

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner



I appreciate your cooperation as
we navigate this difficult time!

Please reach out if you need any
support!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

For those students that returned to campus 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 6th grade) that are virtual will be asked to participate in universal testing online.**

Dr. Rice, our Gifted and Talented Itinerant, is working with teachers, families, and students within these grade levels to test students using the Zoom platform. Parents will be notified regarding when to log on for the assessment.

Dr. Rice is recommending a popular Wellness Program App that trains the mind in qualities associated with well-being. Please click [HERE](#) or go to <https://hminnovations.org/meditation-app> to download the **Wellness APP** that many people enjoy using! Also, click [HERE](#) or go to <https://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources-parents> to download the **Parent Resources** offered through the NAGC (National Association for Gifted Children):

Below is Dr. Rice's contact should you have any question.

Coy Rice, D.M.
coy_rice@dpsk12.org

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 etc.

Denver Food Rescue - Provides free fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products etc.

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

Many PBA students and staff came dressed in costumes and had a fun safe Halloween celebration! See pictures below!



PBA SPECIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS!



MEET OUR
SCHOOL HEALTH
PROFESSIONAL,
JOANNA OLSON.

Hello PBA Community,

Happy November! I feel lucky to be back at PBA for my second year. I am a social worker with the title of

School Health Professional, so my work at PBA is a little different from our school social worker's. I work here two days a week, teaching different health-related curricula to our middle school students. This year, I will be going into classes to provide prevention-education around marijuana use and vaping, as well as sexual health.

I have been a social worker for 13 years, and all of it has been in Denver Public Schools. I love meeting our students and being a support to them as they navigate the challenges of growing up.

I grew up in Minnesota, but have lived in Colorado since 2001. I love to travel and see the world, but I am always so happy to come home to Denver. I spend my free time hiking, camping, gardening, writing, reading, cooking, playing tennis, and playing with our dogs, Carl and Betty.

COVID 19 and 2020 has been hard on us, but I feel proud to be a member of the PBA community of educators and families who are showing up every day to put our students first. We will get through this together, so please reach out if you or your family needs additional support.

Sincerely,

Joanna Olson
PBA School Health Professional
joanna_olson@dpsk12.org

HALLOWEEN

CELEBRATION





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
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Email: kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org

UPCOMING EVENTS!

November 19 - 2nd Quarter Parent Meeting - Virtual - 6:00 - 7:00 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 - January 4 - Christmas Break

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 BILL, 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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