

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM!



MEET OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL DAWN SALTER!

Members of the Place Bridge Community,

My name is Dawn Salter, new to Place Bridge Academy as your Assistant Principal. I am a proud product of Denver Public Schools and a graduate of George Washington High School and the University of Denver. I grew up in the Park Forest neighborhood near Pine Creek Apartments. I am a former student of this school when it was "Place Middle School" and I am excited to be returning as an administrator. I started my career as a Special Education teacher. I also taught 2nd grade. I have recently been an Assistant Principal at two other elementary schools and a Regional Specialist for the district. I am now serving my 19th year in DPS.

Education changes lives. I am passionate about equity for all students including my own two daughters. I value diversity and work to make sure our priority for teaching is culturally responsive because it is the best way to develop students to become independent and leaders of their own learning. I believe in building strong relationships with the community and strong character in students. Partnership with parents is my way of sharing an enormous responsibility to prepare our children for the future. I look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Dawn Salter
Assistant Principal
Place Bridge Academy

FINAL ENROLLMENT DECISION ENDS TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 18!

Dear Families,

This is to remind you that you have until tomorrow, Friday, September 18th to make a final enrollment decision for your student(s), on whether to continue with a virtual/remote program or to return to in-person learning.

Please be aware that if you do not make a selection by tomorrow, Friday 18, your student will automatically default to a virtual learning until January 2021 and will not be allowed to return to In-Person learning!

If you have not selected your preferred option yet, please do so as soon as possible by logging in to your Parent Portal. You may also call our main office at 720-424-0960 or send an email to any of the email addresses listed below to let us know what your preferred option is!

- lisa_velasquez@dpsk12.org
- roxie_berkman@dpsk12.org
- akudo_nwokeukwu@dpsk12.org

Selection options are:

- If you would like your student to return to in-person learning, please select the in-person learning option.
- If you're certain that you won't feel comfortable having your student participate in in-person learning for the fall semester (December 2020), please select the 100% virtual learning option.

We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you to those of you who have made their selections!

Drew Schutz
Principal
Place Bridge Academy

PARENT MEETING - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Dear Parents and Guardians of Place Bridge Academy Students,

INVITATION TO AN UPCOMING ELA PARENT MEETING!

I would like to invite you to our 1st ELA Parent Meeting of the year. The meeting will be held on September 24. **I hope you will attend this meeting, as I will be sharing my vision and what my goals are for the 2020/2021 school year. Also, we will be sharing an update on Return to In-Person Learning, ELA Programing, School Testing, and school expectations regarding health and transportation.**

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

TIME: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

VENUE: VIRTUAL

Interpretation will be provided in different languages. Please click [HERE](#) to download information on how to join the meeting in your language.

For questions, please reach out to Ms. Akudo Nwokeukwu at akudo_nwokeukwu@dpsk12.org, or by phone at 720-424-0965.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!
Sincerely,

Drew Schutz
Principal
Place Bridge Academy



Is September 14 - 18! Start planning your outfits!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 -



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 -



IN-PERSON LEARNING START DATES!

KINDERGARTEN - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020

MIDDLE SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, 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

Email: kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org

UPCOMING EVENTS!

September 18 - Final day to make enrollment decision

September 24 - 1st Quarter **PARENT MEETING** - Meet and Great our New Principal and hear update on return to in-person learning! **You do not want to miss this!**

September 28 - Planning Day for Teachers - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

September 29 - FIRST DAY OF IN PERSON SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTNER STUDENTS

October 5 - FIRST DAY OF IN PERSON SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

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

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

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 CENTER FOR ADULT EDUCATION AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF AURORA - OCT. 6 - DEC. 10:

The Center for Adult Education at the Community College of Aurora is offering citizenship classes this fall. Their registration has already begun and classes will begin in October 6 and ends December 10. Classes cost \$30. Click [HERE](#) to complete registration. For questions, please contact Keenan Sweigart at 719-626-1391, Rebecca Pickett at 719-257-3842, or Jackie Zvejnieks at 720-314-8213. Click [HERE](#) to download flyer.

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!

PANDEMIC-EBT APPLICATION PROCESS IS STILL OPEN TILL SEPTEMBER ENDING - APPLY NOW IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO!

P-EBT provides families with children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals with funds to help buy food since schools were closed this Spring due to the pandemic. You can receive up to \$279 per eligible child to stretch your food budget. Click [HERE](#) to start your application.

Common P-EBT Question and Answer:

What if a family does not have a SS number? While providing a Social Security Number for the head of household helps with EBT card issuance, families will still be able to apply for P-EBT without a Social Security Number.

Can a family receive a check? No, If the household does not have an EBT card in their possession, a P-EBT card will be issued by mail.

Please feel free to send questions by email to PEBT2020@state.co.us.

** Update Aug. 19** If you need a replacement EBT card or have received the application error "We were unable to match your student's State Issued ID Number (or SASID) or "We were unable to match a part of your student's information. This might be due to a Date of Birth or School Name typed incorrectly into the previous application pages," please fill out this form for assistance. We will respond to requests through the [form](#) in order of receipt as soon as possible.

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!**

PARENT-TO-PARA PINELINE TRAINING CLASS OFFERED BY DPS!

Are you interested in making a difference? Denver Public Schools is seeking bilingual/multilingual paraprofessionals and has created a program to support interested DPS parents in becoming paraprofessionals.

A Parent-to-Para class is being offered virtually by the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Centers this fall. After successful completion of this program offers participants a pipeline to employment to Denver Public Schools. The class is taught in English only using the Google Classroom platform. Please reach out to FACE Center directly if you have any question.

This program include: A 12-week course designed to prepare participants to pass the TABE test, get job placement assistance, and resume and interview support. Registration is required! Classes will run from September 14—December 11, Monday — Thursdays 6:00 — 7:00 pm.

To register and for more information please call the FACE Center Southwest Location - Johnson Elementary 720 424 2970, or Far Northeast Location -John H. Amesse Elementary 720 424 2961 Or by email at FaceCenters@dpsk12.org.

DPS SEESAW AND SCHOOLOGY LOGIN GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

Please see below, two links to download the DPS Seesaw and Schoology parent login support guide for the online learning platforms that teachers are using. Please reach out to the main office at 720-424-0960 if you have questions.

Seesaw Parent Login Support
Schoology Parent Login Support

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

Our Remote instruction will continue through Oct. 16.
ECE programs will start in-person learning September 14.
View the K-12 Family Guide, and enroll in your preferred learning option through Annual Family Update.
New food sites and schedules have been added this school year.

**2020/2021 DPS SCHOOL CALENDAR FOUND
[HERE](#)**



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