

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spotlight

MEET **MARISOL CHAVEZ** **SITE ASSESSMENT** **LEADER (SAL)**



Hello Place Bridge Academy Community,
My name is Marisol Chavez. I am the new Site Assessment Leader (SAL) at Place Bridge Academy. I'm very excited to join the team. I was born and raised in Colorado. I have a son; he is one year old and his name is Damian. I'm fortunate to have my entire family live in Colorado. I have an older sister and younger brother, and we're all very close. My mother and grandparents raised us, and we were fortunate to have been brought up in an English and Spanish household.

I worked for Chili's Bar and Grill for 16 years, managed restaurants here in Colorado, and also opened up restaurants throughout the nation. For fun, I like to spend as much time with my son as I can. I also enjoy golfing, traveling, and this beautiful state. I've worked with Denver Public Schools before, and I'm very excited to be back.

I'm looking forward to taking on the role of SAL. I'm here if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. My room is in 139 E, across the principal's office. My phone number is (720) 424-1043.

Marisol Chavez
Site Assessment Leader (SAL)
720-424-1043

Dear Parents,

You are invited to the Near Northeast Regional Town Hall. Come engage in a conversation with Superintendent Susana Cordova and Board Members Jennifer Bacon and Carrie Olson about topics important to community members in the Near Northeast region of Denver and learn how you can best support your child and their education.

WHEN - Saturday, Nov. 16

TIME - 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE - DSST Montview Campus (In the Atrium), 2000 Valentia St., Denver, CO

Bring your family and join us for a special event featuring:

- Resource Fair
- Mobile Health ClinicNE
- DPS Informational Sessions
- Food and drinks, childcare (aged 3-12), and interpretation provided!

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP. For more information, click [HERE](#) for the flier (English and Spanish), visit the event page or email FACE_Events@dpsk12.org.

MAP OF REGIONS FOUND [HERE](#)

José Martinez
Principal

REMINDER: PBA COLLEGE ACCESS DAY AT UNIVERSITY OF DENVER **IS THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH - 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Don't forget, our college Access Day at the University of Denver is this Saturday, November 16. Transportation is provided from three from Grace, Pine Creek and PBA. This event will be a day filled with different sessions about college including financial aid information, student/faculty panels, a campus tour and more! It is completely free of charge. Breakfast, and lunch will be provided!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

November 14 - 7th Grade Field Trip to Monaco Lane - 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

November 14 - Flag Football against Denver Green @ PBA - 4:00 pm

November 14 - Girls Volleyball against Denver Green @ PBA - 4:00 pm

November 16 - College Access Day @ the University of Denver - Middle School Students only - 7:00 am - 2:00 pm - Permission Slips must be turned in to attend

November 18 - Flag Football @ Hamilton - 4:00 pm

November 18 - Girls Volleyball @ Hamilton - 4:00 pm

November 20 - Annual Thanksgiving Lunch - 10:55 am – 12:50 pm - **NO COST FOR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS** - RSVP to Akudo Nwokeukwu @ 720-424-0965 if you plan to attend.

November 22 - PBA Professional Planning Day for Teachers - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

November 25 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break - **NO SCHOOL, OFFICES CLOSED**

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

December 10 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm

December 17 - Parent Ambassador Meeting - 10:00 - 11:30 am - PBA Auditorium

December 20 - PBA Professional Planning Day for Teachers - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

December 23 - January 3 - Christmas Break - **NO SCHOOL - OFFICES CLOSED**

January 6 - Professional Planning Day for Teachers - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

January 7 - First day of School for Students

January 14 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm

January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **NO SCHOOL - OFFICES CLOSED**

REMINDERS!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDERS:

SCHOOL DAYS - Monday - Friday - 8:45 am - 4:00 pm

BREAKFAST- Free for all students - 8:15 am - 8:45 am

FREE FAMILY NIGHT AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

RSVP is requested by email to mcDonaldt@si.edu if you plan to attend. Please include the number of guests and preferred show time for the planetarium.

NEW DPS 2019/2020 WEATHER DELAY SCHEDULE

All DPS schools (regardless of start time) will be delayed by two hours if a Weather Delay is called by DPS. This Weather Delay Schedule is designed to provide school buses additional time to pick up students and reduce student wait time in severe weather. The decision to close or delay school will be made by the superintendent based on information provided by representatives from DPS Transportation Services, transportation agencies and the weather bureau. Please click [HERE](#) to review the new process in the event DPS calls a weather delay.

CAREERS PROGRAM - ADVISING AND SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS AT EMILY GRIFFITH.

If you are planning on:

- Starting a new career
- Exploring career education or training options
- Hoping to get back into the career field you had before coming to the U.S.

The CAREERS Program for Refugees and Immigrants can help you! In this program Career Navigators can:

- Advise you on your career pathway,
- Help you earn a certificate
- Assist with employment, and
- Guide you as you reach your career goals.

Here is the BIG PART SCHOLARSHIPS may be available for career training and career related expenses. For more information or to schedule an enrollment meeting [HERE](#) AT PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY, contact Katie Broz at 720-423-4731 or by email at katie.broz@emilygriffith.edu. Click [HERE](#) to download flyer.

FREE ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS - AT PBA PARENT WELCOME CENTER

PBA is offering a **FREE ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES** at our Parent Welcome Center in partnership with Emily Griffith. **Beginner Class - Mondays and Wednesday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**
Intermediate Class - Tuesday and Thursday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Call 720-424-0965 for more information.

DENVER HUMAN SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES AT PBA TO HELP YOU WITH ELIGIBILITY ASSISTANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Representatives from Denver Human Services will be here at PBA every Tuesday and Wednesday to help you with **EMPLOYMENT AND ELIGIBILITY ASSISTANCE**. If you have questions about employment services, eligibility, re-determination process, and other resources that relate to General Assistance and/or any Eligibility programs, be sure to come meet with a DHS Specialist here at PBA (SEE DETAILS BELOW).

FOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES - EVERY TUESDAY FROM 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM - PBA RM 89 (NEXT TO PARENT WELCOME CENTER)

- Job Readiness Training
- Vocational Training
- GED Preparation Resources
- Referrals to community
- Agency resources

FOR ELIGIBILITY - EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM - PBA RM 89 (NEXT TO PARENT WELCOME CENTER)

- Rental Assistance Application *
- Motel Vouchers
- Family Reunification
- State ID/Birth Certificate Waivers
- Medicaid, SNAP, TANF Assistance

***Please Note: Rental assistance application will be accepted until 1:00 pm by appointment only – call 720-483-6606 to schedule your appointment.**

JOBS FOR YOU

Are you looking for a job? **The DoubleTree by Hilton Denver – Stapleton North located at 4040 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80216 has job openings for our PBA families.** You do not have to know how to speak English to be hired. If hired, ECO PASSES will be provided to cover your cost of transportation (RTD or Light Rail) to work, however, you must be full time employee working 32 hour or more to qualify. **For more information or to apply, please call Rosemary Fierra, Assistant Director of Human Resources at 303- 262 -7703, or Megan at 303-321-6666.**

SHOP AMERICAN FURNITURE WAREHOUSE (AFW)

Shop American Furniture Warehouse, Make any purchase at any AFW location, online or by phone ANYTIME or INVITE FAMILY/FRIENDS and support our school. Use Promo Code "SCHOOL" During check-out or mention our school or our **School ID: PBA 354** See more details [Here!](#)

SPORTS!

This week our Roadrunners will play their last home game for the late fall season. We play Denver Green on Thursday November 14th at 4:00 pm. Good Luck to our student-athletes and the coaches.

Our final late fall games will be held at Hamilton on Monday November 18th at 4:00 pm.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any question(s) you may have.

Good Luck, Roadrunners!

Kathleen Nickless
Athletic Director
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COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

GAINING LIFE SKILLS:

The older your child gets, the more they will be able to do things by themselves. Teach them basic life skills with these ideas. Do tasks together. Your child may be too young to cook dinner or clean the entire bathroom by themselves, but they can move toward doing those jobs by helping you. Give them a task, such as stirring casserole ingredients and pouring the mixture into a baking dish—then you put it in the oven. Or you might scrub the shower while they wipe down the mirror and sink.

HAND OVER THE REINS:

Decide what tasks your child may be ready for by thinking about what they can already do. If they know how to make their bed, maybe you'll teach them to change the sheets. Demonstrate putting on the fitted sheet, tucking in the top sheet, and replacing the pillowcase. The next time, let them try it by themselves with you nearby for help. Eventually they will be ready to do it on their own.

Tami Koenig MA,
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BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

Dear Parents,

BRIDGES is a federally funded after school program through the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. When we applied for the grant five years ago, we committed to the following SMART goals:

- Academics: Homework help with expanded Literacy and Math Opportunities
- STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Activities
- Positive Youth Development & Character Building: Opportunities to support social/emotional growth, service learning, and community service opportunities for our students
- Health & Wellness: Provide activities and resources to support the physical well-being of our students through awareness, nutrition and life style changes
- Family Involvement & Engagement: Opportunities for families to share and collaborate in their children's after school activities

As I look back over the last five years, I am pleased to say that our BRIDGES after school program has met and succeeded in all five goals. This would not be possible without the confidence you place in our program to let your children stay and engage in what we do. Do we push your students to succeed... Yes we do. Every single one of these goals has been structured to prepare your student academically as they journey through elementary, middle, high school and upper education. Ultimately success in these areas will help them decide and pursue the lofty goals they have set for themselves.

My proudest moments as a Program Director for BRIDGES is seeing how hard your students work and their determination to succeed. Together we are making a difference in their futures. Thank you for letting me be a part of that!

BRIDGES STUDENT SHOUTOUTS....

- A big shout out goes to Landon, Jeremiah, Mariah, Leilonie, and Ali for helping Mr. Martinez take down the bus cones every afternoon. It's a big task and their help is greatly appreciated.
- A big shout out goes to Landon, Jeremiah and Jessiah for help unpacking and unloading 100's of sweatshirts, hoodies and vests for our student cold weather garment give away last week. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

For more information on BRIDGES please contact:

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



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

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