

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



 Thank you,  
**Teachers!**

- For jumping right into school all year ready to do whatever it takes to ensure our students are learning.
- For your willingness to listen, and
- For your extreme support!

**PBA APPRECIATES** the hard work and long hours each of you put in everyday!

## 8 GRADE CONTINUATION CELEBRATION!

Dear Parents,

This year we will have a remote Continuation Celebration on May 27th for our eighth grade students. It will be a video celebration and will be broadcast from 6-7 p.m. The Continuation Celebration video will also be available to watch or rewatch at a later date!

**We would like to give each 8th grader an opportunity to have a voice in the Continuation. Each 8th grader has the opportunity to make a 15 second video to include in the Continuation Celebration. We will use all appropriate videos submitted! Your child's participation is not mandatory, but we hope that you will encourage him/her to participate.**

Click [HERE](#) for the directions on how your student(s) should record a 15 seconds video message. **The deadline for them to submit their video is May 8th at 11:59 PM.**

Looking forward to celebrating with you.

**Rhonda Robbins**  
**Dean of Culture**  
**720-424-0960 (general)**  
**720-424-1066 (direct)**

## FAMILY LIFE CLASS FOR 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS STARTING SOON!

## PARENT PERMISSION NOTIFICATION!

Dear Parent/Guardian of 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students,

Place Bridge Academy will soon begin teaching Family Life to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. DPS supports the 3 R's curriculum (Rights, Respect, Responsibility). This curriculum focuses on age-appropriate, medically accurate information on topics related to puberty, reproductive development, communicable vs non-communicable diseases (HIV), recognizing feelings and emotions, healthy friendships, communication, boundary setting. The curriculum will be available at the school campus for you to preview. You may call Joanna Olson, School Health Educator at 720-424-0960 if you have any questions.

Once you are familiar with the program, **if you do not want your child to participate in this curriculum, please click [HERE](#) to sign the 'opt-out' form and return by May 8, 2020, in order to opt-out your student from participating. You may also email me at [JOANNA\\_OLSON@dpsk12.org](mailto:JOANNA_OLSON@dpsk12.org), to opt-out your student from participating.**

Thank you,

**Joanna Olson, MSW, LCSW**  
**School Health Professional**  
**720-424-0960**

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## FREE BABY SUPPLIES!

The Colorado Office of Early Childhood has received baby supplies from FEMA. Essential baby supplies, including formula, diapers and baby wipes, are being distributed to local Family Resource Centers and food banks throughout Colorado. These regional locations will help arrange the distribution of supplies to child care providers and families in need. Click [HERE](#) if you are in need of these items to find the contact information for the local distribution site closest to you

Tami Koenig MA,  
School Counselor

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:LISA_VELASQUEZ@dpsk12.org). Lisa will assist you with the process to remain.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

May 4 - 8 - Teacher Appreciation Week  
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

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## 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 \(guided meditation & practical teachings\)](#)

Tami Koenig MA,  
School Counselor:  
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Email: [tami\\_koenig@dpsk12.org](mailto:tami_koenig@dpsk12.org)

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## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

### **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](mailto: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.

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

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**School Vision: Competent, Confident, and Caring Students Ready to Pursue their Dreams!**

**Place Bridge Academy**  
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