

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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). All DPS schools will be closed to students, including ECE students.

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

Thanks,

José Martinez
Principal

CMAS TESTING STARTS ON MONDAY, MARCH 16TH!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- March 5 - 1st Grade Health Planet Heroes - Auditorium - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- March 8 - **Daylight Saving Time begins - MOVE YOUR CLOCK 1 HOUR AHEAD**
- March 10 - 2nd Grade Field Trip - US Mint - 9:30 am - 2:30 PM
- March 10 - Parent Training Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm
- March 11 - 1st Grade Field Trip - Denver Art Museum - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- March 11 - Hanna Kahn Dance Performance - Auditorium - 9:00 - 11:00 am
- March 16 - April 24 - **CMAS TESTING**
- March 16 - Soccer Game - Cook Park - 4:00 pm
- March 16 - Baseball Game - PBA - 4:00 pm
- March 19 - **NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS - Educator Day of Action**
- March 25 - Parent Training Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm
- 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 - Parent Training Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm
- April 7 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm
- April 17 - **international Night - 5:30 - 7:00 pm**
- April 21 - Parent Training Class - Converse and Share - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 1:30 pm
- April 24 - **PBA Professional Development for Teachers - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- 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 29 - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - EARLY RELEASE DAY - CLASSES WILL RELEASE AT 1:00 PM**

SPORTS!

The boys baseball and girls soccer teams have begun practices and are preparing for their first games of the season at PBA on Monday March 16th! The baseball team will begin at 4:00 on the field and soccer will play at Cook Park at 4:00.

Please contact me if you have any question.

Kathleen Nickless
Athletic Director
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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.

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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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8

I would like to remind you that **Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8.** Don't forget to **MOVE YOUR CLOCK 1 HOUR AHEAD.**

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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Place Bridge Academy
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