

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

During this time of Thanksgiving, I want to share my gratitude and to thank you for being such an important part of our children's lives. This is a wonderful time of the year to get together with friends and family to celebrate and be thankful for all the wonderful people in *our* lives.

We will be hosting our annual PBA Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 20th, in our cafeteria. **I would like to invite you to come and enjoy lunch with your children. The lunch will be provided FREE for parents and siblings.** However, in preparation for this grand meal, we ask that you respond by **completing and returning the RSVP FORM that was sent home with your child by tomorrow Friday, November 1st**, to enable us plan accordingly. You may also click [HERE](#) to download and complete the RSVP form.

Below are the Thanksgiving lunch times by grade levels.

- ECE - 12:00 pm (in their classrooms)
- Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade - 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 Martínez
Principal

Dear Parents,

I am happy to inform you of the **CAREERS Program - Career 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.

Akudo L. Nwokeukwu
Outreach Coordinator

DPS is considering asking voters for tax funds to support a bond initiative and mill levy override in 2020, and we want parents and families to have a voice about where and how these funds would best

serve current and future students. The 2020 Community Planning and Advisory Committee (CPAC) will play a critical role in creating recommendations on future updated buildings and play spaces, improved technology, and other essential investments that will ensure quality learning environments for all students.

DPS is seeking 60 parents and community members for the 2020 Community Planning and Advisory Committee (CPAC), and is currently accepting applications from members of the DPS community, including parents/guardians, students, educators, community members and alumni. If you are interested, click [HERE](#) for the **2020 CPAC Application** available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

November 4 - Flag Football against Slavens @ PBA - 4:00 pm
November 4 - Girls Volleyball against Slavens @ PBA - 4:00 pm
November 6 - Flag Football against Merrill @ PBA - 4:00 pm
November 6 - Girls Volleyball against Merrill @ PBA - 4:00 pm
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

FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

Asian Pacific Development Center is hosting a free citizenship workshop this Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, at 1537 Alton St, Aurora, CO 80010. They will assist participants with the citizenship application (N-400 form) and fee waiver (I-912), which will be reviewed by a team of immigration attorneys. Attached is the info and documents needed to participate. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Citizenship Coordinator, Alex Bisges at alexandreabisges@apdc.org or 303.617.2567.

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.

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 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!

Congratulations to our Flag Football and Volleyball teams for starting their seasons with a win. Please remind your student-athletes to wear warm clothing for practices and games.

Do to our snow storm this week's flag football games were canceled. Our next games for both teams will be November 4th and 6th at PBA.

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!

Families play an important role in showing children how to be a good friend and make friends. The best way is to model the behavior you would like to see. Below are simple ways you can accomplish this at home:

- Help your child realize his own strengths and talents.
- Try to have a sense of humor about yourself and your shortcomings.
- Listen to your child without criticism.
- Be kind, give compliments, wave to a friend, open the door for someone.
- Be understanding of what others are going through by showing empathy.
- Don't complain. Instead, teach your children to accept what can not be changed by working hard to change the things that can.

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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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