

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



MEET TAMI KOENIG SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Place Bridge Academy Community,

My name is Tami Koenig. I am your School Counselor. I have a master's degree in Counseling and Psychology. I graduated from the Troy State University with a Masters in Counseling and Psychology. I have been working as school counselor for 16 years. I was born and raised in Colorado. I love to be in the mountains; hiking, skiing, and camping.

I have two boys, one is 24 and graduated from the School of Mines and is currently a Petroleum Engineer, the second is reserve Air Force and load master for C130's. I have been at Place Bridge Academy for five years, and love working with kids.

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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 provide 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 Martinez
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 18 - 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 23 - No Bridges After School program

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

October 24 - No Bridges After School program

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

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

October 25 - Guest Speaker Series - Auditorium

- **Session one - Middle school female students - 9:45 - 10:35 am**

- **Session two - Middle school male students - 1:20 - 2:05 pm**

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

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 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

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

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 planned 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.**

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 returned on or before Friday, November 1st, 2019.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCH - NOVEMBER 20 - 10:50 AM - 12:50 PM - FREE FOR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS

We will be hosting our annual thanksgiving meal with parents and families on November 20th in our cafeteria. There will be no cost for parents and siblings. However, in preparation for this grand meal, we are asking that you respond by telling us that you plan to attend. Please RSVP to Akudo Nwokeukwu @ 720-424-0965 if

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..

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)

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!

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 Flag Football and Girls Volleyball are 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.

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BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

NO BRIDGES ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD AND OCTOBER 24TH DUE TO CONFERENCES THOSE EVENINGS.

All BRIDGES students must leave the building at 4:00 PM to ride their bus or be picked up. During conferences BRIDGES will be offering activities in the Auditorium for students in Kindergarten to 8th grade from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM while their parents are meeting with teachers. Parents please drop off their students in the Auditorium and pick them up. We will not let students leave the Auditorium without a parent. We look forward to seeing you during conferences.

**Roxie Berkman
BRIDGES PROGRAM DIRECTOR
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2019/2020 PBA SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOUND [HERE](#)



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