

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**Please be informed that we will begin the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments on March 22, 2021- April 30, 2021.** These Assessments are aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards, which are statewide expectations of what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade. CMAS testing is for grades 3-8. All students will test for three days in math and literacy. 5th and 8th grade will test a fourth day in science.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your student's teacher, school front office, or Ms. Marisol Chavez at [MARISOL\\_CHAVEZ@dpsk12](mailto:MARISOL_CHAVEZ@dpsk12).

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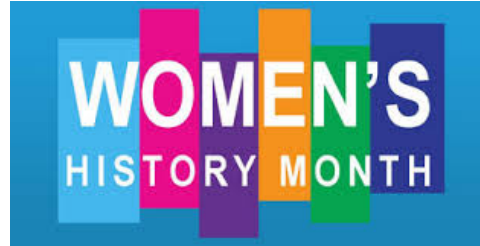
Roxie Berkman at [Roxie\\_berkman@dpsk12.org](mailto:Roxie_berkman@dpsk12.org), or by phone at

720-424-0963

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU NEED ANY  
SUPPORT!**

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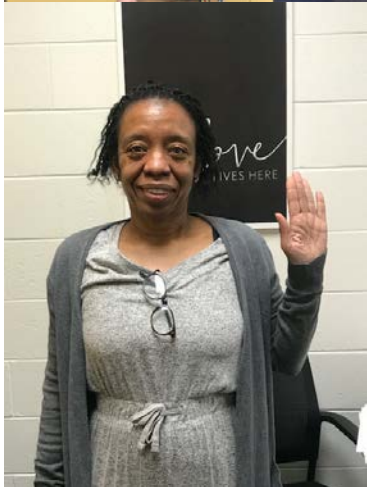


We are excited to celebrate Women's History Month as a PBA community. The world is full of countless examples of incredible women who have made their communities, cities, and countries stronger. Place Bridge is no exception. We are tremendously grateful for the amazing women that are our teachers, leaders, and educators. They make our school community the wonderful place that it is. We are also grateful for our students, who we know will go on to be women leaders in the future.

**DREW SCHUTZ!**









## SPORTS!

Dear Parents,

After many months of waiting to hear about the Middle School Sports programs, I have some sad news. The sports programs at PBA will not be able to participate this school year.

Transportation is a big part of our sports and because of COVID we are unable to accommodate our student-athletes. We are hoping our sports programs can start up again next Fall.

I know how important sports are for our kids and I am sorry that it will not happen this year.

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

Go Roadrunners!

**Kathleen Nickless**  
**Athletic Director**  
**Phone: 720-424-1042**  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**March 14** - Daylight Saving Time Starts - Clocks are turned 1 hour forward

**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 - 7** - CMAS Testing

**April - 8** - CMAS Testing

**April - 9** - CMAS Testing

**April 16** - CMAS Testing

**April 13** - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm

**May 11** - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm

**May 28** - Last Day of School - HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

### **FREE WEEKLY FOOD DELIVERY FOR HOME AGED 6 - 18!**

Denver Food Cluster is providing free weekly food deliveries of 7 meals, 14 snacks, and 7 cartons of milk for each child in the home aged 6-18. This is for all Denver families living within 20 miles of the capital building. Once a family signs up, deliveries start within a week or 2. The deliveries continue through June of this year. Here is the link for families to sign up. Click [HERE](https://www.coloradofoodcluster.com/sign-up-and-manage-deliveries) or copy and paste the link below for more information or to register your children <https://www.coloradofoodcluster.com/sign-up-and-manage-deliveries>

### **FREE TAX HELP!**

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is offering free tax help to individuals who earn less than \$57,000. VITA is trusted and free of charge. The preparers will help you claim all available tax credits. VITA preparers are trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). To learn more please click the link below.

- [Free Tax Help - English](#)



- [Free Tax Help - Spanish](#)
- [Free Tax Help - Arabic](#)
- [Free Tax Help - Farsi](#)

## **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](mailto:Julio_Trujillo@dpsk12.net) or Tristan Benitez at 720-424-2961 [tristan\\_benitez@dpsk12.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)

[2020/2021 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK](#)

[2020/2021 DPS SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

[2020/2021 DPS FAMILY RETURN TO SCHOOL  
GUIDE](#)

[COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE \(CSC\)](#)

[1ST QUARTER PARENT MEETING  
PRESENTATION SLIDES - SEPT. 24, 2020](#)

[2ND QUARTER PARENT MEETING  
PRESENTATION SLIDES - NOV. 18, 2020](#)

[3RD QUARTER PARENT MEETING  
PRESENTATION SLIDE - FEB. 25, 2021](#)

[CYBERBULLING HANDOUT](#)



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— Bringing the World Together —

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

