

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I was incredibly excited to have welcomed our 2nd - 5th grade students back to in-person learning yesterday.

I am looking forward to getting to know your children, spending time with them, and learning their respective interests.

My goal is to ensure that all students at Place Bridge Academy are safe, healthy, and happy, so they may learn as much as they can.

Please know that I am here to support you should you need any help this very difficulty time.

Reach out to me with any questions, concerns, and/or suggestions you may have.

I look forward to partnering with you!

Regular attendance is important to the success of our students in school. We hope to partner with you in making regular and prompt attendance a priority.

We encourage all students to be in school every day and strive for perfect attendance.

As we monitor student attendance, you will be receiving notification of excessive absences and/or tardies. If your child needs to be absent from school due to illness or for an appointment, please call the school before 9:00 am or as early as possible.

You can call in your absences to 720-424-0968.

Again, thank you for your involvement.

Colorado is known for fast-changing weather, so, it is important to plan for the reality of fall in Colorado. Please have your children dress for these changes in temperature. Coats and jackets should be labeled.

With the increase in the amount of in person students, I want to remind you that our drop-off/pick-up area will remain behind the school.

In the morning, students will be dropped off, and head straight into the back doors to be temperature checked and grab their breakfast before heading to class. In the afternoon, students will be lined up on the field and asked to remain with their class until they are picked up. Students will be released once their parent pulls up.

Thank you for helping our drop-off and pick-up go well.

6 - 8 GRADE IN-PERSON LEARNING WILL START ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9!



PBA SPECIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS!



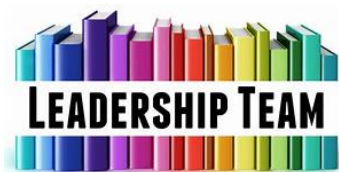
MEET OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, JESSICA ARAGON

Hello PBA Community,

I am your School Social Worker! I attended the University of Denver where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Master's Degree in Social Work. I started my career at Place Bridge Academy and am happy to be starting my 7th year here. Many people do not always understand what a school social worker does, but in general, I am here as a support for all of our students and families. I help with social-emotional support for students who are struggling with behavior or going through a challenging time. This may look like working with students individually, supporting whole classes or connecting families to other resources. I support with special education, attendance for students, and more to make sure students are happy and successful. I work closely with our teachers, administration and many outside agencies so students are getting everything they need.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family (and pet pig), watching our Colorado sports teams, coaching gymnastics and enjoying the outdoors. I know this year will be unlike any other, but I am excited to work with all of our amazing students. Please reach out if I can be of support to you.

Jessi Aragon, LSW
School Social Worker
(720) 424-1076
jessica_aragon@dpsk12



**PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING OUR NEWLY ELECTED
STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS!**

Our student council officers will be instrumental in leading the student culture at PBA. I am already impressed with the ideas and attitudes they have demonstrated during the campaign process.

WAY TO GO, ROADRUNNERS!!

**Rhonda Robbins
Dean of Culture**



**Ta'laya Scott
President**



**Camila Medina
Vice President**



**Prashant Khatri
Secretary**



**Evelyn Torres-Corrales
Treasurer**



**Ny'Kori Hill
Historian**



**Moo Ae
Eighth Grade
Representative**



**Ofelia Sevillano
Seventh Grade
Representative**



**Wisal Al-Tameemi
Sixth Grade
Representative**

STUDENT/PARENT 2020/2021 HANDBOOK!

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who have downloaded our 2020/2021 Student/Parent Handbook and completed the acknowledgement form. **If you are yet to do so, kindly click the link below to DOWNLOAD the STUDENT HANDBOOK, FILL OUT the ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM and SUBMIT.** Please note that you have until the end of the month to do so.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/105rSp7Szh5_BC2eOLMbHsLWWW9DQJwSgFjQQS4-eFdw/edit

Please reach out to me with any questions.

**Linwood Washington
Dean of Students
linwood_washington@dpsk12.org
720-988-3462**



TO A TRUNK OR TREAT STREET HALLOWEEN EVENT AT TJHS, OCTOBER 30, 4 - 6 PM!

The Denver Public Schools and Thomas Jefferson High School BSA Club are teaming up to sponsor a **TRUNK or TREAT STREET HALLOWEEN EVENT**. The event will take place on Friday, October 30, 2020, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, at THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL (TJHS) Student Parking lot Area (By the Ball Park), 3950 South Holly Street, Denver, Colorado.

Click [HERE](#) to download flyers details and/or get details on how the event will work.

For questions, reach out to Ms. **DANYELLE CHARLES**, Phone: 720-423-7050, or Ms. **CARLA ALLEN** Phone: 720-423-7060,

SPORTS!

Welcome Back student-athletes! The Athletic Department is still waiting to hear if and when middle school sports will begin for the new school year!

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

Good Luck, Roadrunners!

Kathleen Nickless
Athletic Director
Phone: 720-424-1042
Email: kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org

UPCOMING EVENTS!

November 1 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - Remember to Set your Clock 1 Hour Back on Saturday, October 31 before bedtime

November 6 - FIRST DAY OF IN PERSON LEARNING RETURN FOR 6 - 8 GRADE STUDENTS

November 10 - Collaborative School Committee Virtual Meeting

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!

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

DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY SUBSIDIZED WAITLIST IS NOW OPEN!

The waitlist lottery for Denver Housing Authority Subsidized Housing is currently open for Families with Children, Disabled Individuals, or Elderly (62+). Please use the link below to apply as soon as possible as these are only open for a short time.

<http://www.denverhousing.org/LWU/AffordableHousing/CurrentStatus/Pages/default.aspx>

Call 720-932-3020 if you have any question.

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!

Family Constituency Services provides high quality services using culturally competent practices. We provide services to families, schools, and community members who need assistance accessing school and district resources, addressing concerns, and building skills to be strong partners in their students' education. We have Spanish-speaking staff and have access to multilingual interpretation services. Please state the language you speak when calling in and we will connect with an interpreter.
For assistance, call 720-423-3054 to access the Family and Community Helpline 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](#)**



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— Bringing the World Together —

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

**Place Bridge Academy
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720-424-0960 | place.dpsk12.org**