

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spotlight

MEET RHONDA ROBBINS DEAN OF CULTURE



Hello Place Bridge Academy Community,
My name is Rhonda Robbins and I am the new Dean of Culture. I am very excited to join the team at PBA! I am originally from southern California and have lived in Alabama and Ohio before coming to Colorado. My husband, Paul and I live in Denver very close to PBA. I have two adult children and an adorable grandson! I enjoy biking, walking, and attending performing arts events. My regular walking path takes me right past PBA!

I have a BA from the University of California: Northridge, and attended the University of Alabama: Tuscaloosa on full scholarship. I also trained in Educational Leadership at the University of Denver.

My first career was as a theater actress primarily in Los Angeles. I have worked with the Shakespeare Society of America, Ralph Waite's Los Angeles Actors Theater, The L.A. Public Theater, and the Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

I have over 20 years' experience working in education from primary grades to college. I have taught language arts and drama. I was the attendance specialist at Aurora Central High School, the Dean of Students at Pickens Technical College, and the Assistant Principal of Culture at Strive Prep-Excel High School. I have had a lot of experience with changing culture in classrooms and schools. I am looking forward to having a positive impact here at PBA.

Please feel free to come and visit me. You can email me at Rhonda-Robbins@dpsk12.org or call the school to make an appointment. When you are at school, you can always ask to meet me, and I will come out to meet you if possible.

Rhonda Robbins
Dean of Culture
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Dear Parents,

Our students, parents, teachers, staff, and volunteers enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal today. Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend. Thanksgiving is a special moment in our lives when we give thanks. We enjoyed seeing you all and appreciate celebrating with you.

I am extremely thankful to the Kitchen staff who made this possible, and all the wonderful staff, and volunteers who committed their precious time to help make our Thanksgiving luncheon a success. My special thanks to the DoTS team, William Dodge, Yvette Anisimov, and Duvon Flores who came from across campus to help serve food during this special event.

I am thankful that Place Bridge Academy continues to strive for excellence in each and every classroom, to grow stronger by our diversity, and to cultivate an open and positive school climate. I wish you all a very special and memorial Thanksgiving.

José Martinez
Principal



PBA ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCH!



UPCOMING EVENTS!

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 7-9 - Adult English Language Registration - PBA Parent Welcome Center - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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 ADULT ESL CLASS - REGISTRATION FOR SPRING CLASSES - JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 9 AT PBA PARENT WELCOME CENTER - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

PBA is offering a FREE ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES at our Parent Welcome Center in partnership with Emily Griffith. Registration for our Spring Classes are as follows:

Tuesday, January 7th -----9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday, January 8th -----9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday, January 9th -----9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Beginner and Intermediate Classes offered - CLASSES WILL START MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020. Registration is required to attend.

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.

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 we finish our Early Fall sports teams. **Congratulations to all our volleyball and flag football teams and coaches for a terrific season.**

This week we also start our Winter Basketball season!! Try-outs for upper academy boys and girls will be held on Wednesday November 20th and Thursday November 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Student-athletes interested in trying out **must** attend both days.

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

Good Luck, Roadrunners!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER!

KEY TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS

Every parent wants to know the key to success that will help a son or daughter thrive in life, that "secret sauce" for raising a healthy child. Does such a sauce exist? The answer depends on your mindset as a parent and how you turn your mindset into practice with your children." This helpful website article provides parents with links that offer support in how to increase their student's success.

Here are the 4 steps to success:

- Teach the Growth Mindset Model. This means we are con-tinually growing as people, our success and abilities are not fixed.
- Emphasize Effort. Recognize the process, not the product.
- Encourage altruistic behavior and provide opportunities to practice it.

- Point out students impact on others when being helpful.

Click [HERE](#) and take a moment to look through the website to find support on how to better support your child's success.

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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](#)**



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