

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



ADMIN SPOTLIGHT:

MEET RYAN ADAMS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Hello Place Bridge Academy Community,

I am excited to begin my 17th year in education in my new role as Assistant Principal. For the past two years I have had the honor to be the Dean of Instruction here at Place Bridge. My focus was on middle school instruction, specifically literacy and social studies. I am very excited to extend my focus in a new role here at Place Bridge. Prior to moving into leadership, I spent 14 years teaching at the Ridge View Academy (a male juvenile detention center) and Aurora West College Preparatory Academy, our neighbors to the east.

My passion is instruction; specifically how to engage language learners. I love learning about different cultures and enjoy learning from your students. I am open and available to talk about ways to improve our school or just get to know me better. Please say hi when you see me around Place Bridge!

Ryan Adams
Assistant Principal
Place Bridge Academy
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PARENT AMBASSADORS!

Thank you to all the parents who attended our 1st Quarter Parent Ambassador meeting yesterday, Wednesday, September 11th. I appreciate your taking the time to meet with me and the rest of my Administrative team. I felt that the meeting was highly productive and I hope that the information shared provided some valuable insight in the best interest of your children.

If you missed yesterday's meeting, we would love to see you at the next meeting. Please look out for information regarding the next meeting. Important information is shared at these meetings so, I encourage you to attend for your child's success.

Again, thank you for your time. I look forward to our continued partnership throughout the remainder of the school year.

José A. Martínez,
Principal

New System to Access School Meal Menus

Please be informed that Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has launched a new system for families,

students and staff to access school meal menus. **A PDF of the monthly menus for breakfast and lunch will no longer be published on the FNS website.** The School Café application will now be used instead. School Café is easy to access and provides more information about school meals, including photos of entrees, nutritional and allergen information. Please click on English or Spanish to see highlights and step-by-step directions on how to access the menus. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Food and Nutrition Services at 720-423-5600 or foodservices@dpsk12.org.

Thank you,

José A. Martínez,
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS!

September 12 - Adult English Language Class (Intermediate) - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - PBA Parent Welcome Center

September 16 - Adult English Language Class (Beginner) - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - PBA Parent Welcome Center

September 20 - Professional Planning Day for Teachers - NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

September 24 - ELA DAC meeting - New Hope Baptist Church, 3701 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205. - 9:30 – 11:30 am.

September 25 - Picture day

September 25 - 4th grade field trip to the Denver Library

September 26 - Picture day

October 8 - CSC Meeting - 4:30 pm - School Library

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

SEPTEMBER 20 IS PROFESSIONAL PLANNING DAY FOR TEACHERS - NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

4TH GRADE CLASS FIELD TRIP - 4TH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE READ

The fourth grade class will be taking a field trip to the Denver Library on Wednesday September 25th. 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. Dan Stone (dan_stone@dpsk12.org) advising him that you do not want your student to receive a library card."**

YOU ARE INVITED - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ELA DAC) - SEPTEMBER 24 - 9:30

DPS is excited to invite all our families and community members to attend the English Language Acquisition District Advisory Committee (ELA DAC). **The ELA DAC will take place from 9:30 – 11:30 am. on September 24, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 3701 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205. DPS will share information about ELA Program and Services, Community Resources available at the Mexican Consulate in Denver, and give us feedback about how Title I funds should be spent in parent engagement activities. Click [HERE](#) to register or send an email to FACE_Events@dpsk12.org. Food, childcare, and interpretation will be provided free of cost.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY. Our clothing items and colors for all students are:

- Polo shirts: light blue, white, or yellow or PBA logo t-shirts
- Khaki-colored or navy blue pants or skirts, knee length (or longer) knee length shorts or jumpers.
- Black or brown belts
- For colder months, a plain black sweatshirt **without a hood** or a PBA school sweatshirt.
- **No Jeans, No Sagging**
- **Closed-toed shoes: black, brown, white, or blue. No heels or open-toed shoes**
- **Hijabs/head scarves for girls are acceptable in any color except red.**
- **No jewelry that distracts from learning – No heavy chains**

- **P.E. Uniforms can be purchased from the Treasurer: blue shorts and white shirts**

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 - T 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.**

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!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING EARLY FALL SPORTS TEAMS!

GOOD NEWS!! Our boys soccer and girls softball teams are back to practicing and playing games this week. We have our buses back and we are ready to participate in athletics.

Thank you to Mr. Martinez for working non-stop on getting our buses back. Remember if your student-athlete makes a team they must have a current physical and pay the \$25 participation fee.

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

Good Luck, Roadrunners!

**Kathleen Nickless
Athletic Director**

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Building Blocks of Communication

Parents often want to have good relationships with their children, but sometimes it can be difficult to know where to begin. We all know that life is busy and it is difficult to even find the time to think about improving our relationships with our children.

What does a parent do? One of the biggest keys to a good relationship is spending time with your children. Sharing in fun brings people closer together. It is important, even in the busy world we live in, to set time aside for your children. Start today and make family night a regular occasion in your house. When kids are young, there is nothing better than spending time with you, their parents.

Here are a few ideas on how to fit quality time in with your kids:

- **Homemade Pizza Night:** This is fun for children, parents can roll out the crust and each person in the family can put the toppings of his/her choice on a personal size pizza.
- **Game Night:** Take one night a week or one night a month and make it a game night. Kids love to play games and they learn sportsmanship at the same time.
- **Movie Night:** Take one night a month and make it family movie night. Let a different person select the movie each night, pop some popcorn and hang out in the living room together.
- **Family Fun Bag:** Sit down and make a list of all the fun things you want to do together. Write each one on a sheet of paper and place them in a bag. Draw one slip out each week or month and do what is on the slip on family fun night/day.

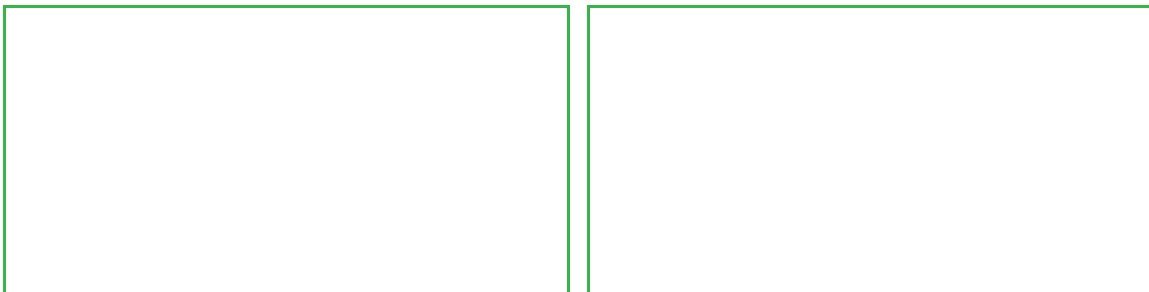
**Tami Koenig MA,
School Counselor:
Phone: 720-424-0973
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BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

Our BRIDGES after school program for K-8 grade students started yesterday, Wednesday, September 11th. If you are interested and have not registered your student, click [HERE](#) to download the registration form. Please complete it and return it to the main office. **Also, be reminded that there is no BRIDGES on Friday afternoons.**
Thank you for your patience during this time.

**Roxie Berkman
BRIDGES PROGRAM DIRECTOR
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PICTURES FROM OUR PARENT AMBASSADOR MEETING HELD YESTERDAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019.





**2019/2020 PBA SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR
FOUND [HERE](#)**



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