

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Our school will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Remote Learning will resume on Tuesday May 26.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend!

REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY - HELP US PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR!

Dear Parents,

DPS is starting to plan how we will reopen our schools safely in August with the health of our students and staff as our top priority. We are working closely with health officials and are thankful to them for their partnership and deep care for the well-being of our community.

Until we can return to traditional school operations, we will likely need to plan for an approach that follows social-distancing guidelines with a combination of both in-person and remote learning. What does that look like? Well, that is what we are hoping to figure out together, over the next two months. We will do this with the input from our families, students, teachers, school leaders and health experts.

We are asking our families and students to take a few minutes to answer questions in a survey about how remote learning is going, what obstacles you are facing and how we can create the best possible learning conditions for next school year under very challenging circumstances.

We created two separate surveys, one for families and one for students in 3rd – 12th grades. You will be able to select your school so that your feedback is considered not only at a broad, districtwide level but also personalized for our school. All feedback will be anonymous. The surveys are available in the following languages: English, Spanish, Amharic, Arabic, Burmese, French, Nepali, Russian, Vietnamese and Somali. You can change the language in the upper right hand corner of the survey.

We believe good ideas can come from anywhere, and really hope you provide us with your thoughts as we think differently about what school looks like for the 2020-21 school year. We will leave the surveys open for completion until May 22; however, we encourage families to take action quickly as we will be looking at preliminary results to inform planning teams immediately.

Please click on the link below to begin survey!

[Student Survey](#)

[Parent and Guardian Survey](#)

In gratitude,
Mirriah Elliott, Ed.S.

K-8 STUDENT CHECKING OUT & PICKING UP PERSONAL ITEMS!

Dear PBA Students and Families,

We hope this finds you well and staying healthy. As we near the close of this school year, we want to inform you of the checkout process for your student(s) if they still have personal items in their lockers. **Checkout will be May 18, 2020 to May 27, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** Below are the checkout guidelines set forth by the Colorado Department of Public Health and DPS

Nursing Services:

- No students/parents/family members/guardians are allowed inside the school building for any reason.
- Checkout and personal item pickup will be done outdoors while practicing social distancing. Everyone must remain in their cars except to pick up their bag of belongings.
- School staff will collect personal items from the student's lockers and place the contents in a plastic bag. All staff will follow precautions by wearing gloves and masks.
- Parents must request what day they will be picking up the bag by contacting Mr. Martinez either through email at Jose_Martinez4@dpsk12.org or by calling him at (720)424-0964. Again checkout will be May 18, 2020 to May 27, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The bags will be placed outdoors on the day of pickup under supervision by Mr. Martinez or other PBA staff.
- When you notify Mr. Martinez that you want to pick up your student's belongings please include the student(s) name, locker number(s) and a phone number where he can contact you to arrange the day and time to pick up the bags.
- Should your student need to return an athletic uniform or pick up an instrument please let Mr. Martinez know and he will contact Ms. Barlow or Ms. Nickless.

As much as we miss seeing your smiling face, please remember that you must stay in car except to pick up your bag. At this time it is not permissible for you to leave your cars for goodbyes, or pictures. This is for your safety. Thank you for your cooperation. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Be well and stay healthy!

Respectfully Yours,
Jose Martinez,
Principal

LETTER OF INTENT TO RETURN!

Dear Parents,

In preparation for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year, it is important for us to know which students Current Grades ECE - 7th will be continuing with their academic education at Place Bridge Academy for the upcoming school year.

Please click [HERE](#) to complete the **Letter of Intent** if you have not already done so to enable us better prepare for the upcoming school year. You may email completed form to lisa_velasquez@dpsk12.org.

If you have changed your phone number or moved please make any necessary updates on the form before emailing to Liza Velasquez.

Thank you,
José Martinez
Principal

SAVE TIME DURING FALL REGISTRATION - UPDATE YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION ONLINE!

You can save time during Fall Registration by updating your family's information online by May 31st, 2020. Click [HERE](#) for flyer with detailed information for our Annual Family Update in English and Spanish. Please take a moment to update your information on Parent Portal ahead of FALL REGISTRATION as this will save you time.

We look forward to seeing you all!

ARE YOU MOVING OR ATTENDING A DIFFERENT SCHOOL?

MOVING OR ATTENDING A DIFFERENT SCHOOL! If your child is leaving to attend a different school for the 2020-21 school year, please email our Registrar, **Lisa R. Velasquez** at **LISA_VELASQUEZ@dpsk12.org**. Mrs. Velasquez will explain the withdrawal process to enable a smooth transition to your new school.

MOVING BUT WANT TO STAY AT PBA! If you have moved outside of the PBA catchment area and would like your student to continue their education at PBA, please email our Registrar, Ms. **Lisa Velasquez** at **LISA_VELASQUEZ@dpsk12.org**. Lisa will assist you with the process to remain.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

May 25 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

May 27 - 8 Grade Continuation Virtual Celebration - 6:00 - 7:00 pm

May 29 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

Build Mindfulness skills by exploring some of these apps.

- Sleep, Meditation & Relaxation [Calm - The #1 App for Meditation and Sleep](#)
- Meditation, Stress & Sleep [Headspace: Meditation and Sleep Made Simple](#)
- [Promotes & Teaches Kindness Skills](#)
- [Ten Percent Happier: Mindfulness Meditation Courses with Dan Harris and Joseph Goldstein \(guided meditation & practical teachings\)](#)

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School Counselor:
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RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

TEMPORARY RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE (TRUA)

In Denver, temporary rental and utility assistance (TRUA) can be accessed by any Denver resident regardless of immigration status. Please see the link [HERE](#) - or Call 311 and press 6.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING!

Colorado NAHRO, a non-profit organization working to enhance the affordable housing industry and promote viable communities in Colorado, has announced rental assistance funds for affordable housing. Residents must live in an affordable housing community or property administered by a Colorado Public Housing Authority, to apply. More details can be found [HERE](#).

DPS FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND MEAL DELIVERY SITES!

Denver Public Schools is offering free weekday breakfast and lunch to students and families in need at Grab-and-Go sites throughout the city until circumstances change. Vegetarian options are available.

To prioritize social distancing, families are not allowed to eat on site. DPS is not able to provide transportation to the Grab-and-Go sites.

Breakfast and lunch are also available for adults and can be picked up every weekday. In addition, weekend breakfast and lunch are available for families to pick up every Friday. The adult and weekend meals are made possible by fundraising from the DPS Foundation.

Breakfast & Lunch: Grab-and-Go Meal Pickup Monday–Friday 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) FOR MEAL DELIVERY SITES AND SCHEDULES

HOW TO LOGIN TO CHROMEBOOKS AND GOOGLE EMAILS AND APPS:

Our Technology Teacher, Mr. Jame Wilkerson has created a video explaining the steps for students and parents on how to login to Chromebooks and Google Emails and Apps. Click [HERE](#) to watch the video. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Wilkerson at james_wilkerson@dpsk12.org.

REMOTE LEARNING RESOURCES:

DPS has created a guide to some strategies you can use to support your student's remote learning. Click [HERE](#) to access the tips and guidance.

RESOURCES TO USE WITH/FOR STUDENTS:

[Google Meet Expectations](#)

[Google Meet Student Expectations](#)

[Read/Write](#) supports reading text out loud, understanding unfamiliar words, researching assignments and proofing written work

[Equatio](#) dictates equations and formulas aloud

[WriQ](#) writing achievement tool -assess and motivate student writing while providing automated meaningful feedback and delivering a standardized benchmark for grading.

HEALTH QUESTIONS AND DENVER HEALTH'S SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS:

For health and wellness questions and concerns, contact our School Nurse, Ms. Terez Woodward. Her google voice number is - 719-749-1622, and her current office hours are 8-10 am Mon-Friday.

Also, there will be no face-to-face visits on-site at our Denver Health's School Based Health Center, but phone visits are available to assist with non-urgent medical questions, medication refills, and to help connect you to other Denver Health resources. Call the following numbers for assistance:

- Place Bridge Campus SBHC: 720-424-2050
- Lincoln Campus SBHC: 720-423-5020
- North Campus SBHC: 720-423-2718
- Evie Dennis Campus SBHC: 720-423-7610

MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION:

Click [HERE](#) for additional resources.

HOME INTERNET NEEDS:

Click [HERE](#) to apply! You may contact: Mary Spillane @ Comcast. Her cell phone number is 720.641.2264!

Additional information about Internet Options from DOTS (in Many Languages) click [HERE](#)

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

Click [HERE](#) to see Resident Resources

Go [HERE](#) - Rent and Utility Help

DENVER METRO EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK:

The Denver Emergency Food Network delivers free, prepared meals to homebound families and elderly individuals in need during the COVID-19 crisis. Sign up for meals on the waitlist below. We are usually able to deliver meals 2-3 days after you request them and will text/email when they are delivering. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

TAX PREP OPTIONS:

- (in the midst of COVID-19 Closures) Remote Drop Off – A new program by Code for America in partnership with VITA sites is available to households making \$60,000 or less. More info [HERE](#).
- IRS Free File – Includes a number of free online filing options for both federal and state returns available for households making \$69,000 or less. More Info [HERE](#).
- MyFreeTaxes.com – Through United Way's partnership with H&R Block, every household with a [simple return](#) can file their federal and state taxes for free (this option does not include filers who are contract workers, i.e. Uber or Lyft drivers). More Info [HERE](#).

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES:

Coronavirus Emergency Loans:

[English Flier](#), [Spanish Flier](#)

FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES SICK WITH COVID-19:

See information [HERE](#).

DEALING WITH COVID-19 QUESTIONS FROM YOUR CHILDREN:

"Something Strange Happened in My City: A COVID-19 Social Story for Young Children"

This is free, online resource and translated in MANY languages.

Find the book [HERE](#)

DPS FAQ ON COVID-19 RESPONSE:

Click [HERE](#). DPS will continue to update this page as information is available.

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



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