

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The students and staff at Place Bridge Academy had A FIRE DRILL today at 1:00 pm, and we will be having monthly drills to practice mandatory DPS safety drills.

The safety of all children, school staff and support personnel are very important to us. In order to maintain a safe environment for our children to study and learn, it is necessary that we practice our emergency and crisis response plans by having drills designed to exercise our procedures.

Click [HERE](#) to download the emergency safety drills detailed information.

Tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 30, will be the last day for Grades 3-5 in-person instruction. These grades will shift to remote learning on Monday, Nov. 2 and will stay in remote learning until the Thanksgiving holiday, when we will reassess health conditions. We Will ensure that students will gather supplies to prepare for remote learning before the leave tomorrow.

Early childhood education (ECE) through second grade will continue to attend full-time, in-person learning.

Grades 6-8 will remain in remote learning through the end of the semester in December.

Student's report cards will be available this Saturday, October 31, 2020.

We will not be sending paper copies home this year. But parents will be able to view and/or print report cards in Parent Portal starting this Saturday.

To view your student's report card, please click [HERE](#) or login to your parent portal (myportal.dpsk12.org), and to grades to view your students grades. If you have more than one student, use the dropdown arrow on the top right hand corner to move between your students.

In the Spotlight

PBA SPECIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS!



**MEET OUR
SCHOOL NURSE,
TEREZ
WOODWARD**

Hello PBA Community,

I am very excited to be starting my 5th year here at PBA. I have been a Nurse for over 30 years having worked at Children's Hospital, for hospice and in School Based Health Clinics. Being a School Nurse is the BEST job ever! I love meeting, talking with, and helping to guide students and families in better health practices for optimal wellness.

I have my Masters in Holistic Family Nursing and I am excited to share a variety of practices and techniques with students. We are so fortunate to have a Denver Health Clinic right here in the school. The Nurse Practitioners and I work closely together to meet our students health needs.

COVID 19 is presenting many challenges. However, there are many resources to help meet our needs, provide up to date scientific information that will help keep us all safe. Please reach out for any questions, request, and concerns you may have.

When not at work I teach Kundalini yoga, hike, garden, bike, read, make masks, practice music and anything to avoid housework!

Please reach out to me so we can work together to keep our students healthy, happy and well.

**Blessings,
Terez Woodward RN CNS
School Nurse
Place Bridge Academy
720 424 0976**

CYBERBULLYING

HOW TO IDENTIFY IT AND WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Has your child been cyberbullied? Perhaps your student is the cyberbully? This must read handout provides information and resources on cyberbullying and social media for parents in support of their child's online learning. Click [HERE](#) to download the handout.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns!

Rhonda Robbins
Dean of Culture
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720-424-0960 (general)
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MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES - PLEASE READ

Many of our middle school students will be receiving incomplete grades for the first trimester. The incomplete grade means you have not turned in enough work to get a letter grade for Trimester 1.

DPS has created a way for students to make up specific work Trimester 1 so they can receive a letter grade on their student transcripts. **Here are the steps you need to take to turn your incomplete grade into a letter grade:**

- Check your DPS email. Teachers will be sending emails to all students who have an incomplete for the trimester.
- Complete all of the assignments they have attached and submit them. All the assignments for one class have to be turned in at the same time; you cannot submit one assignment at a time.
- Email your teacher outside of class time if you have questions or need support. Remember: this was work already assigned during class. Your teacher will not provide one on one instruction, but is available to answer specific questions.
- Students will be expected to complete all current work for their classes in addition to this makeup work from term 1. Students need to complete missing work independently, outside of the school day.
- Check your final grade in student portal after November 20th.

Some things to keep in mind:

- All make up assignments must be submitted no later than November 20th. No make up work will be accepted after that.
- If you choose not to complete the make-up assignments, or they are unfinished when submitted, the incomplete grade will turn to an F on your student transcript.
- there will be no negotiating or alternative make ups. Students will complete the work chosen by the teacher and submit all of the work at one time.

If you or your family have questions, please contact your classroom teachers and add me to the email. My email address is ryan_adams@dpsk12.org

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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
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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 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 pasty 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

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



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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