

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Families,

Dr. Rice is continuing to test students as part of the district's universal testing. However, now that many 6th grade students are back on campus, many of them will be tested on campus. Students that are continuing as virtual in grades K, 2, and 6th may be asked to go to a separate google link, and then return to their classroom, if they have not yet taken the test. Most students in Kindergarten and 2nd grade have been completed.

More Information may be found here in the Intent to test letter.

<https://sites.google.com/dpsk12.net/gifted-and-talented-dr-rice/intent-to-test-letter?authuser=0>

Contact Dr. Coy Rice @ coy_rice@dpsk12.org with any questions.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU NEED ANY
SUPPORT!

andrew_schutz@dpsk12.org

SPORTS!

Dear Parents,

Please be informed that the Athletic Department is still waiting to hear if and when middle school sports will begin for the new school year! Stay tuned!

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

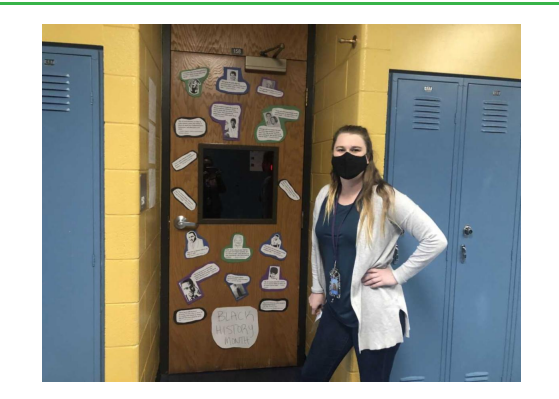
Good Luck, Roadrunners!

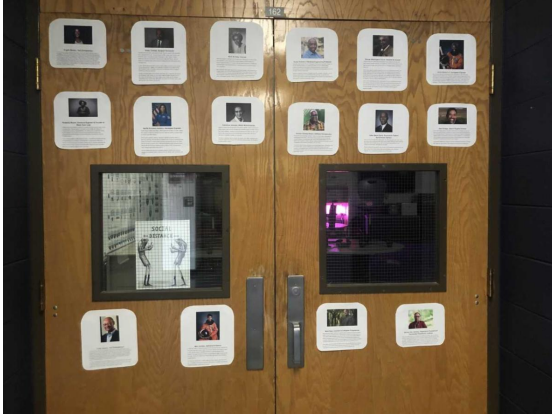
Kathleen Nickless
Athletic Director
Phone: 720-424-1042
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Stylized text "Shout Out!" where each letter is a different color and has a 3D effect. The colors are red, blue, green, black, yellow, red, green, blue, and black.

**Awesome Teachers That
Decorated Their Classroom
Doors For Black History Month**





UPCOMING EVENTS!

February 1- 28 -Black History Month

February 9 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Meeting Location - Virtual - Join with Google Meet
meet.google.com/gsy-jhtr-mmq Join by phone (US) +1 931-683-2558 PIN: 851 090 881#

February 12 -Access Testing

February 15 - President's Day - No School for all, Offices closed

February 16 - Teacher Professional Development Day - No School for all students

February 26 - Access Testing

March 9 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Meeting Location - Virtual - Join with Google Meet
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March 29 - April 2 - Spring Breaks - No School - Offices closed

March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day

April 5 - Teacher Professional Development Day - No School for all students

April 6 - First Day of Return for all students

April 13 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Meeting Location - Virtual - Join with Google Meet
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May 11 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm- Meeting Location - Virtual - Join with Google Meet
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May 28 -Last Day of School - HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

1ST ROUND OF SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN!

This is important for all 8th grade students who are applying to high schools outside of their attendance boundary. If you are planning to use School Choice for your High School, you must fill out this application. The 1st round window is January 15 - February 16. Students can ask their advisement teacher for more details. More information on School Choice can be found at <https://schoolchoice.org/>.

UPDATES ON CITIZENSHIP TESTING & CLASSES!

Did you know that in December, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) updated the US Citizenship test. The test now has 128 questions and applicants will need to answer more questions correctly. The geography section was removed and the history and civics test expanded, resulting in a longer test requiring more complete answers. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the class, please contact Julio Trujillo 720-424-2972 or via email at Julio_Trujillo@dpsk12.net or Tristan Benitez at 720-424-2961 tristan_benitez@dpsk12.net. The class will start on January 19th, virtually during the day and in the evening.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH PAYMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL BILLS?

If you are having issues with payments for essential bills, FACE CENTER is supporting families with utility bills - rent, energy etc. They will also help walk families through completing your application. There is also support for undocumented families available and they will connect families to those who are processing the apps. If you are interested, please reach out to: FACE Center - Johnson Elementary School - Phone: 720-424-2970 FACE Center – Phone: 720-424-2961

FREE COVID TESTING!

DPS is pleased to announce we are expanding our partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado to offer our free COVID-19 testing for students to support a safe return to school. Our full community of students and staff will now have the opportunity to take an initial COVID-19 test before coming back to school as well as ongoing screening tests every other week... For more information click [HERE](#). You can see an updated

list of testing sites [HERE](#) including a link to register and schedule testing appointment for your students. The test will be completed via nasal PCR test or SalivaDirect™, and results will be returned within 36-72 hours.

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

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.

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](#)



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720-424-0960 | place.dpsk12.org