019. Please be sure that your student arrives on time during these days so that they do not miss sections of the test, as this would require a make-up session.

If you have questions regarding the assessment, please contact your student's teacher.

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**"ARCTIC ADVENTURE" SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT PBA
DECEMBER 9TH - 13TH, 2019!**



Dear Place Bridge Families,

We are excited to inform you that our library will be hosting "Arctic Adventure" Scholastic Book Fair during the week of **December 9th – December 13th**. The book fair provides a wonderful opportunity for students and families to purchase 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!**

Please watch for a book fair flyer that will be sent home with your child this week. The flier highlights many of the popular books with prices that will be at the book fair. If you are sending money with your child to purchase books, please add a little extra to cover the tax. Parents and family members are warmly welcomed to come to the book fair during the hours listed below.

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am. – 4:30 pm.
Friday (Last Day) 8:00 am. – 10:30 am.

Even if you are not able 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

December 10 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm
December 10 - Boys Basketball game @ PBA - 3:45 pm
December 10 - Girls Basketball game @ PBA - 4:45 pm
December 18 - Parent Ambassador Meeting - 10:00 - 11:30 am - PBA Auditorium
December 19 - No Bridges After School Program
December 20 - **PBA Professional Planning Day for Teachers - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
December 23 - January 3 - Christmas Break - **NO SCHOOL - OFFICES CLOSED**
January 6 - **Professional Planning Day for Teachers - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
January 7 - First day of School for Students
January 7-9 - Adult English Language Registration - PBA Parent Welcome Center - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
January 8 - Breakthrough Kent Denver Recruiting - 6th graders only - PBA Auditorium - 9:00 - 9:30 am
January 14 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm
January 20 - **Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL - OFFICES CLOSED**

REMINDERS!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDERS:

SCHOOL DAYS - Monday - Friday - 8:45 am - 4:00 pm
BREAKFAST- Free for all students - 8:15 am - 8:45 am

FREE ADULT ESL CLASS - SPRING 2020 REGISTRATION AND TESTING:

PBA is offering a **FREE ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES** at our Parent Welcome Center in partnership with Emily Griffith. The Spring 2020 registration are as follows:

Tuesday, January 7th -----9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday, January 8th -----9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday, January 9th -----9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Beginner and Intermediate Classes offered - **CLASSES WILL START MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020.**
Registration is required to attend.

CAREERS PROGRAM - ADVISING AND SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS AT EMILY GRIFFITH.

If you are planning on:

- Starting a new career
- Exploring career education or training options
- Hoping to get back into the career field you had before coming to the U.S.

The **CAREERS Program** for Refugees and Immigrants can help you! In this program Career Navigators can:

- Advise you on your career pathway,
- Help you earn a certificate
- Assist with employment, and
- Guide you as you reach your career goals.

Here is the **BIG PART SCHOLARSHIPS** may be available for career training and career related expenses. For more information or to schedule an enrollment meeting **HERE AT PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY**, contact Katie Broz at 720-423-4731 or by email at katie.broz@emilygriffith.edu. Click [HERE](#) to download flyer.

DENVER HUMAN SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES AT PBA TO HELP YOU WITH ELIGIBILITY ASSISTANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Representatives from Denver Human Services will be here at PBA every Tuesday and Wednesday to help you with **EMPLOYMENT AND ELIGIBILITY ASSISTANCE**. If you have **questions about employment services, eligibility, re-determination process, and other resources that relate to General Assistance and/or any Eligibility programs**, be sure to come meet with a DHS Specialist here at PBA (SEE DETAILS BELOW).

FOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES - EVERY TUESDAY FROM 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM - PBA RM 89 (NEXT TO PARENT WELCOME CENTER)

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

FOR ELIGIBILITY - EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM - PBA RM 89 (NEXT TO PARENT WELCOME CENTER)

- Rental Assistance Application *
- Motel Vouchers
- Family Reunification
- State ID/Birth Certificate Waivers
- Medicaid, SNAP, TANF Assistance

***Please Note: Rental assistance application will be accepted until 1:00 pm by appointment only – call 720-483-6606 to schedule your appointment.**

JOBS FOR YOU

Are you looking for a job? **The DoubleTree by Hilton Denver – Stapleton North located at 4040 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80216 has job openings for our PBA families.** You do not have to know how to speak English to be hired. If hired, ECO PASSES will be provided to cover your cost of transportation (RTD or Light Rail) to work, however, you must be full time employee working 32 hour or more to qualify. **For more information or to apply, please call Rosemary Fierra, Assistant Director of Human Resources at 303- 262 -7703, or Megan at 303-321-6666.**

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!](#)

SPORTS!

This week we have started our winter basketball season for boys and girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Try-outs were held before the Thanksgiving break and the teams are now set to practice. Please make sure your student-athlete brings warm clothes/jackets to wear home on the bus after practices and games.

Our first basketball games are next Tuesday, December 10, at PBA with **BOYS team** starting at **3:45 pm**, and **GIRLS team** starting at **4:45 pm**.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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

Good Luck, Roadrunners!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

WHAT IS BULLYING!

Bullying is an aggressive behavior that includes:

- An imbalance of power such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity. This power is used to harm others.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or twice.
- Deliberate: Bullying behavior is on purpose.

How can you help?

- Help your kids understand what bullying is.
- Keep communication open, check in with your child.
- Model how to treat others with kindness and respect.

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



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