

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

Principal's Message



Welcome Back to School!

A BEGINNING OF YEAR INFORMATION!

Hello PBA Parents and Families,

I hope this message find you well. We are tremendously excited for the new year, and busy with planning to support your students however we can. As the start of the year approaches, I would like to share a few updates:

***School will start on August 23rd for ECE through 8th grade.** Buses will arrive and doors will open at 8:55 am. We are going to continue to ask students to enter into doors specific to their grade levels, since it allows for a clam and organized start to the day. The official school day will be from 9:10 am to 4:10 pm. Ideally, buses should leave at 4:25. Student pick-up and drop-off will still take place behind the school. Please keep in mind that we are not able to welcome students into the building prior to 8:55 am.

***Students will grab a breakfast when they arrive and eat in their classroom.** All breakfast and lunch will be free this year. That being said, we ask that all parents fill out the required Free and Reduced Lunch Form since it helps us receive crucial funding for our school. If you have not filled out this form, please contact the office @ 720-424-0960.

***We will no longer be requiring students to wear a uniform.** We want to support our students in expressing themselves and dressing how they want. That being said, we will still have some expectations for our students to dress in an appropriate way.

The dress code will be as follows:

We ask that all students keep in mind that school is a place of education, and we ask that students use their integrity to dress appropriately for an educational setting.

- **Headgear of any kind is not permitted, aside from hijabs and other religious head coverings.**
- **Hoodies are not allowed to be up and over the head.**
- **Any attire that causes a distraction or safety concern to the learning environment is not allowed. (Sagging pants, open toe shoes, overly revealing clothing)**
- **Attire that contains images of drugs or alcohol is not allowed.**
- **Attire that contains sexually explicit images or language is not allowed.**
- **Attire that contains offensive language or images, such as profanity or racial slurs, is not allowed.**

We will also have some PBA shirts (with our new logo) available for purchase in the office if you would still like your child to have one.

***School supply lists can be found on our school website:** <https://place.dpsk12.org/2021-2022-school-supply-list/>

***As we shared in the spring, we will have an early release every other Wednesday** so we can provide time for our teachers to analyze student data and plan strong lessons. **School will dismiss at 1:10 on the following dates:**

9/1
9/15
9/25
10/13
10/27
11/10
12/1
12/15
1/12
1/26
2/9
2/23
3/9
3/23
4/6
4/20
5/4
5/18

We recognize that these early release days can be difficult for some, and greatly appreciate your support in allowing our teachers additional time to plan. This is all in the name of our teachers being prepared to deliver high quality instruction to our students.

***If you have not finished your registration process, please call or come into the office to do so.** Our office team is happy to help you get everything taken care of and make sure your child is all set for school next week.

***Class lists have been created, and you can now see your child's teacher in Parent Portal.** If you need help accessing this information, **please call our office at 720-424-0960.**

***The district is finalizing the bus routes, and your child's specific bus information is available by calling the DPS transportation hotline at 720-423-4699.** Please have your child's student ID ready. You can also call our office for assistance.

***Back-to-School Night will be virtual this year. It will take place on August 26th, from 5:30 to 7:00.** It will be a chance for you to join a virtual meeting and learn about your child's teacher, the class expectations and curriculum, and ask any questions that you might have. In order to allow for parents to attend the presentations of multiple teachers, **we will be asking teachers to conduct 4 presentations that each last 20 minutes. Each one will be the same.** Presentations will be at 5:30, 5:50, 6:10, and 6:30. **Please be on the lookout for an invite from your child's teacher with a link or Google code that you can use to join.**

***Finally, we will have our first Quarterly Community Meeting on 9/16.** This will also be virtual, and we will send additional information in early September. We really hope to see you there so we can share our school's strategic goals and hear your feedback.

We are very excited to see students soon, and look forward to all the exciting things to come for Place Bridge Academy in 2021-2022. We are here in service of your children, and appreciate your partnership in the process.

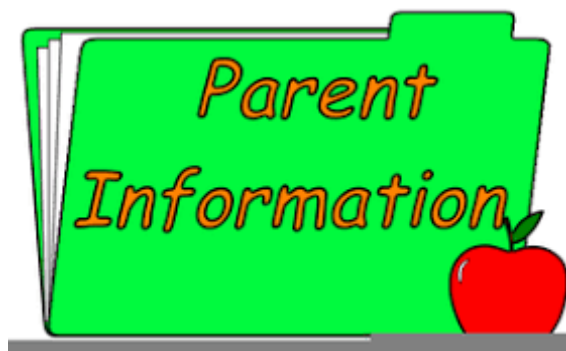
Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Mr. Schutz
Principal

Please reach out with any question!
DREW SCHUTZ
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♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten



ENGLISH

On Monday, August 23rd and Tuesday, August 24th, Please drop off your students at the ECE Playground to meet their teachers:

SPANISH

Lunes 23 de agosto y martes 24 de agosto, por favor dejara su estudiante en el patio de

SPORTS!

PBA ROADRUNNERS SPORTS ARE BACK!

Hello Parents and Student-Athletes,

Welcome Back!

We are pleased to announce that Denver Public Schools will move forward with our middle school sports programs.

We will begin with Try-Outs for Boys Soccer, Girls Softball and Cross-Country on Wednesday August 25th right after school. Follow up on our web page at <https://place.dpsk12.org/academics-programs/athletic-activities/>

Please reach out to me with questions! Looking forward to a fantastic year of sports!



Go Roadrunners!

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<https://place.dpsk12.org/academics-programs/athletic-activities/>

Volunteer Opportunities



I am excited to inform you that volunteers are now welcome to start volunteering in-person or virtually this academic. In an effort to kick the school year off right while celebrating a gradual return to normalcy, we want to let you know that DPS has outlined the following guidelines for interested volunteers willing to volunteer in-person for the 2021/2022 school year. Please note that these guidelines are constantly reviewed as conditions evolve, and we assure you that updates will be provided in a timely manner.

Step One: In-Person and/or Online Volunteers!

- All volunteers (in-person and/or online) must complete the DPS Volunteer Background Check through [Sterling Volunteers](#) (our background screening partner). Please be rest assured that your information is safe. All data is encrypted and is stored in a completely secure environment.
- The volunteer background check is FREE to you!
- To start your background check order, you must first create your account by completing the box on the right hand side found [here](#), then login to your account and order your background check. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete and your result will be sent to us in a few days. If you are experiencing difficulties submitting your application, please contact Sterling Volunteers at 1-855-326-1860. **CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT NOW!**

Step Two – In-Person Volunteer Guidelines for 2021/2022 School Year: Due to COVID-19 virus, volunteers who are interested in volunteering in-person, must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination or exemptions for medical or religious reasons,

submitted to Akudo Nwokeukwu @akudo_nwokeukwu@dpsk12.org (once your background check result and vaccination record are received, you will be assigned a class). Please Note: For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for the COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen).

- Wear a mask at all times.
- Maintain physical distance.
- Practice good hygiene.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Notify your classroom teacher and Ms. Nwokeukwu immediately and quarantine following state guidelines upon exposure to someone who tests positive for the virus.

Expectations!

Every volunteer is expected to sign in and out at the school office each time he/she comes to volunteer. Student safety is a high priority at our school. Therefore, you must always report to the main office before you begin your volunteer activity. Volunteer badges are provided when the volunteer enrollment process has been completed. This will ensure that students and staff can easily identify you as authorized to be in the school.

- Sign in in room 101M beside the school office
- Pick up volunteer badge and wear it at all times when on school premises or field trips
- Sign out when leaving in room 101M
- Personal information pertaining to students must be kept confidential
- Always direct student concerns to the classroom teacher
- The school relies on your support. Please arrive on time
- Your appearance should be neat and consistent with the dress code of the school, see dress code [here](#)

Please know that you are highly appreciated and your dedication is valued by our entire PBA community. We look forward to seeing you in the building very soon. **For questions please feel free to reach out to Ms. Akudo Nwokeukwu, at 720-2420965 or via email at akudo_nwokeukwu@dpsk12.org.**

UPCOMING EVENTS!

August 23 - First Day of School - Doors open at 8:55 am.- Classes start at 9:10 am - 4:10 pm - Buses depart at 4:25pm

August 25 - Try-Outs for Boys Soccer, Girls Softball and Cross-Country

August 26 - Back-to-School Night - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

September 6 - Labor Day - No School - Offices closed

September 14 - Collaborative School Committee Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15pm

September 16 - 1st Quarter Parent Meeting - 6:00 - 7:pm

EARLY RELEASE DAYS:

Sept. 1, 15, 29, Oct. 13, 27, Nov. 10, Dec. 1, 15, Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 9, 23, April. 6, 18, May. 4, 18

PLANNING ASSESSMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DAYS - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS:

Aug. 16 - 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Jan. 3, Feb. 22, April 4,

VACATION/HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF - OFFICES CLOSED

Summer Holiday - July - - Aug. 20

Labor Day - Sept 6

Thanksgiving Day - Nov 23 - 26

Christmas Holidays Dec. 20 - Jan 4

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Jan. 17

President Day - Feb. 21

Spring Break - March 28 - April 1

Cesar Chavez Day - March 31

Memorial Day - May 30

2021/2022 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

June 3 (half day)

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

FREE WEEKLY FOOD DELIVERY FOR HOME AGED CHILDREN 6 TO 18!

Denver Food Cluster is providing free weekly food deliveries of 7 meals, 14 snacks, and 7 cartons of milk for each child in the home aged 6-18. This is for all Denver families living within 20 miles of the capital building. Once a family signs up, deliveries start within a week or 2. The deliveries continue through June of this year. Learn [more information or to register your children](#)

FREE FACE CENTER CLASSES & EVENTS!

CITIZENSHIP CLASS:

Participants can prepare for their citizenship test by attending citizenship classes on Monday/Wednesday from 9 – 10 AM or 5 – 6 PM or Tuesday/Thursday from 9 – 10 AM or 5 – 6 PM. Click [here](#) for more information or follow the link below https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v_c_FZAPJPN-mHjq29x6T6cQPtRcB8kG/view

PARENT TO PARA:

Denver Public Schools is seeking a diverse pool of paraprofessionals and has created a program to support interested DPS parents in becoming paraprofessionals. This program includes a 12 week course designed to prepare participants to pass the TABE test, get job placement assistance, resume and interview supports. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Click [here](#) for more information.

GED CLASS:

Participants can prepare for their GED by attending FREE GED tutoring sessions starting on September 7. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. More information found [here!](#)

ESL CLASS:

The new semester will begin on September 7. Placement tests will be held August 30 to September 2. To register for testing please call the FACE Center. Click [here](#) for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION/QUESTIONS 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

FAMILY CONSTITUENCY SERVICES - CONTENTS SCHOOL AND DISTRICT RESOURCES!

For general Denver Public Schools questions or concerns, contact the Family & Community Helpline at [720-423-3054](tel:720-423-3054) or email FACEHelpline@dpsk12.org.

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

Or to Belinda Lui @ 720-944-2774 or email at belinda.lieu@denvergov.org, if you need assistance with any of the following:

- Job Readiness Training
- Vocational Training
- GED Preparation Resources
- Referrals to community and Agency resources



PBA WEBSITE

2021/2022 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

2021/2022 PBA SCHOOL CALENDAR

**2021/2022 FAMILY REGISTRATION NAVIGATION
GUIDE - RETURNING STUDENTS**

COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (CSC)



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

**Place Bridge Academy
Attendance Line: 720-424-0968
720-424-0960 | place.dpsk12.org**