

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**ECE, KINDERGATEN,
AND 1ST GRADE
STUDENTS!**

*Let's Get It
Done!*



PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY
— Bringing the World Together —

In the
Spotlight

OUR SCHOOL DEANS!



MEET OUR DEAN OF CULTURE, RHONDA ROBBINS!

Members of the Place Bridge Community,

"Hello, I am Rhonda Robbins, Dean of Culture. I am proud and excited to start my second year at PBA. Although I grew up as a California girl, I love Colorado's great seasons and, of course, our Rocky Mountains!

My work this year will focus on improving the culture of the school through increased social emotional learning, building strong relationships between educators and students, and providing extra-curricular activities for students and staff. I will support, as needed, with student discipline with our new, great Dean of Students, Mr. Linwood Washington!

Virtual learning makes connecting more difficult, but please feel free to "visit me" via email. My email address is Rhonda-Robbins@dpsk12.org or call me at 720-424-106, and we can chat!!

Please stay safe, healthy, and happy. Have a great school year!

Miss you,

Rhonda Robbins
Dean of Culture
720-424-0960 (general)
720-424-1066 (direct)

In-Person Safety Orientation - Dates and Times for All 2nd - 8th Grade Students Who Chose In- Person Learning!

Dear Families,

We were excited to welcome our 1st graders back into the building this week. It is nice to now have three grade levels at the school as we continue with our gradual switch to in-person learning for the students who have opted to do so.

Safety Orientations:

For the students who have chosen in-person learning, we will be providing opportunities for the remaining grade levels to come to the school the week of October 12th. During this time, they will go through a short orientation and practice our safety protocols before they return to school on the 21st. Students in 2nd through 8th grade are invited to come during the following times that week:

- **Monday 10/12 – 2nd grade 9:00 to 11:00**
- **Tuesday 10/13 – 3rd grade 9:00 to 11:00 and 6th grade 1:00 to 3:00**
- **Wednesday 10/14 -4th grade 9:00 to 11:00 and 7th grade 1:00 to 3:00**
- **Thursday 10/15 – 5th grade 9:00 to 11:00 and 8th grade 1:00 to 3:00**

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide transportation for these times and understand that it will be difficult for many of our student to get here. Because of that, these sessions are not mandatory. We

encourage students to attend, but will rely on virtual training opportunities if they are unable to do so. If you have chosen virtual learning for your child, they do not need to attend.

In order to conduct these orientation sessions, teachers will be providing asynchronous content during these times and will not be conducting their normal live instruction. Please be on the lookout for communication from your child's teacher with specific details on the orientation.

Fall Conferences:

I also want to share information on Fall Conferences this year.

- All conferences will be virtual this year.
- We will be identifying a window of time for conferences to take place, in order to give teachers the flexibility to have meetings with families either before or after in-person return.
- The window for conferences will be from 10/12 to 10/30.
- Please look out for information from your child's teacher on when they plan to schedule their conferences.
- October 16th is the DPS conference day, and is a non-student contact day. We will be conducting our conferences in the afternoons and evenings throughout the window described above.

Please call our front office at 720-424-0960 if you have any questions. I want to thank you all again for your flexibility and understanding as we move through such an unusual year!

Drew Schutz
Principal

2ND-8TH GRADE RETURN REMINDER!

Hello Place Bridge Community:

All Students and families who selected "IN-PERSON LEARNING," we are so excited to welcome back these students. **Please be reminded that 2nd - 8th grade students who opted in will start on Wednesday October 21st at 8:45 am.**

As a reminder,

- Students will line up at their designated door on the red dots to physically distance our students.
- All students entering Place Bridge MUST wear a mask.
- If your student is not feeling well, has a temperature, or is exhibiting any COVID-like symptoms please keep them home, they will not be allowed into their classrooms.
- Student drop-off and pick-up will continue to be at the rear entrance behind the school.
- Student drop-off times are between 8:45 and 9:00 am **Please do not drop off your student any earlier than 8:45).**
- Instruction will begin at 9:00 am.
- Student pick-up will be from 3:30 to 3:45 pm.

We are unable to provide group supervision for early arrivals and/or late pickups due to health restrictions requiring that we keep students in their classroom cohort.

Please be informed that NO VISITORS will be allowed inside any DPS school this year. You can say goodbye to your student on the parent drop off location.

Feel free to reach out with any question or concern. Please keep yourself safe by remembering to wear your mask and remain 6 feet from other families.

Thank you,

Linwood Washington
Dean of Students
720-988-3462

IN-PERSON LEARNING START DATES!

In-Person Learning for ECE - 1st Grader Students have started

2nd - 8th Grade start date is - OCTOBER 21, 2020

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
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UPCOMING EVENTS!

October 13 - Collaborative School Committee Virtual Meeting - Virtual - 4:15 - 5:15 pm - [Join with Google Meet](#) [meet.google.com/gsy-jhtr-mmq](#). [Join by phone](#) (US) + 931-683-2558 PIN: 851 090 881#

October 16 - Family Conference Day - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

October 19 - Planning Day for Teachers - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

October 20 - Planning Day for Teachers - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

October 21 - **FIRST DAY OF IN PERSON LEARNING FOR 2ND - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS**

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

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 21 - January 4 - **Christmas Break**

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

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

ONLINE CITIZENSHIP CLASSES!

THE ASSIAN PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER - OCT. 19 - DEC. 23:

The Asian Pacific Development Center Adult Education Program is offering free online classes from October 19 - December 23, 2020. Classes include ESL, ABE/ASE/GED, Culinary Pathways, Small Business, Career Exploration, Citizenship and Computer classes.

To register, students must complete the following steps:

- Complete the registration form found [HERE](#) or copy and past this website <https://tinyurl.com/y3f2wr6r>
- Go to APDC and take two tests. Click [HERE](#) to download schedule/flyer. Individuals may also contact us at 303-923-2940 to schedule a virtual test.
- After the test, speak to a teacher on the phone to choose a class.
- Start class online on Monday, October 19.

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 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:

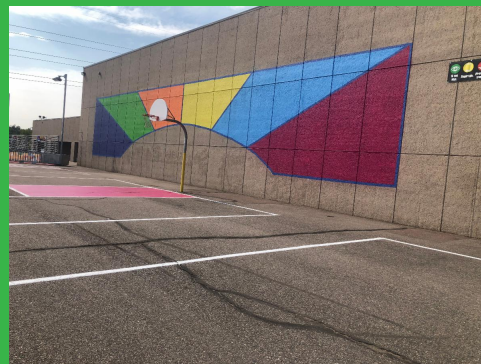
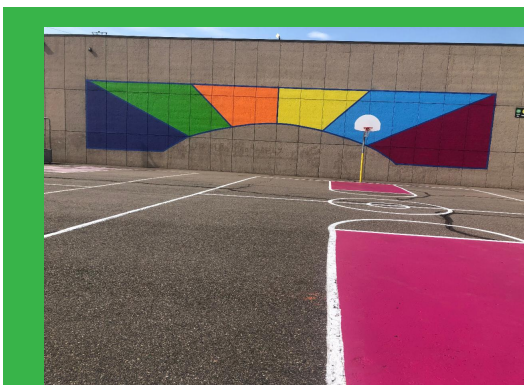
Our Partnership with Denver Human Services is ongoing! Please reach out to Juanita Chavez @ 720-483-6606 if you need assistance with any of the following:

- Rental Assist
 - Motel Vouchers
 - Family Reunification
 - State ID/Birth Certificate Waivers
 - MEDICAID, SNAP, TANF ASSISTANCE
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Shout Out!

Thank You
TO OUR DONORS

THE OAK CHURCH and SEND RELIEF who spent time and money painting a pretty and incredible MURAL on our playground!



SHANE CO who donated a total of 362 Backpacks with school supplies!



**WE ARE GRATEFUL
FOR ALL YOUR
SUPPORT!**

LINKS!

PBA WEBSITE 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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