

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Dear Parents,

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to our 2019/2020 Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled on **Wednesday, October 23, and Thursday, October 24, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.** I hope you can attend.

Conferences are the perfect time to meet your child's teacher, discuss strengths and challenges, and increase your understanding of the progress your child is making.

- Buses are provided to bring parents and students to school on both nights from Pine Creek and Grace Apartments (see schedule below).
- Language interpreters will be available for both nights from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.
- Childcare will be provided in the Auditorium through our Bridges staff for student's ages 5-12 years old.
- Our Special Service Providers and our School Nurse will be presenting workshop sessions related to health during the conference hours.
- Our Agency partners will also have tables in the main lobby to share important information and giveaways.

This year, our conferences will be **OPEN HOUSE STYLE**, and will be held in the **Gym (North and South), and the Cafeteria**. Your sessions will be one-on-one time with your child's teacher. If you require more time to address issues/concerns, please meet with your child's teacher after conferences to have the most productive time.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. I will look forward to seeing you.

José Martínez
Principal

BUS ROUTE FOR CONFERENCES
OCTOBER 23RD AND 24TH, 2019

IF YOU LIVE IN THE PINE CREEK,



GRACE OR HIDDEN BROOKS
APARTMENTS, PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#)
FOR TRANSPORTATION
INFORMATION.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

October 15 - 4th grade Field Trip to the Denver Library - **Permission slips were sent home with students and must be signed and returned ASAP.**

October 15 - Free Legal Day - One-One Consultation with Immigration Attorney - Parent Welcome Center - 12:00 - 3:00 pm

October 15 - Free Training to prevent risky behaviors in youth - Hamilton Middle School - 8600 E Dartmouth Ave, Denver, CO 80231 - 6:00 pm

October 18 - **NO WORK COMP. DAY FOR STAFF - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF - OFFICES CLOSED**

October 21 - **Professional Learning Days for Teachers - NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS**

October 22 - **Professional Learning Days for Teachers - NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS**

October 23 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Denver Library - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

October 23 - **Parent Teacher Conferences - 4:30 - 7:30 pm**

October 24 - **Parent Teacher Conferences - 4:30 - 7:30 pm**

October 24 - Flag Football @ Denver West - 4:00 pm

October 24 - Girls Volleyball @ Denver West - 4:00 pm

October 25 - Guest Speaker Series - Auditorium - 1st session 9:

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**

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

4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO THE DENVER LIBRARY - OCTOBER 15TH - PERMISSION SLIPS NEED TO BE RETURN TO PARTICIPATE

Parents, please be reminded that Permission slips that were sent home with students must be signed and returned ASAP to enable your child participate.

2ND AND 3RD GRADE PE CLASSES FIELD TRIP - ELEMENTARY DAY OF DANCE AT MCNICHOLS CIVIC CENTER BUILDING, OCTOBER 9 - 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The 2nd and 3rd grade PE classes will be taking a Field Trip to the Elementary Day of Dance at McNichols Civic Center Building - 144 West Colfax Ave, on Wednesday, 9th October, from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. Students will participate in dance workshops with:

- Cleo Parker Robinson Dance'
- Fiesta Colorado, and
- Breaking Barriers.

Student(s) should bring comfortable clothing, and a water bottle. Snacks will be provided.

Contact Mr. David Smith at david_smith@dpsk12.org, or Ms. Kathleen Nickless at kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org for questions.

FREE LEGAL DAY FOR PARENTS - PARENT WELCOME CENTER - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 - 12:00 - 3:00 PM

A local Immigration Attorney, Mr. Andrew Brooks, will be @ PBA on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, to answer **IMMIGRATION QUESTIONS**. Consultation will be One-on-One, and on first come first served basis. For questions, contact Akudo Nwokeukwu @ 720-424-0965.

FREE TRAINING TO PREVENT RISKY BEHAVIORS IN YOUTH AT HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 - 6:00 PM

Hamilton Middle School will be hosting a FREE training on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00 pm, on how to prevent risky behaviors in youth. Retail marijuana laws in Colorado, its health effects on youth and talking tips to open the conversation will be discussed. Hamilton Middle School is located at 8600 E Dartmouth Ave, Denver, CO 80231 (near Hampden Ave and S Yosemite Street). Information will be in both English and Spanish. **For questions or more information, please contact Ms. Olson, School Health Educator at Place Bridge Academy @720-424-1076 or joanna_olson@dpsk12.org.** You are also welcome to meet with her in school. Her work hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:15 am - 4:15 pm.

ATTENTION 3RD GRADE PARENTS - 3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP TO THE DENVER LIBRARY - OCTOBER 23RD

Please be informed that the 3rd grade class will be taking a field trip to the Denver Library on **Wednesday, October 23rd from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.** One of the activities planed for the students is to obtain their own library card. **This will necessitate providing the library with information including;**

- **Student's Name,**
- **Address,**
- **Date of Birth, and**
- **Phone Number.**

Once the cards have been issued, the library will shred all personal information. **If you have any objection to this activity, please email Mr. David Elbot (DAVID_ELBOT@dpsk12.org), advising him that you do not want your student to receive a library card.**

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 Fierro, Assistant Director of Human Resources at 303- 262 -7703, or Megan at 303-321-6666.**

CAREER PATHWAYS AT ASIAN PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Asian Pacific Development Center has career opportunities that will help you get skills to start your path in the food service industry. if you are interest, contact Rondi Noden, at rondinoden@apdc.org or 303.923.6371. Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

SHOP AMERICAN FURNITURE WAREHOUSE (AFW)

SPORTS!

As we are entering our Late Fall sports, please remind your student-athletes to bring warm clothing for practices and games.

This week we are continuing our try-outs for Flag Football and Girls Volleyball! First game for both teams is scheduled for Thursday October 24th at Denver West 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!

October Is National Bullying Prevention Month!

If your child's school calls you and tells you that your child is bullying other kids, if other parents are complaining to you that your child is bullying their child, or if you notice that your child is constantly getting into fights ... take a deep breath and admit that your child has a problem. Many parents will take the stance of denial or feel that others are being mean to their child. It takes a courageous and open parent to realize that their child has a problem and that they need help. Parents may think there is no problem - that it's just a little teasing, or that it's natural for children to fight with one another. Take all accusations of bullying seriously. What may seem natural to you may be harming others a great deal.

Sit down and have a conversation with your child. Tell them that the school or other parents have reported their aggressive behavior, that you love them no matter what, that their behavior has to change and that you support the school's punishment and will not tolerate this behavior.

Explain that bullying, whether its physical or verbal, causes pain to others. Let them know that name-calling, teasing, hitting, pushing, starting or spreading rumors are wrong and not acceptable behavior. Let your child know that you will help them to change the behavior and correct the situation. Ask them how they think the bullying could stop. What do they think has to change in order for them to change? Depending on the age of the child, they may not know any better. Young children, especially, need to be told that hurting another child is not acceptable.

After you have thoroughly discussed this with your child, meet with their teacher. Listen to the teacher's perspective without being judgmental. Let the teacher know that you are willing to work with the school to help stop your child from bullying. It's important to tell the teacher if there are any family problems that you might be experiencing.

Additional counseling may be needed for your child. It will help them learn to behave differently, accept responsibility for their actions and teach them how to develop guilt, as well as learn how to form cohesive relationships.

**Tami Koenig MA,
School Counselor:
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BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Every school year we send out a Parent Information Letter for our BRIDGES families. Click [HERE](#) to download this year's letter. The letter provides you with information about the BRIDGES program. Additionally, it sets the expectations and rules for the program. At the end of the letter, you will find the **BRIDGES PROGRAM PARENT & STUDENT LETTER OF AGREEMENT**. This must be signed by you and your child acknowledging that you have read, discussed and understand the guidelines to be in the BRIDGES program. Please make sure your student returns it to the Main Office or to Ms. Roxie's office. Failure to do so by Thursday, October 31, 2019, will result in a temporary dismissal from the BRIDGES program until we receive it. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to spending time with your students after school.

Wait List Effective Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Please be advised that effective Tuesday, September 24, 2019, all newly received BRIDGES after school program registrations were placed on a wait list. We have reached our capacity for the 2019/2020 school year. However, as students leave the program, or have registered and not attended, you will be notified that a spot has opened. It is our hope that we will be able to start adding students to BRIDGES in early November.

We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause you. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Roxie Berkman
BRIDGES PROGRAM DIRECTOR
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2019/2020 PBA SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR
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