

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Corner

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



## 8th Grade

## CONTINUATION

#### **Thursday, May 20th:**

- 8th Grade Continuation Rehearsal - 9:15 -10:40 am - Outside on Black Top, for all 8th grade classrooms, Virtual students will be at home.

#### **Monday, May 24th:**

- [8th Grade Continuation, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Outside on Black Top and into the field, all students can attend \(we are handling the attendance tracking\).](#)

#### **Tuesday, May 25th:**

- 8th Grade Field Day, 9:15 - 11 am and 1:30 -3:20 pm, outside on black top and into the field, all 8th grade classrooms, virtual students will notify teachers if they are planning on attending. Exact numbers of expected students will be turned in to the cafeteria Manager.

#### **Thursday May 27:**

- Alternative Continuation Date (if weather on Monday, May 24th is bad).

# Before & After School Program

We are excited to inform you that we are exploring **BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PROGRAMS** at PBA. We would like to know if you are interested in having your students participate. Please click **HERE** or follow the link below to complete a short survey only if you are interested in having your student(s) participate.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1A\\_9gCKzV228GTDYc8V56IHZYHLXfFBcKvNoKgibViww/edit?ts=609c3be7](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1A_9gCKzV228GTDYc8V56IHZYHLXfFBcKvNoKgibViww/edit?ts=609c3be7)



## FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY!

Middle School Students are invited to a Virtual Slumber Party!! Students may wear appropriate pajamas and stay up late to watch a movie! The movie will be *Tom and Jerry 2021*. Movie rating is PG. The Virtual Slumber Party will be from 9:15 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Here Click **HERE** to watch or copy and paste the link: <https://meet.google.com/efy-grug-aun?hs=122&authuser=0>

Contact Ms. Rhonda Robbins, Dean of Culture @ [rhonda\\_robbins@dpsk12.org](mailto:rhonda_robbins@dpsk12.org) with any questions.



In observance of Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will show the movie, *Raya and the Last Dragon* (PG) on Wednesday, May 26th from 6-8:15 p.m.  
Here is the link: <https://meet.google.com/hsc-nbhs-qpg?hs=122&authuser=0>



## CLOSES ON FRIDAY, MAY 21!

Current DPS families can save time during fall registration by updating their student's information online! By completing this process using your Parent Portal account, you can avoid paper forms and save time at the school during the fall return.

To register online, primary legal guardians of current DPS students must have an active DPS Parent Portal account. Visit [myportal.dpsk12.org](https://myportal.dpsk12.org) to sign up, or to check that your account is active and ready.

For more information on how to complete online registration, please click [Here](#) or copy and paste the link below to download the Family Navigation Guide - Returning Students. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RJZLmEkHfCAm4TNLjw6BKFgjKLQBRV9v/view>

**WE ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU! PLEASE CONTACT OUR FRONT OFFICE AT 720-424-0960!**

**Please reach out with any question!**  
**DREW SCHUTZ**  
**[andrew\\_schutz@dpsk12.org](mailto:andrew_schutz@dpsk12.org)**

**SPORTS!**

Hello Parents and Student-Athletes,

As this crazy year winds down I wanted to take a minute to say Thank You! I know how hard it was for our student-athletes and you the parents not to have your child participate in athletics this past year and a half. Please know we are planning to run our sports programs next Fall!

To prepare for this please make sure your student-athlete (6th-8th grade) has a current physical ready to go.

The sports that will be offered in the 20221-2022 school year include;

- **Early Fall: Boys Soccer, Softball, Cross Country**
- **Late Fall: Volleyball, Flag Football**
- **Winter: Boys and Girls Basketball**
- **Spring: Girls Soccer, Baseball, Futures Football**

Please reach out to me over the summer by email with questions. [Kathleen\\_Nickless@dpsk12.org](mailto:Kathleen_Nickless@dpsk12.org)  
Hoping you and your families have a safe and healthy summer break.

Go Roadrunners!

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**May 1st - 31st - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

**May 24 - 8th Grade Continuation**

**May 28th - Last Day of School**

## 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](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

Or to Belinda Lui @ 720-944-2774 or email at [belinda.lieu@denvergov.org](mailto:belinda.lieu@denvergov.org), if you need assistance with any of the following:

- Job Readiness Training
- Vocational Training
- GED Preparation Resources
- Referrals to community and Agency resources



# Important Links

[PBA WEBSITE](#)

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

[2020/2021 DPS SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

[2021/2022 FAMILY REGISTRATION NAVIGATION  
GUIDE - RETURNING STUDENTS](#)

[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  
Attendance Line: 720-424-0968  
720-424-0960 | [place.dpsk12.org](http://place.dpsk12.org)



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