

DPS CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE!

Dear PBA Parents,

We wanted to provide an update to our families and on how we are responding to Coronavirus (COVID-19) issues affecting our community. As of 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, there are no DPS students or staff who have tested positive for COVID-19.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Colorado, per Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment: 33

- Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Denver County: 6, (plus one indeterminate case, which means the test did not provide conclusive results)

STATUS OF DPS SCHOOLS:

All DPS schools with the exception of Cory Elementary School will remain open on Thursday, March 12. Cory Elementary remains closed on March 12, out of an abundance of caution and following guidance from health officials, after a parent at the school tested positive on March 10 for COVID-19. We have thoroughly disinfected the school and are awaiting additional information from health officials before re-opening the school.

STATUS OF DPS-SPONSORED TRAVEL:

There are rapidly changing conditions here in Colorado as well as across the nation related to the spread of COVID-19. Because of this, we have canceled until further notice all district-sponsored international and out-of-state travel for all students and staff. This was a very difficult decision, and the overriding priority – as always – was the health and safety of our students and staff. (More information is available [here](#).)

STATUS OF DPS FACILITIES:

DPS has an established system to keep schools clean and minimize the spread of a virus. This includes a nightly disinfection of bathrooms, most of which are cleaned using pressure washers. We also conduct scheduled touch-surface cleanings throughout the week; these cleanings are increased if there is an illness outbreak at the school. Coronavirus is a respiratory illness, and with any respiratory or stomach illness outbreak at a school, DPS school nurses and school leaders use the DPS infectious disease outbreak process to track illnesses, notify health department officials, clean and disinfect schools, and notify staff and parents.

Click [Here](#) to read the full update!

José Martinez
Principal

NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020!

Dear Parents,

Please be informed that DPS has declared **Thursday, March 19, a Non-Attendance Day for all students** in support of the anticipated "Educators Day of Action" promoted by the Colorado Education Association (CEA). As you maybe aware this rally has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), but we are still awaiting directive from DPS on whether to retrieve or not. **WE WILL UPDATE YOU AS SOON THIS INFORMATION IS COMMUNICATED TO US.**

For questions , please call the office at 720-424-0960.

Thanks,

José Martinez
Principal

LEND YOUR VOICE TO DENVER PLAN ENGAGEMENT!

Dear Parents,

We invite you to participate in a [brief screencast](#) from Mike Ramirez, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, where you will have an additional opportunity to collaborate and provide feedback on the next Denver Plan. Please click [this flier](#) for information on the upcoming community engagement sessions, which kicks off on **March 17, 2020**.

Each of us has an important role to play in shaping the next Denver Plan. Over the course of the next few months, you will be invited to lend your vision, voice, and values to crafting our collective vision. The plan we design together will become a roadmap that guides the decisions DPS makes, the resources we allocate, and the work we prioritize on a daily basis, rooted in a deep commitment to the values we share city-wide. We are asking for your help to recognize our biases, gaps and blind-spots, and to be our partners in building the equitable school system every one of our students deserves. Together, we can create an equity-focused vision for our schools, and build a plan that turns that promise into reality.

If you are not able to attend the regional meeting, and you would like to provide individual input, please submit your feedback via survey at any time before **April 1**. **The survey is available here in [English](#) or [in Spanish](#).**

For more engagement support and suggestions, please email DenverPlan@dpsk12.org.

Mirriah Elliott, Ed.S.
Assistant Principal

DAY OF FUN - MARCH 27, 2020 - MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY!

Dear Parents,

Friday March 27 will be a day of celebrations, games, and NO CLASSES for all Middle School students! Please remind your middle school students about this event. We will be able to have a free dress day and celebrate before Spring Break. However, students must earn the right to participate. Please see the requirements and expectations that students must meet in order to participate:

- **No Out of School Suspensions (OSS) or Inside School Suspensions (ISS) in March**
- **No more than two referrals to the office in March**
- **Less than 10 tardies total for the month of March (excused or unexcused)**
- **No classroom disruptions during CMAS testing**

These behaviors are being tracked since Monday March 2. Any student who does not meet these requirements will not be able to participate in the fun on March 27. Instead, they will need to arrive in dress code and will be assigned work for the day instead of participating.

Students who are making right decisions and staying out of trouble will be celebrated on the day of fun! If they want to be a part of this activity, they must meet the above listed expectations. We ask that you help us reiterate these requirements with your students.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 720-424-1058

Ryan Adams
Assistant Principal

CMAS TESTING STARTS ON MONDAY, MARCH

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 school *on-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



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

GET READY



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS!

March 13 -No School for ECE Students -ECE Teachers PD Day

March 16 - April 24 - **CMAS TESTING**

March 19 -**NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS** -Educator Day of Action

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 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm

April 17 - International Night - 5:00 - 7:30 pm

April 19 - 25 -**Volunteer Appreciation Week**

April 21 -Parent Training Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm

April 22 - **Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day - April 22nd, 2020**

April 24 - PBA Professional Development for Teachers - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

April 30 - May 8 -PBA Book Fair - Library

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 27 -2nd Grade to 4 Mile Historic Park

May 28 -2nd Grade to Cook Park

May 29 - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - EARLY RELEASE DAY - CLASSES WILL RELEASE AT 1:00 PM**

SPORTS!

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES FOR SOCCER AND BASEBALL

Please be informed that all practices and games have been suspended through April 6th to address the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. Here is a message from CHSAA Commissioner... "The situation will be monitored and evaluated with key decision-makers from around the state to determine when, or if, to resume the spring season." There will be no practices or games today or the next 3+ weeks.

Feel free to contact me if you have any question.

Kathleen Nickless

Athletic Director

Phone: 720-424-1042

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

Strategies That Teach Kids To Set Goals And To Help Them Succeed!

- Define what a goal is. An easy way is to link it to an area of interest. For example, a football player is aiming for a touchdown. It is something to shoot for. Explain goal setting as planning what you need to work on.
- Share your own goals. Let your children know that you have dreams, and that you recognize that

- you may need to work on some things in order to achieve them.
- Help kids create their “dream list”. Help them create a list that includes those things that they actually have the power to make happen. Then spend time together discussing those dreams. Consider what skills are necessary. Does your child need help in order to succeed?
 - Tailor the goal to your child. Have a first time goal-setter work on a goal that can be achieved within a week. Some examples are making their bed every day, reading a book, brushing teeth without being reminded, getting a strike in bowling.
 - Help your child think through steps to success. Some children need to write down steps. The more they think about their goal, and identify what they need to do to achieve it, the greater the chance they will succeed.
 - Track your child’s progress. Use the fridge to show stickers or stars when steps are completed.
 - Celebrate! As goals are achieved, celebrate as a family.

**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

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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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!](#)

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



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