

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## MEET OUR SCHOOL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, JOANN OLSON!



Dear Place Bridge Academy Parents, Students, and Staff,

My name is Joanna Olson and this is my first year at Place Bridge Academy. I am the new School Health Professional, and I work primarily with middle school students. So far this year, I have presented to students on suicide prevention, mindfulness, vaping, and sexual health.

I have lived in Colorado since 2001, and have worked as a school social worker in Denver Public Schools since 2007. I grew up in Minnesota, where I earned my BA in Art History, and then received my Masters in Social Work at the University of Denver.

My husband Nate is a chef, and we have two dogs, Carl and Betty. My passions are tennis, cooking, seeing live music, reading, writing, exploring Colorado's camping spots and hiking trails, and traveling. I am at Place Bridge on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I look forward to meeting more of the community, and learning how I can support our students.

**Joanna Olson, MSW, LCSW**  
**School Health Professional**  
**Denver Public Schools**  
**Place Bridge Academy: Tuesdays & Wednesdays**  
**DSA: Thursdays & Fridays**

# FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS



Dear Parents,

Place Bridge Academy is once again proud to partner with CREA RESULT to Provide **FREE HEALTHCARE SCREENING SERVICES** and **FREE follow-up when screenings indicate further testing is required**. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

**Participants will receive the following healthcare screenings at no cost. No documentation is required to attend:**

- **FLU SHOTS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN (first come, first served)**
- **IRON**
- **A1C**
- **GLUCOSE**
- **LIPID PANEL**
- **BMI**
- **BLOOD PRESSURE**

**WHEN - Today Thursday, January 23, 2020**

**VENUE - Street Fraternity - 8720 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80220 (Near Grace and Hidden Brooks Apartments)**

**TIME - 12:00 - 3:00 pm**

We look forward to seeing you!



**JANUARY 13th – FEBRUARY 14th, 2020**

Dear Parents,

Our ACCESS TESTING started Tuesday, January 13, and will end Friday, February 14. English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade are participating in the ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs assessment. The test has four components: Speaking, Reading, Writing and Listening.

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.

**You can help your child to do his/her best by:**

- **Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing**
- **Making sure your child attends school on testing days**
- **Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand the test directions**
- **Advising your child not to worry about the test, and**

If you have questions regarding the assessment, please contact your student's teacher, or contact Marisol Chavez, Site Assessment Leader @ [MARISOL\\_CHAVEZ@dpsk12.org](mailto:MARISOL_CHAVEZ@dpsk12.org) or by phone @ 720-424-1043.

Access Testing Schedule can be found [HERE!](#)

Thank you,

**José Martinez**  
**Principal**

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## PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY LAND SITE



### YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us for a community meeting with the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment to discuss **the land site north of Place Bridge Academy**. All Place Bridge Academy neighbors, staff, families, and community members are welcome and encouraged to share their vision for the site.

**WHEN - Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020**

**VENUE - Place Bridge Academy Cafeteria, 7125 Cherry Creek North Drive**

**TIME: 6:00 to 8 p.m.**

To learn more, please email [PBA\\_LandInfo@dpsk12.org](mailto:PBA_LandInfo@dpsk12.org) or call 720-423-3050. Flyer found [HERE!](#)

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## SCHOOLCHOICE ROUND 1 2020/2021 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The DPS Round 1 of SchoolChoice for the 2020-2021 school year is now open and will close at 4:00 pm on February 18, 2020. The Denver Public School's traditional Choice Process allows students to apply or re-apply to any DPS school, as well as register students for kindergarten or ECE. Forms will be available at PBA or through the DPS website. Click [HERE](#) or go to <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org> to apply!

### **SCHOOLCHOICE APPLICATION HELP DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM!**

PBA will have a Counselor from George Washington, Ms. Grace Munoz here on Monday, January 27, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, to help with application forms and/or answer any question(s) you may have.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** If you are submitting an ECE-4 application, you must upload the following documents in order to submit your application:

- Birth certificate
- Proof of address
- Proof of income – 30 consecutive days

SchoolChoice online applications cannot be submitted without these documents.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**January 23** - Free Health screening - Street Fraternity, 8720 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80220 from 12:00 - 3:00 pm

**February 2** - Kindergarten Field Trip to Arvada Center - 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

**February 4 & 6** - 5th Grade Field Trip to Balarat

**February 5** - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Denver Art Museum - 9:30 am

**February 5** - Student and Community organization panel - Discussion is on four demands of BLM @ School Week of Action - Montbello Campus - 5:00 pm

February 7 - Film screening and discussion - Manual High School - 6:00 pm  
February 11 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm  
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  
March 3 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm  
March 5 - 1st Grade Health Planet Heroes - Auditorium - 9:00 - 11:00 am  
March 10 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm  
March 11 - 1st Grade Field Trip to Denver Art Museum - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
March 11 - Hanna Kahn Dance Performance - Auditorium - 9:00 - 11:00 am  
March 30 - April 3 - Spring Break- NO SCHOOL , OFFICES CLOSED  
March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day

## 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.**

## 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!](#)

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## SPORTS!

Next week we will finish up our basketball season! We play at PBA on Monday January 27th against Merrill. Please come and support our teams one last time!

### Go Roadrunners!

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

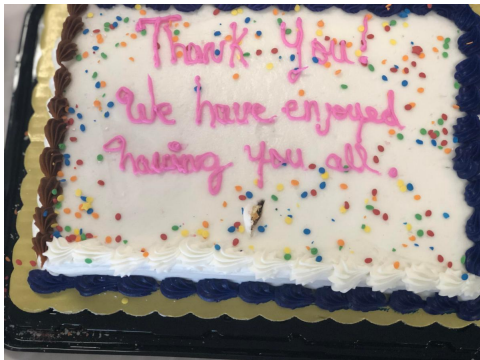
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## COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

## The L's of Parenting

- **LOVE** your child. For your child to be successful, he or she must feel valued. Your gentle touches, smiles and hugs communicate love.
- **LOOK** for the good in your child and make specific comments on what he or she does well. You must believe in your child's worth before he or she can believe it.
- **LISTEN** without judgment, to your child express his or her thoughts and feelings. If you do not listen, your child may attempt to gain your attention by misbehaving.
- **LAUGH** with your child, not at him or her. Laugh and play together.
- **LABOR** diligently and with pride so that your child will want to work hard, and do his or her best.
- **LEARN** new information. Take the time to read and thus instill a love of learning.
- **LEAVE** the television and other media off.
- **LIVE** life to its fullest. Take pleasure in little things.

**Tami Koenig MA,  
School Counselor:  
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Email: tami\_koenig@dpsk12.org**





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



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**School Vision: Competent, Confident, and Caring Students Ready to Pursue their Dreams!**

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