

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well. As we reach the end of this school year, I want to thank you again for all you have done to support PBA. This year has been like no other, and I cannot express enough gratitude for how students, educators and families at home have responded and helped us overcome the many challenges we faced. In spite of all that has happened, we have still made progress towards our goals of improving the school and are in a position to have a strong year in 2021-2022. Again, thank you for all you have done to support your children at home this year. We are extremely hopeful to mostly return to a normal school experience in August (including seeing our parents and families in the building).

As we transition to next year, I want to share some high level information with you.

Our school bell times will be 9:10 to 4:10. This is not a huge shift from what we have had in the past, but is slightly later than it has been.

Also, we will be having a periodic early release days, so that we can allow for teacher professional development and planning time. Our bus arrival and dismissal times make it difficult to have sufficient time before or after school to plan for instruction or engage in professional learning. Because of that, we have decided to have an early release on every other Wednesday next year. I recognize that this may cause some inconveniences for some families. I am sorry to ask this of our community, but feel it is important that we support our teachers in being well planned and prepared to deliver high quality instruction every day. We also want to develop them as professionals via various learning opportunities, and ensure they have adequate time to analyze their student data and inform their teaching. We feel confident that this time spent will have a beneficial impact on the teaching and learning at PBA in general. Thank you for your support as we work to strengthen what we do in service of our students.

Please click [HERE](#) or copy and paste the link below to download our 2021/2022 PBA SCHOOL CALENDAR showing our Wednesdays Early Release in Red!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Gv-R1NHTqjABUHlyKZp-tNmIZvqOyVcRq5u-Ymgk\\_AA/edit?ts=60a2a7aa](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Gv-R1NHTqjABUHlyKZp-tNmIZvqOyVcRq5u-Ymgk_AA/edit?ts=60a2a7aa)

The school will dismiss at 1:10 on these days. We are excited to be offering extended science

and arts instruction on these mornings in the form of science projects and music/art assemblies. It is our hope that these mornings will prove to be engaging, fun, and help increase our students' scientific literacy and exposure to artistic concepts.

Again, I appreciate your understanding and support of our teachers. We want to ask a lot of ourselves as we push to give your children a more engaging and rigorous educational experience. In order to do that, we need the time to prepare to do it right.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We wish you an enjoyable summer, and very much look forward to seeing you next school year!

# Have a good Summer!



## SUMMER FAMILY LEARNING RESOURCE:

Click [Here](#) or copy and paste the link below to access the family learning resource page for fun learning activities for any of the content areas in all grades, K-12

- <https://sites.google.com/dpsk12.net/dps-summer-learning-fun/home>.

## FREE SUMMER FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITES AND DATES:

*Free breakfast and lunch meals are available  
Monday - Friday, and offered to any:  
**Child 18 years and younger.**  
**No documentation is required***

Adults may pick up meals without children present

Kids do not need to be a DPS student nor a Denver resident

Click the link below in English or Spanish to see the list of summer sites, dates, and times where *free breakfast and lunch meals* will be offered:

[ENGLISH](#)

[SPANISH](#)



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**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 28th - Last Day of School (half day)**

**IMPORTANT DATES 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR:**

**IN PERSON REGISTRATION DAYS:**

Aug. 10, 11 and 12 (Times TBD)

**2021/2022 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:**

August 23 - First Day of School

**2021/2022 PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY EARLY RELEASE DAYS:**

Sept. 1, 15, 29, Oct. 13, 27, Nov. 10, Dec. 1, 15, Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 9, 23, April. 6, 18, May. 4, 18

**2021/2022 PLANNING ASSESSMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DAYS - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS:**

Aug. 16 - 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Jan. 3, Feb. 22, April 4,

**2021/2022 VACATIONS/HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF - OFFICES CLOSED**

Summer Holiday - July - - Aug. 20

Labor Day - Sept 6

Thanksgiving Day - Nov 23 - 26

Christmas Holidays Dec. 20 - Jan 4

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Jan. 17

President Day - Feb. 21

Spring Break - March 28 - April 1

Cesar Chavez Day - March 31

Memorial Day - May 30

**2021/2022 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:**

June 3 (half day)

## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

### **BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PROGRAMS AT PBA!**

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### **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>

### **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



[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!**

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