

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



ADMIN SPOTLIGHT:

MEET ROMA PITT, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

To Our PBA Community:

I have been asked what am I most proud of in my life? Besides my family and my roles as wife, mother and grandmother, it would be the work I have contributed to at Place Bridge Academy, as one of your assistant principals. I have worked for Denver Public School for twenty-eight years, as an adult education teacher; elementary teacher; reading intervention teacher; as well as other district educational positions. As I start my eighth year serving our students and families, I am grateful for how we as a school are also a caring community. I am proud to say that learning and caring are what our PBA community stands on. I have a standard that I measure schools by, "Would I have my own children and grandchild in our school and classrooms?" My answer is a resounding **YES**, because as a school community we teach our students to be learners and scholars, but also to become caring citizens.

Always, Mrs. Roma Mondragon Pitt

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT WAS FUN!

It was nice to see some of you at our Back-to-School Night last Thursday, August 29 at the Bible Park. Thank you to all the students and parents who attended. Your support is always appreciated. We had an amazing time! Our students and parents who attended enjoyed an evening full of fun activities with teachers and Denver police officers. Many students went home with free books, bikes, toys, backpacks, and lots of gifts. Thank you to all the students and parents who attended. Your support is always appreciated. If you missed this year's Back-to-School Night, be sure to catch all the fun next year. **Click [HERE](#) for Pictures!**

Also, our "Meet & Greet" is next week Wednesday, September 11th, here at Place Bridge Academy Auditorium at 10 am. I will be sharing my goals and vision for the school and would look forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Akudo Nwokeukwu at 720-424-0965 if you have not done so.

Thank you,

***José A. Martínez,
Principal***

UPCOMING EVENTS!

September 5 - Adult English Language Class (Intermediate) - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - PBA Parent Welcome Center

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

September 10 - First CSC Meeting - 4:00 pm - School Library

September 11 - **First Parent Meeting - Meet and Greet the Principal**, Interpretation will be provided

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

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

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.

FIRST PARENT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - 10:00 - 11:00 am

You are invited to a **meet and greet with our new Principal, Mr. José Martínez**. The meet and greet will take place on Wednesday, September 11, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. We hope you will join us to chat with Mr. Martinez in person and the rest of our school leaders! **Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP for the "Meet and Greet" on or before Tuesday, September 10th, 2019.** Your response would be highly appreciated and will help us plan appropriately.

Public Health Notice - Measles Outbreak and how to protect children.

Please be informed that the U.S. is in the middle of the largest measles outbreak in 25 years. More than 1,100 people have gotten sick from measles nationwide. We are not currently in an outbreak in Colorado. But Denver is vulnerable, and it's important for you to have information about the risks and the ways to prevent an outbreak in the event of an occurrence. Click the links to download the letter:

[English](#) or [Spanish](#).

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!

Dear Parents,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING EARLY FALL SPORTS TEAMS.

We have sad news about our early fall sports teams. Due to unforeseen circumstances with transportation, we have had to cancel our boys soccer team, girls softball team and cross country team. Our teachers and coaches are very disappointed and extremely sad about this missed opportunity for our student-athletes. We are hoping that the issue with transportation is fixed by late fall sports.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

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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.

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BRIDGES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: DUE TO AN ISSUE WITH TRANSPORTATION WE DO NOT HAVE BUSES FOR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. THEREFORE THE BRIDGES PROGRAM IS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE HOPE TO BE UP AND RUNNING SOON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS TIME.

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YEAR CALENDAR



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