

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM!



MEET OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, ANDREW SCHUTZ

Members of the Place Bridge Community,

It is with tremendous excitement that I introduce myself as the new principal at Place Bridge Academy. I know Place Bridge is a school with a great history and a proud community, and I am honored by the opportunity to be a part of the next chapter. I am especially looking forward to getting to know the students, educators, and families that make up Place Bridge. I am dedicated to working with all to make the school a place where students have a joy of learning, a sense of pride and purpose, and the ability to achieve at a high level.

My experience in education started as an ELA-S teacher at McMeen Elementary. At that time, McMeen was a school with over 40 different languages spoken and a wonderfully diverse community. It was there that I learned about strong instruction and the importance of supporting the social-emotional needs of every child. After my years in the classroom, I began my journey in school leadership as an assistant principal at Sabin World School in Southwest Denver. For the last five years, I have been the principal at Valverde Elementary. During this time, the school has made significant progress, and gone from Red to Green on the district and state SPF. During my time as a leader in SW Denver, I have gained valuable experience in supporting educators as they support students, partnering with families and community members, and creating a culture for kids and adults that is positive and geared towards the success of all those involved...!

I am a Denver native and a DPS graduate. My wife and I have two young-adult children (21 and 19), as well as a six-year-old daughter. I know how important it is to me that they have every opportunity in life. I also know that is exactly how you all feel about the children at Place Bridge. I want to stress that I share in

that sentiment, and will do everything in my power to ensure that every child in our school can succeed and leave with the tools necessary to actualize their individual dreams and aspirations. I know it takes a strong team to make a school highly effective, and I very much look forward to working with all members of the community to make Place Bridge just that.

I am excited to share more with you about myself, and look forward to the chance to learn more about each of you during our Meet and Great.

Sincerely,

Drew Schutz
Principal
Place Bridge Academy

PBA REMOTE LEARNING BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND PROCESSES!

We have created a Remote Learning Behavior Expectations and Processes for our students which can be found [**HERE!**](#) We hope you will find time to read through them as to better support your children as they navigate this new way of learning.

COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE - YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN!

Dear Parents,

I would like to invite you to become a member of our Collaborative School Committee (CSC) for the 2020/2021 school year.

I believe that being a member of our Collaborative School Committee will provide you with a unique opportunity to contribute to the success of your children and our school at large while making a positive impact.

The purpose of the Collaborative School Committee (CSC) is to provide guidance, evaluation, and recommendations to the Principal and/or the Instructional Superintendent about:

- **Spending priorities**
- **Preparing a school's Unified Improvement Plan (and school priority improvement and turnaround plan, if required)**
- **Discussing whether school leadership, personnel, and infrastructure are advancing implementation of the public school's improvement plan (or priority improvement or turnaround plan, whichever is applicable); discussing any other progress pertinent to the public school's accreditation contract with the Board**
- **Principal development plans and evaluations**
- **Providing input for principal evaluations as it relates to the CSC**
- **Increasing family engagement, especially ensuring that parents represent the diversity of the student body (including race, free/reduced lunch, limited English proficiency, and disability)**

The CSC meetings will be held monthly - usually every 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 4:30 pm. Each meeting will be an hour in duration.

While thanking you in advance for your anticipated consideration, please reach out to Mrs. Akudo Nwokekwu at akudo_nwokekwu@dpsk12.org or by phone at 720-424-0965 if you are interest.

Thank you,

Andrew Schutz
Principal

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE 2020/2021

SCHOOL YEAR?

Thank you to our families who have registered their children for this school year. If you are yet to register, kindly do so as soon as possible. If you are unable to use the Parent Portal to register, please know that our office is open from 9:00 am - 4:00 to help with registration. You may reach out to Lisa Velasquez by phone at **720-424-9066** or via email at lisa_velasquez@dpsk12.org and/or call our main office at 720-424-0960 for questions.

DEVICE AND HOTSPOT PICKUP!

If your student is still in need of a **Device and/or Hotspot**, please come to Place Bridge Academy anytime Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm to pick up a device. You will need a student name and ID number in order to do so.

ECE IN-PERSON CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020!

ECE in-person learning starts Monday, September 14. Families who have already enrolled in an ECE program will be contacted by their teacher in the weeks leading up to their first day to help you prepare for the return to in-person learning.

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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Denver Health's School-based Health Centers (SBHC) are currently open for in-person visits or telehealth appointments. Remember SBHC services are offered at NO COST to all Denver Public Schools (DPS) students! As we adapt to meet our community needs during the COVID-19 response, we request that all patients call ahead to learn how to access care: [303-602-8958](tel:303-602-8958). For more information on Denver Health's response to COVID-19, please visit denverhealth.org/coronavirus

Terez Woodward
School Nurse
Place Bridge Academy
720 424 0976
Hours 8:15 am - 4:15 pm
Monday through Friday

UPCOMING EVENTS!

September 7 - Labor Day No School

September 14 - ECE First Day of In-Person Class

September 28 - Planning Day for Teachers - No School for Students

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

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 PIPELINE 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.

ARE YOU HAVING PROBLEM LOGGING IN TO YOUR DPS ACCOUNT?

Students should be able to log in to their DPS account on their chromebooks using their student IDs as a

username, and their birthdays as their password. Once they do this, they can go to schoolology.dpsk12.org and use the same login. They should then see a list of their classes and be able click on them. If still experiencing problems logging in, please call the tech support line at 720-423-3163.

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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— Bringing the World Together —

School Vision: Competent, Confident, and Caring Students Ready to Pursue their Dreams!

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