

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Teacher & Staff
Appreciation
Week



MAY 3RD - MAY 7TH!

THANK YOU PBA EDUCATORS FOR MODELING STRENGTH, PASSION, DEDICATION, AND PERSEVERANCE THIS YEAR FOR OUR STUDENTS! THEY ARE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS A TEACHER AND WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS A COLLEAGUE.

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

DREW SCHUTZ, PRINCIPAL!

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED WITH DEDICATION AND DESIRE OF OUR STAFF AT PBA. THIS YEAR ESPECIALLY I HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED WITH THE DEVOTION OUR STAFF HAS FOR OUR STUDENTS. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO SUPPORT OUR

STUDENTS EVERYDAY. I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU!
RYAN ADAMS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU TEACHERS AND STAFF! WE TRULY APPRECIATE AND VALUE YOU FOR ALL THE
WORK YOU DO FOR OUR STUDENTS!
ESTHER MATHOKA, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL!

THANK YOU TEACHERS, YOU ARE APPRECIATED! TEACHER APPRECIATION MAKES THE WORD
OF EDUCATION GO ROUND ~ HELEN PETERS!
DAWN SALTER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL!

THIS HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE AND CHALLENGING YEAR.
ONE THING WE KNOW FOR SURE, WE COULD NOT HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR WITHOUT YOU!
RHONDA ROBBINS, DEAN OF CULTURE!

THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU! CONTINUE TO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!
LINWOOD WASHINGTON, DEAN OF STUDENTS!

THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF!
I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU FOR HELPING US WITH OUR EDUCATION AND MAKING US BECOME
THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE!
TA'LAYA SCOTT, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING TEACHERS AND STAFF.
THIS YEAR HAS BEEN A CHALLENGING YEAR, BUT YOU MADE IT EASY FOR US.
FOR THAT, I AM THANKFUL!
CAMILA MEDIAN, STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT!



AUGUST:

https://www.nagc.org/sites/default/files/Publication%20PHP/bonuscontent/NAGC_At-Home%20Summer%20Fun%20for%20Creative%20Kids%20%26%20Families_August%202020.pdf

SUMMER CAMP LINK THROUGH DPS WEBSITE!

<https://equity.dpsk12.org/extended-learning/discovery-link/summer-camp/>

For questions, please reach out to Dr. Coy Rice at coy_rice@dpsk12.org

Please reach out with any question!
DREW SCHUTZ
andrew_schutz@dpsk12.org

Silverback Volleyball Club Summer Open Gyms! HURRY, IS FREE!

June 2021:

- 3rd - Thursday 5:00p-7:00p
- 10th - Thursday 5:00p-7:00p
- 17th Thursday 5:00p-7:00p
- 24th Thursday 5:00p-7:00p

July 2021

- 1st - Thursday 5:00p-7:00p
- 8th Thursday 5:00p-7:00p
- 5th Thursday 5:00p-7:00p
- 22nd Thursday 5:00p-7:00p

Fee: FREE

Location: Dive Volleyball 3899 North Jackson Street Denver, CO 80205

Registration Required (Spots Limited): **[Email silverbackvc@gmail.com](mailto:silverbackvc@gmail.com) or text 303- 909-5523 with the following info:**

- Athlete Full Name
- Athlete Phone
- Athlete Email
- Athlete Date of Birth
- Athlete School
- Athlete Position
- Parent Full Name
- Parent Phone
- Parent Email

Shout Out!

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO TALIE SCHANMAN
FOR CHOOSING PBA FOR HER HYGIENE
DRIVE. TALIA IS AN 8TH GRADE STUDENT AT**

ASPEN ACADEMY. SHE IS HEADED TO KENT DENVER FOR HIGH SCHOOL! GOOD LUCK TALIA!



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!

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

May 3rd -May 7th - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 11th - PBA Collaborative School Committee Meeting- 4:15 - 5:15 pm-

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).

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 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

Or to Belinda Lui @ 720-944-2774 or email at 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



PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY
— *Bringing the World Together* —

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