

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

PLEASE REACH OUT IF
YOU NEED ANY
SUPPORT.

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It is the month of Thanksgiving!
What are you THANKFUL for?

I am thankful that I have the opportunity to support our teachers as they support our students, partner with families and community members to create a culture for our students and adults that is positive and geared towards the success of all those involved. But most importantly, I am thankful to be working with all to make our school a place where students have a joy of learning, a sense of pride and purpose, and the ability to achieve at a high level.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Return Unused Hotspots to Support Students at Home!

As dictated by our DOTS office, we show that some students have PBA hotspots that are currently not being used.

If your student(s) was issued a hotspot through Place Bridge Academy and is no longer using it, please return it to PBA (along with the box and charger) as soon as possible.

Our New Partnerships!

In partnership with the Agencies below, we are able to help families in need!

Weecycle - Provides free baby items such as strollers, high chairs, pack n' go, car seats, diapers, baby formula etc.

A Precious Child - Provides free basic essentials such as clothing, shoes, books, hygiene items, baby formula/food, diapers/wipes, household items

Gifted and Talented - Families (Affective Needs/SEL Supports)

In-person students in grades Kindergarten - 2nd grade, gifted and talented testing is continuing to take place from now through the end of January. Additionally, students (in K, 2, and 3-6th grade) that are virtual will be asked to participate in universal testing online.

Dr. Rice, our Gifted and Talented Itinerant, is working

We have students who are on the waitlist to receive hotspots access which is critical for remote learning.

PBA is continuing to work hard to prepare and redistribute hotspots to those who need them.

If you have any questions, please reach out to yuriy_anisimov@dpsk12.org

etc.

Denver Food Rescue -

Provides free fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products etc.

If you you are in need of these items, contact Ms. Akudo Nwokeukwu at 720-424-0965 or at akudo_nwokeukwu@dpsk12.org

with teachers, families, and students to test students using the Zoom platform. Parents will be notified regarding when to log on for the assessment.

Click [HERE](#) to download the popular Wellness Program App recommended by Dr. Rice.

for any question, reach out to Dr. Rice at coy_rice@dpsk12.org

PBA 2ND QUARTER MLE/PAC PARENT MEETING!

Dear Families,

You are invited to our 2nd Quarter Parent Meeting. Our meeting agenda will cover important school updates as well as the following topics:

- Title 1 Compliance
- Access Testing
- Curriculum Update
- Grading
- Student/Parent Handbook
- Parents Coaching Contract

WHEN: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

TIME: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

VENUE: Virtual

Meeting ID - meet.google.com/mee-xyug-fei - Join by phone - (US)+1 208-718-1703 - PIN - 444 031 893#

Other Language speakers join by phone:

- Amharic - 1 567-401-0093, Pin - 218 598 176#
- Arabic - 1 956-520-3772, Pin - 760 467 906#
- Burmese - 1 323-673-4037, Pin - 957 207 249#
- Chin from Burma - 1 917-336-3017, Pin - 498 327 032#
- French - 1 334-472-8099, Pin - 508 119 503#
- Karen - 1 417-616-3881, Pin - 591 791 750#
- Korean - 1 636-707-2731, Pin - 570 554 747#
- Napoli - 1 347-486-7695, Pin - 809 130 268#
- Russian - 1 520-815-1451, Pin - 994 188 778#
- Somali - 1 754-900-1575, Pin - 269 766 345#
- Spanish - 1 478-292-3710, Pin - 403 022 911#
- Swahili - 1 347-363-2063, Pin - 194 347 711#
- Tigrigna - 1 209-788-3580, Pin - 558 032 634#

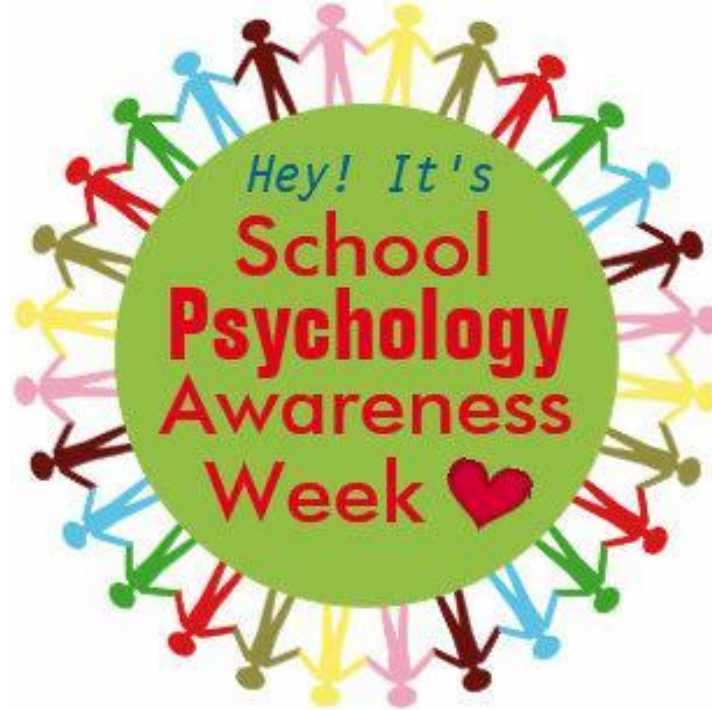
For questions, please reach out to Ms. Akudo Nwokeukwu at 720-424-0965 or

akudo_nwokeukwu@dpsk12.org

I hope you will join me for this important school update.

Drew Schutz

Principal



**NOVEMBER 9th - 13th
IS
NATIONAL SCHOOL
PSYCHOLOGY WEEK!**

**Celebrating our
School Psychologist,
Aleksandra Matysek
for all the amazing work
she does with our
students, Staff,
and Parents!**



**Aleks, thank you for
all you do! We are
glad to have you on
our PBA team!**

8th Grade Showcase Night at South High School!

PARENTS OF 8TH GRADE STUDENTS!

Denver South High School is hosting a Virtual 8th Grade Showcase on November 16th and November 19th from 6 - 8pm. They are offering two nights to choose from to attend and learn more about South High School. Get your questions answered about Academic Programs, Award-Winning Athletics and Clubs, Community Service, The Raven Report, Student Senate and more via conversations with administrators, teachers, as well as current Denver South students.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up using [the google form linked here](#). All attendees will receive a personal email with the zoom link prior to the event.

The link to the zoom meeting is below.

Topic: Denver South 8th Grade Showcase Night

Time: Nov 16 and 19, 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81139650086?pwd=MjB1V3lZM3VENVdtRUxiQnZuRERBQT09>

If you have questions, reach out to **Melina Hodzic** at **720.423.6245** or via email at **melina_hodzic@dpsk12.org**.

DPS MEAL DISTRIBUTION AND DELIVERY SITES!

Denver Public Schools is providing free **weekday breakfast and lunch meals to any child 18 years or younger at curbside locations throughout the city**. Pickup is available M-F 11:00 am - 1:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Click **[HERE](#)** to Learn more and/or see meal distributions sites.

Denver Public Schools is providing **weekday breakfast and lunch to DPS students Monday - Friday via school buses to designated sites throughout the district**. Meals will still be available for pick-up at DPS schools. Click **[HERE](#)** to Learn more!

SPORTS!

Dear Student-Athletes and Parents,

I hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy through this unsettling time. I wanted to give you an update on our middle school sports programs for Place Bridge Academy. **The Athletic Department has pushed back the sports season until January 2021**. At that time they will reevaluate the COVID numbers and decide next steps.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy! If you have questions please feel free to reach out to me.

Good Luck, Roadrunners!

Kathleen Nickless
Athletic Director
Phone: 720-424-1042
Email: kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org

UPCOMING EVENTS!

November 18 - 2nd Quarter Parent Meeting - Virtual - 6:00 - 7:30 pm
November 23 - 27 - Thanksgiving Break - No school for All - Offices closed
November 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY
December 8 - Collaborative School Committee Virtual Meeting
December 18 - Last Day of School
December 21 - 31 - Winter Break -No School for All Offices closed
December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
January 1 - New Years Day - No School for All - Offices closed
January 4 - Teacher Planning Day - No School for Students
January 5 - 1st Day of School for Students
January 18 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School for All - Offices closed

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

THE COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER TURKEY REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN THROUGH 11/13/2020!

Please click **[HERE](#)** to complete the registration form if you are interested.

GET HELP PAYING YOUR BILLS, UP TO \$4000 FOR DENVER RESIDENTS

WHO ARE IMPACTED BY COVID-19!

Denver Human Services is now offering up to \$4,000 (depending on need) of emergency/disaster assistance to those who qualify to support Denver residents in need who are negatively impacted by COVID-19 or lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19.

These payments can be used for a variety of reasons — to cover rent or pay the mortgage, to pay for mental or medical care, home or auto repairs, food or school supplies, and more. To qualify, you must be:
A lawfully present Denver resident
Have at least one dependent minor living at home
Make less than \$75,000
Have a COVID-19-related emergency
To apply, go to [Colorado.gov/PEAK](https://colorado.gov/PEAK) and apply for Colorado Works/TANF. This program is open until funds are exhausted. If you have questions or need help completing the application, contact Ms. Juanita Chavez @ 720-483-6606, Juanita.Chavez@denvergov.org

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

THE DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY - FREE VIRTUAL CITIZENSHIP STUDY GROUP AND/OR ONE-ON-ONE:

The Denver Public Library has free virtual citizenship study groups, as well as one-on-one appointments for people to prepare for the citizenship exam. Citizenship Study Groups meet weekly on Thursdays 5:30-7:00 (you can attend the whole time, or just come for any portion you're available) via Google Meet or via phone. You can find the info [HERE](#) or copy and paste this website denverlibrary.org/plaza (scroll down the page a bit, then you'll see 'Plaza Online Citizenship Study Group' you can choose to join on Google Meet or just calling in from a phone). Or click [HERE](#) or use this link (<https://meet.google.com/gxr-jjiz-tbw>) to join directly on Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 pm
The Study groups are free and open to all!

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.

FREE AND LOW COST TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES:

Some Denver Libraries are offering outdoor computer use. Click [HERE](#) to download all free and available low-cost Technology Resources in Denver.

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



PBA WEBSITE CLICK [HERE](#)

**2020/2021 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK
CLICK [HERE](#)**

**2020/2021 DPS SCHOOL CALENDAR CLICK
[HERE](#)**

**COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (CSC)
CLICK [HERE](#)**

**1ST QUARTER PARENT MEETING
PRESENTATION SLIDES CLICK [HERE](#)**

CYBERBULLING HANDOUT CLICK [HERE](#)



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

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