

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



COLORADO
Measures of
Academic
Success

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.

Free



FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 10:00AM - 2:00PM!

To participate, please click [HERE](#) or copy and paste the link below to complete the short, pre-registration form as soon as possible:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1n5unyGYe_KSeUEpVwUUAryuGNg0kAw7XBU1i9v9B5yl/edit

For more information, contact:

Akudo Nwokeukwu at Akudo_nkwokeukwu@dpsk12.org, or by phone at
720-424-0965

Roxie Berkman at Roxie_berkman@dpsk12.org, or by phone at
720-424-0963

PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT!

andrew_schutz@dpsk12.org

Congratulations!



Students of the Month

HEALTH LESSONS FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY!

Dear 6th Grade Parent/Guardian,

Place Bridge Academy will soon begin a comprehensive health unit of study including sexual health lessons for students in 6th grade. The class will be doing these lessons during the Advisory period, starting after spring break.

The reality of home learning presents new challenges, as well as new opportunities, for creating a supportive and open learning environment for students. Our commitment to you is that we will teach age-appropriate and medically accurate information in strict adherence to DPS board policy and Colorado state law. For students participating at home, we encourage them to find a private space away from siblings, if possible, during these lessons. Wearing earphones/earbuds might also be helpful.

If you would like your child to be part of the sexual health unit, no action is required by you. However, if you prefer that your child not participate in this class, you must sign and return the bottom portion of this letter to me at Joanna_Olson@dpsk12.org OR complete this [survey](#) by Friday, March 26. The survey is in English, but the order of the questions is as follows:

- Parent/Guardian email
- Student's name
- Student's grade
- Parent/guardian name; by typing your name, you are stating that you do not want your child to participate in the sexual health unit at
- Place Bridge Academy in the 20-21 school year.

"I am choosing to 'opt-out' my child, _____, (Student's Name) from participating in the comprehensive sexual health program at Place Bridge Academy.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____ "

Thank you for supporting your child during this important time in their life and partnering with us as we adapt new ways to meet their instructional, emotional, and health needs.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Joanna Olson, MSW, LCSW
School Health Professional
Joanna_Olson@dpsk12.org

These are students who had excellent B.R.I.D.G.E values (belonging, respect, integrity, diversity, generosity, and effort) especially the values of: diversity, integrity, belonging.

Kindergarten:

Iker Palcios

First Grade:

*Sarafina Ahaigemiye
Angel Padilla
Fethiya Sultan*

Second Grade:

*Amir Ocegueda-Ruiz
Zahid Mahbood*

Newcomer 3, 4, and 5

Grades:

Khalid Rahman

Third Grade:

Vanesa Medina-Carreon

Fourth Grade:

*Antima Khadka
Thaily Romero-Quijada
Dior Booker*

Fifth Grade:

Sixth Grade:

**Santos-Dominguez,
Alexander
Aaron Zavala-DeLaTorre
Taliyah Hamilton
Sa Bee**

**Ashraf Elmouakkit
Ayad Qatrawi
Laetitia Chirhalwirwa
Alasia Parker-Hampton
Khadija Noor and Kirubel
Yirgu
Tejasree Madduru**

Seventh Grade:

**Genesis Morales
Kevin Adame Martinez
Deepa Monger
Kamal, Junainah
Edouard Toure
Kaidence Henderson**

Eighth Grade:

**Marla Granados
Jonathan Rojas-Reveles
Briyan Carias-Cermeno
Yuanlin Li
Daniel Rivera Montoya**

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
Email: kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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](#) 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 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](#)

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

Place Bridge Academy
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720-424-0960 | place.dpsk12.org