

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, February is Black History Month, which is a time to honor the long-standing legacy of African Americans who have made an impact in Denver, our schools and our country. We are joining the many DPS schools throughout the district to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions they made as we remember their stories.

In honor of this, we are collaborating with the Mizel Museum to bring an inspiring presentation to our students called **"At the Table with Dr. King"**. This presentation will be held in our Auditorium on Tuesday, February 25th, 2020, as follows:

1st Assemble - 1:35 - 2:30 pm - Lower Academy
2nd Assemble - 2:50 - 3:50 pm - Upper Academy

"At the Table with Dr. King" combines performing arts and primary source material to tell Dr. King's story and inspire students to stand up to bigotry and hatred in their communities today. The message is one of resilience and persistence. The goals of the American Civil Rights Movement are just as important today as they were during Dr. King's life. The aim is to spark a motivation for students to act, and, ultimately, to help mold responsible participants in civil society who will continue to support civil rights for all people. Students understand these important goals by becoming active participants in a dynamic and engaging show, which features music and poetry as well as historical video footage and excerpts from Dr. King's letters. They learn about the history of the American Civil Rights Movement as well as important social-emotional learning goals like empathy and respect.

The show will be very exciting, and I would like to invite you to come and enjoy with your children. For questions, please call Akudo Nwokeukwu @ 720-424-0965.

I look forward to seeing you!

Thank you,

José Martinez
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS!

February 14 - Professional Development Day for Teachers - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 17 - President's Day - NO SCHOOL, OFFICES CLOSED

February 18 - PBA Professional Development for Teachers - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

February 25 - School Performance in Celebration of Black History Month-"At the Table With Dr. King" - 1st performance - K - 5th Grade -1:35 pm, 2nd performance 6th - 8th Grade - 2:50 pm - Auditorium

February 25 -Parent Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm

February 25 -Boys Baseball and Girls Soccer Try-outs - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

February 26 -Boys Baseball and Girls Soccer Try-outs - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

February 27 -Class Picture Day - Auditorium

February 27 -National Children's Dental Health Celebration - 3rd and 4th Grades only - South Gym

February 28 -Class Picture Day -Auditorium

March 3 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm

March 5 - 1st Grade Health Planet Heroes - Auditorium - 9:00 am - 11:00 am

March 10 -2nd Grade Field Trip - US Mint - 9:30 am - 2:30 PM

March 10 -Parent Training Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm
March 10 -CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm
March 11 -1st Grade Field Trip - Denver Art Museum - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
March 11 -Hanna Kahn Dance Performance - Auditorium - 9:00 - 11:00 am
March 25 -Parent Training Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm
March 30 - April 3 - Spring Break- NO SCHOOL , OFFICES CLOSED
March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day
April 6 - Professional Development day for Teachers - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
April 7 - Parent Training Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm
April 7 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm
April 21-Parent Training Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm
April 24 - PBA Professional Development for Teachers - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
May 5 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm
May 12 -Parent Training Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm
May 25 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
May 29 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - EARLY RELEASE DAY - CLASSES WILL RELEASE AT 1:00 PM

SPORTS!

At the end of February we will be having try-outs for Girls Soccer and Boys Baseball. Please have a current physical on file if you wish to try-out. Because the weather could make it difficult we would then have try-outs in the gyms.

Be prepared for both days, Tuesday February 25th and Wednesday February 26th after school from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Go Roadrunners!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

Keys to collaboration!

Here's a skill that will come in handy when your child works with partners or groups: collaboration. He'll need to exchange opinions and solve problems throughout his school career and in future jobs.

Share these tips:

Think before answering: In a good discussion, each person builds on others' responses. Practice by asking a "Would you rather" question, such as "Would you rather fly like a bird or transport anywhere instantly?" Maybe you'll say "teleporting" is better because you'd get home from work quickly. Your youngster might reply, "I agree that teleporting would be faster, but I'd like to fly and look at the world below."

Negotiate thoughtfully! Appoint your child "consensus builder" for one week. His job is to think of compromises. Say one family member wants tacos for dinner and another wants pasta. Perhaps he'll suggest a "taco-spaghetti bar" where you have tortillas *and* noodles, with toppings for both.

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REMINDERS!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDERS:

SCHOOL DAYS - Monday - Friday - 8:55 am - 4:00 pm

BREAKFAST- Free for all students- 8:15 am - 8:45 am

ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES AT EMILY GRIFFITH TECHNICAL COLLEGE

ESL SCHEDULE

Multi-skills Low - Monday to Thursday - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Multi-skills High - Monday to Thursday - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Multi-skills Literacy - Monday to Thursday - 12:45 pm to 2:45 pm

English classes at the Village Exchange Center (1609 Havana Street, Aurora CO. 80010) are free and free babysitting is also available.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Go to the Village Exchange Center at 1609 Havana Street, Aurora CO 80010.

2. Do a placement test and select your class.

3. You can register and start class on the same day.

Emily Griffith continues to offer a variety of schedules and programs in the morning, afternoon, evening, and Saturdays at their main campus downtown.

FOR QUESTIONS, Call 720-460-1393!

ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AT ASIAN PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ADPC) IN AURORA

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES - COST TO ATTEND - \$25/10 WEEKS

Morning Classes -----9:00 - 11:00 pm

Afternoon Classes -----12:30 - 2:30 pm

Evening Classes -----6:00 - 8:00 pm

LOCATION:

1. **ADPC -----1537 ALTON ST, AURORA, CO. 80010, OR**
2. **MLK LIBRARY-----9898 E. COLFAX AVE, AURORA, CO. 80010**

Beginner classes - Level 0 - 3, Intermediate Levels 4 & 5, Advanced Level 6 offered!

FREE BABYSITTING AVAILABLE DURING MORNING AND AFTERNOON CLASSES AT ADPC ONLY.

CITIZENSHIP CLASS - COST TO ATTEND - \$20/10 WEEKS

To prepare parents to become U.S. Citizens, ADPCs citizenship classes cover:

- Vocabulary for citizenship test and interview
- 100 civics questions
- Interview practice
- Assistance filling out citizenship application (N-400) and fee waiver form
- High rates of interview and exam success for parents who attend citizenship class

CLASSES AT APDC:

Thursday and Friday, -----10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday and Friday, -----6:00 - 8:00 pm

CLASS AT MLK LIBRARY:

Monday and Wednesday, 12:30 - 2:30 pm

FREE BABY SITTING AVAILABLE DURING MORNING CLASSES AT ADPC ONLY.

QUESTIONS CONTACT:

ESL CLASSES - Heidi Burgess at 303- 923-2940 or heidiburgess@apdc.org

CITIZENSHIP CLASS - Alexandra Bisges at 303-617-2567 or alexandreabisges@apdc.org

DENVER HUMAN SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ARE HERE 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.**

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



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