

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?

Dear PBA Families and Community Members,

This year has been full of unexpected challenges for us all. The pandemic has forced us to solve problems that were previously unimaginable, and operate our school in completely new ways. That being said, there is still much to be thankful for. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I would like to express my gratitude for how the entire PBA community has responded to the challenges.

- Thank you PBA students for your flexibility and engagement in new ways of learning. You have continued to find ways to let your brilliance shine through no matter the situation!
- Thank you PBA teachers, paraprofessionals, and staff for your resilience, innovation, hard work, and determination. You have truly stepped up to meet the challenges of this year and do all you can to make things go as best as they possibly can for our students!
- Thank you PBA parents, guardians, and family members for your flexibility, patience, and efforts to support learning at home. I know that this year has asked a lot of you, and we cannot thank you enough for all you have done to partner with the school in support of your children!

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable Thanksgiving!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Yesterday, DPS made the decision to shift all K-12 grades and programs to remote learning, beginning on Monday, Nov. 30 through the winter break, which is the end of the first semester. This includes, a shift to remote learning for special-education and newcomer center programs.

ECE families will receive supports for at-home instruction, but we will not be offering full remote learning for ECE students.

This shift to remote learning will allow our teachers and students to work on consistent, uninterrupted class routines and focus their energy on the important work of learning.

We are committed to returning all elementary students at the start of second semester in January. We will also continue working with our health partners and our middle school leaders on the efforts to have our middle school students return to in-person learning as well, as soon as we can do so safely.

Rice is continuing to test students that are virtual in grades K, 2, and 6th as part of the district's universal testing (More Information may be found here in the Intent to test letter, you may copy and paste the link below to go to the website.

<https://sites.google.com/dpsk12.net/gifted-and-talented-dr-rice/intent-to-test-letter?authuser=0>

He will be asking students to go to a separate zoom or google link to take the test and then return to their classroom. This will continue through the end of January to complete as many assessments as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support to help our students stay engaged!

Click Here or copy and paste the link below to the **Parent Resources** offered through the NAGC regarding parenting for High Potential

<https://www.nagc.org/parenting-high-potential-1>



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PBA 2ND QUARTER MLE/PAC PARENT MEETING!
To our parents who attended our 2nd Quarter Parent

Meeting yesterday, Thursday, November 18, [A HUGE THANK YOU](#) for taking out time to attend. If you missed the meeting, please click [HERE](#) to download the presentation slide.

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!

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

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
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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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