

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, our annual PBA Thanksgiving meal will be held on Wednesday, November 20, in our cafeteria. You are invited to come and enjoy lunch with your children. **The lunch is FREE for parents and siblings.** You have until Today, Thursday, November 7th to RSVP if you plan to attend.

Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP if you have not already done so.

Thanksgiving lunch times by grade levels.

- ECE -----12:00 pm (in their classrooms)
- Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grades -----12:40 - 1:00 pm
- 3rd Grades -----10:35 - 10:55 am
- 4th and 5th -----12:00 - 12:20 pm
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade -----11:34 - 11:54 am

I look forward to having you join us for our Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Thank you,

José Martinez
Principal

Dear Parents,

As you may already know, your students received 2 long sleeve hoodies (1 navy and 1 yellow) and 1 navy fleece vest, thanks to a generous donation from the Target in Glendale. We need to be consistent and clear with the dress code. **Students can wear khaki, black, or blue pants (NOT pajama pants) and either an appropriate colored collar shirt, a place bridge shirt, or the new Place Bridge sweatshirts.**

Please be informed that, on Monday, November 4th, our uniform policy went into effect, and any student found in violation will result in disciplinary action. Please ensure that your children comply with our school uniform code.

No other sweatshirts will be allowed. If any student has a non-PBA sweatshirt or are not in dress code, that student will be recorded on our **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS LIST** and be subjected to a lunch detention.

Thank you for your anticipated corporation.

Ryan Adams
Assistant Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS!

November 8 - Fall Celebration Festivals - Last 25 minutes of the school day

November 12 - CSC Meeting - Library - 4:30 pm

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 20 - PBA Professional Planning Day for Teachers - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
December 23 - January 3 - Christmas Break - 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

PBA COLLEGE ACCESS DAY AT UNIVERSITY OF DENVER - NOVEMBER 16TH - 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

College Access Day at the University of Denver is an event for Place Bridge Academy 6th – 8th graders and their families. 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, lunch and transportation will be provided! This PERMISSION PACKAGE has been sent home and must be completed and returned to attend.

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 guest 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 flag football and volleyball teams played at PBA on Monday, November 4, and Wednesday, November 6, against Slavens and Merrill respectively. Although we lost, but I was glad to see that our team played their best.

Keep up the hard work and sportsmanship! Please remember to have sweatpants and sweatshirts for games and practices. Go Roadrunners!

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!

Five suggestions for developing empathy in children:

- Empathize with your child and model how to feel compassion for others.
- Make caring for others a priority and set high ethical expectations.
- Provide opportunities for children to practice.
- Expand your child's circle of concern.
- Help children develop self-control and manage feelings effectively.

Even when kids feel empathy for others, societal pressures and prejudices can block their ability to express their concern. When kids are angry with each other over a perceived slight, for example, it can be a real challenge for them to engage their sense of empathy. Encourage kids to name those stereotypes and prejudices, and to talk about their anger, envy, shame and other negative emotions.

Model conflict resolution and anger management in your own actions, and let your kids see you work through challenging feelings in your own life.

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

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