

Update about the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Dear PBA Parents,

We wanted to share an update about the Coronavirus and the work DPS is doing with city and state health department leaders to ensure our staff, students and families have important information about the virus and steps to take to stay healthy.

DPS is working closely with the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE) and with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) about the Coronavirus Disease 2019, also known as COVID-19.

At this time, we know:

- **Colorado has no confirmed cases of the disease.**
- The virus is not spreading in the United States.
- Most Americans have a low risk of being exposed to the virus.

Right now, people thought to be at risk for the virus are those who have traveled to Wuhan, China, or people who have come in close contact with a person who is infected with the virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization are keeping an eye on the outbreak in China and other affected countries. Both agencies are giving updated guidance to federal, state and local officials.

What is DPS doing in light of the disease?

DPS is taking this issue very seriously and is monitoring updates from city and state health departments regarding the outbreak. DPS is also staying in close contact with schools to check on the health of students and staff. Crews are also regularly and thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting school buildings.

Following direction from our city and state health agencies, district leaders are creating an extensive plan so that DPS is ready if the disease impacts our community. If we do have an outbreak of COVID-19 in Colorado, we are prepared to work closely with public-health leaders to reduce the impact.

As with any respiratory or stomach illness, DPS school nurses and school leaders should use the existing illness outbreak [reporting process](#) to track sicknesses, notify health department officials, clean and disinfect schools, and notify staff and parents.

In regard to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), we are directing all employees to review this [CDPHE letter](#), which provides guidance for school employees. In addition, we are requiring that any employee who travels to a country that the CDC has determined to be a country with an Alert Level 2 or Warning Level 3 must notify their HR partner before returning to work. That information on Alert/Warning Levels can be found [here](#).

We are strongly encouraging parents to keep their students home from school if they may be sick. We also ask that team members stay home if they are not feeling well to protect the health and wellness of all students and staff.

Where can I learn more about the virus?

To learn more about this disease, please review this information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDPHE:

- [2019 Coronavirus Fact Sheet \(CDPHE\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control overview](#)
- [CDPHE overview](#)
- If you have general questions about the virus, please call CO-Help at 303-389-1687 or 877-462-2911, or email COHELP@RMPDC.org. Answers are available in English, Spanish, Mandarin and

other languages.

If you would like more information on health and safety, please reach out our School Nurse, Ms Woodward Terez at 720-424-0976 or email terez_woodward@dplk12.org.

Thank you,

José Martinez
Principal

CMAS TESTING STARTS ON MONDAY, MARCH 16TH!

Dear Parents,

We will begin the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments on March 16th, 2020. These assessments focus on the knowledge and skills our kids need for success in our global economy, including skills such as analytical thinking and the ability to solve complex problems. The CMAS assessments focus on four different content areas depending upon the grade your child is in:

- English Language Arts (ELA) and Math - 3rd, 4th, 5th grade
- Spanish Language Arts (CLSA) – 3rd and 4th grade Spanish speaking students
- Social Studies - 4th grade
- Science - 5th grade

We want to help parents and families with information to support student success during this time. These assessments will give our teachers critical information to help our students be on track for college and career readiness and help us understand whether our students have the necessary skills to succeed after high school.

Testing Schedule: The attached testing schedule was created to communicate to you when the CMAS assessments are occurring. We ask parents and families to ensure their children get plenty of sleep and a healthy breakfast every day, but especially on assessment days. In addition, if there are doctor's appointments or other appointments that need to be made, we hope this calendar will help you to make those appointments on non-assessment days.

Attendance: We also want to communicate that all students should be in *schoobn-time, all day and every day*, regardless of whether assessments are occurring or not. Important teaching and learning happens in between testing, so it is imperative that students are here. Our expectations remain around vacations and we expect parents to continue to plan vacations around the DPS calendar.

Make-Ups: Students do best when they are in their classroom environment for testing. In the event that your child has to miss a test session, they will have to make up the test another time and will be pulled during their instructional time to do so. In addition, due to our teachers needing to teach during all non-testing days, our paraprofessionals are used to give make-ups, which pulls them from supporting the classroom. To prevent disruption to your child's and other student's day, please make sure that your child is at school every day and limit their absences to only when they are sick. We appreciate your support during this time. Assessments, including CMAS as well as those taken throughout the year, are vital tools for teachers to support student success. There are online resources to help parents and families support their student during CMAS testing, located at standards.dpsk12.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you, and go RoadRunners!

CLICK [HERE](#) TO ACCESS 2019-2020 TESTING SCHEDULE

José Martinez
Principal



Mark Your Calendar



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

**IS FRIDAY,
APRIL 17, 2020!**

GET READY

UPCOMING EVENTS!

February 27 -Picture Day - DRESS UP DAY FOR SCHOOL PICTURE - Auditorium
February 27 -National Children's Dental Health Celebration - 3rd and 4th Grades only - South Gym
February 28 - Picture Day - DRESS UP DAY FOR SCHOOL PICTURE -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 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 16 - April 24 - CMAS TESTING
March 16 -Soccer Game - Cook Park - 4:00 pm
March 16 -Baseball Game - PBA - 4:00 pm
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 17 - international Night - 5:30 - 7:00 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!

We have finished our try-outs for Girls Soccer and Boys Baseball. If your student made one of the teams please make sure they have a current physical on file.

Remember the Denver weather is always changing, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor practices and games.

Our first home soccer (at Cook Park) and baseball (at PBA) games are scheduled for March 16th at 4:00 pm.

Kathleen Nickless

COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

Empowering Our Youth - Solving “Big” Problems and “Small” Problems

As parents and educators, how do we help to empower children to become healthy problem solvers?

First, it's important for children to understand the difference between “big problems”, that require help from an adult to and “small problems”, that they can work through on their own. “Big problems”, are problems such as a student injury, a stranger on the playground, or when a student could be in danger. A “small problem” is when there is a minor conflict between students, such as a disagreement. It's important for students to also learn the difference between telling and tattling. When students “tattle”, they're trying to get another student into trouble. They are going to an adult when they have a “small problem” and could have solved this on their own. When they “tell”, they're trying to keep another student safe, and getting help for a “big problem”.

It's beneficial as parents and educators that we empower students to become problem solvers, so as they grow, they don't always need to rely on an adult to solve the problem for them. Students can learn that when they're dealing with a “small problem”, they should try at least two healthy choices before they seek help from an adult. When students have these tools and are able to resolve “small problems”, teachers have more classroom time to focus on academics, because less time is spent on solving “small problems” between students.

Children can choose two of the following healthy choices to help them work through “small problems” that arise.

- **Apologize when you make a mistake**
- **Walk away**
- **Ignore the bad behavior**
- **Ask them to stop**
- **Make a deal with another student**
- **Wait and cool off if you get angry**
- **Go to another game**
- **Talk it out with the other student**
- **Share and take turns.**

If children have tried using at least two healthy choices to solve the “small” problem and the behavior continues, they can ask for help from an adult. For example, if a student is being teased on the playground they could choose to walk away from that student and to ask that student to stop. If the teasing continues, the student should then seek help from an adult since he/she has tried to solve it first on his or her own. Children benefit greatly by being able to problem solve on their own, it gives them confidence and makes them feel they have control over their situation, which results in healthy problem solvers and happier children.

Tami Koenig MA,
School Counselor:
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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

PICTURE DAYS - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, AND FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

You may wish to have your student dress up for school picture on those days. For questions, call our office at 720-424-0960.

[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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