

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Corner

### *Principal's Message*

#### **FEBRUARY 4TH, 2022, HAS BEEN ADDED AS A NON-STUDENT CONTACT DAY!**

As you may have seen on the district 2021-2022 calendar, each school is to select an additional day to support educators in planning for accelerated learning. I am writing to let you know that **PBA has elected to have this day on February 4th, 2022. This will be a non-student contact day, and we will send out reminders as the date approaches.** Please let us know if you have any questions. As always, we very much appreciate your support in giving our teachers additional time to plan the best instruction possible.

#### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - IMPORTANT PARENT FEEDBACK REQUIRED**

As you know we are gathering information from our families for a potentially new after school program next year at Place Bridge Academy. Please click **HERE** or the link below to answer 3 short questions that will help us in our planning.  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15SOM2pMfjo\\_cY7T3\\_0f2O234XbRUGRPji-SV9am6V\\_4/edit?ts=61aa32cd](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15SOM2pMfjo_cY7T3_0f2O234XbRUGRPji-SV9am6V_4/edit?ts=61aa32cd)

**Please reach out with any question!  
DREW SCHUTZ  
[andrew\\_schutz@dpsk12.org](mailto:andrew_schutz@dpsk12.org)**



Welcome to our Roadrunner student-run studio here at PBA. Here's our new broadcast for our November Student of the Month. Please click the NOVEMBER Broadcast below to see the great things happening at PBA.

### [NOVEMBER BROADCAST](#)



Dear Eight Grade Parents, please click [HERE](#) for information for the High School Expo for all 8th grade students.

## **SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL 8TH GRADE VIRTUAL SHOWCASE!**

South High School is hosting an 8th Grade Virtual Showcase on January 20th at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending please use the zoom login below to join.

**Prospective Student Showcase:**

Thursday, January 20, 2022 6:30 – 7:30pm

**Location:**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91560074657?pwd=TzRWaUEva3lkZzluWGRtdkI0RUFIQT09>

**Description:**

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Please reach out to MELINA HODZIC at [melina\\_hodzic@dpsk12.org](mailto:melina_hodzic@dpsk12.org) or by phone at 720-423-6245 for any questions you may have.



As the Colorado weather gets colder into the Winter season, we could use your support in getting your children to wear adequate clothing based on the weather conditions. **Students will be outside for recess when the weather is above 32 degrees, as such, we request that you have your children dress in warm clothing and properly label their clothing for identification purposes.**

If you have any questions or if you need support with acquiring the necessary attire for your child during the winter months, please call the school at 7290424-0960 or come by our Family Resource Center, located at the back of our building in Trailer RM. 56 to select appropriate winter clothing for your child.

**The Family Resource Center is open on:**

- Monday - 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- Tuesday - 1:00 - 3:00 pm, and
- Thursday - 10:00 - 12:00 pm.

*Don't Forget*  
**Early  
Release Day**

**NEXT EARLY RELEASE DAY IS  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th!  
SCHOOL WILL DISMISS AT 1:10 PM!**



Here is a link to an interesting article provided by the Parent Resources offered through the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) regarding parenting for High Potential. The article visits about Gifted and Talented, including myths about the brain. Please click [HERE](#) or copy and paste the link below to read the article.

[https://www.nagc.org/sites/default/files/Publication%20PHP/bonuscontent/Signals%20June%202021\\_0.pdf](https://www.nagc.org/sites/default/files/Publication%20PHP/bonuscontent/Signals%20June%202021_0.pdf)

For questions, please reach out to Dr. Coy Rice, D.M. @ [coy\\_rice@dpsk12.net](mailto:coy_rice@dpsk12.net)

## SPORTS!

### PBA ROADRUNNERS SPORT!

Hello Parents and Student-Athletes,

Our Boys and Girls Basketball teams have finished tryouts and are now practicing! Thank you to all the student-athletes that came to try-outs. A schedule of practices and games will be sent home with your student-athlete next week.

**Please remember to have a current physical and the \$25 fee turned in before the first game.**

**The first game is scheduled for January 5th at PBA.  
The boys will start at 4:00 and the girls at 5:00.**

Please reach out to me with questions! Don't forget to follow us on our web page at <https://place.dpsk12.org/academics-programs/athletic-activities/>

Go Roadrunners!

**Kathleen Nickless  
Athletic Director**

**Phone: 720-424-1042**

**Email: [kathleen\\_nickless@dpsk12.org](mailto:kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org)**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS!



### EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAYS!

January - 12,26

February - 9,23

Mar.ch - 9,20

April - 6,18

May - 4, 18

**PLANNING, ASSESSMENT,  
AND PROFESSIONAL DAYS -**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS:**

January - 3rd, 2022

February - 4th, 2022

February - 22nd, 2022

April - 4th, 2022

PROFESSIONAL DAY  
NO SCHOOL FOR KIDS!



**School Committee Meetings**

COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE ONCE A MONTH AT 4:30PM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 6

May 4



**Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967436231?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967436231?pwd=RmFsbklQSjNFdzdGQkg5UHVnc2EwUT09)**

**[pwd=RmFsbklQSjNFdzdGQkg5UHVnc2EwUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967436231?pwd=RmFsbklQSjNFdzdGQkg5UHVnc2EwUT09) Meeting ID: 869 6743 6231**

**Passcode: nN4wRC**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF - OFFICES CLOSED**

December 20 -January 4 - Christmas Break

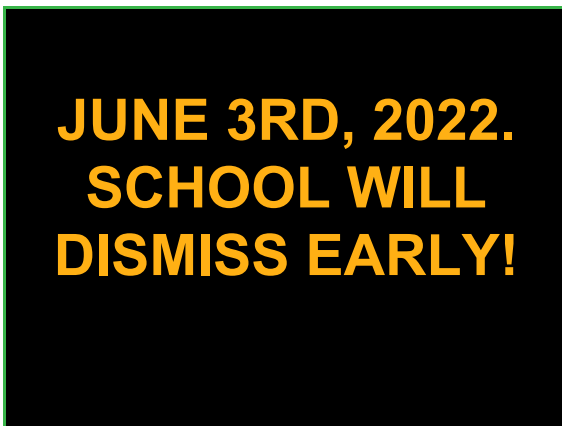
January 17 -Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 21 -President Day

March 28 -April 1 - Spring Break

March 31 -Cesar Chavez Day

May 30 -Memorial Day



**RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!**

**DPS FREE SCHOOL FURNITURE SHOPPING - YOU ARE INVITED!**

You are invited to an open house to “Shop For Free” the DPS furniture (Desks, small tables, chairs, and other school-specific items) currently stored at the former Johnson & Wales campus FOR FREE).



Community members are welcome to attend the open house events. Remote learning families will be prioritized, but this opportunity is open to the community. Assistance with delivery is available if needed. Can't make an open house event? See the attached flyer on who to contact to schedule a visit at a time that works for you.

**OPEN HOUSE DATE: Nov 6th and Nov. 20th**

**TIME: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**WHERE: Johnson and Wales Campus Library and Ballroom, 1900 Olive Street, Denver, Co. 80220**  
**Parking is available in the lot off of 18th avenue, between Olive and Oneida .**

**Please call 720-460-7540 for any question.**

## **PBA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (FRC) - HELPING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN NEED!**

Our PBA Family Resource Center (FRC), in partnership with The Oaks Church, Send Relief, and Clothes to Kids of Denver, is now fully functional. The PBA FRC is designed to serve two purposes:

- Providing emergency clothing for any student experiencing accidents
- Supporting any PBA parent who needs help with clothing for their children

Parents visiting our FRC will be able to get the following for each of their children AT NO COST:

- 5 Tops per child
- 4 Bottoms (shorts, long pants, skirts per child
- 5 New Underwear and Socks per child
- 1 Shoe per child
- 1 Winter Coat - per child
- Hygiene Items - Based on Available

Our Family Resource Center is located at the back of the school building, Trailer No M56. The Center is open for parents to come in to shop for their children FOR FREE on the following days:

- Mondays 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Tuesdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- Thursdays 10:00 pm - 12:00 pm.

Please reach out with any questions you may have and we encourage you to stop by during the hours listed above if you need this help.

## **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 call or text 720-699-9978 or email [cfc@bondadosa.org](mailto:cfc@bondadosa.org).

## **ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING RENTAL AND HOUSING HELP!**

If you need help calling organizations for rent or to find housing help, please contact the Denver Public Library Plaza at 720-865-2362. They can help you find what you need.

## **DENVER'S DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING STABILITY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM!**

This program can assist households at risk of eviction due directly or indirectly to COVID-19 hardships. They can provide up to 15-months of rental arrears as well as relocation assistance including security deposit and application fee assistance. Any households with language/technology barriers may also call the Colorado Housing Connects hotline (1-844-926-6632) for assistance with their application. While this program only serves Denver residents, the State of Colorado is also running their own Emergency Rental Assistance Program which is serving counties throughout the state. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## **DO YOU THAT FACE CENTER IS SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH PAYMENTS FOR ESSENCIAL BILLS!**

If you are having issues with payments for essential bills, FACE CENTER is supporting families with utility bills - rent, energy etc. They will also help walk families through completing your application. There is also support for undocumented families available and they will connect families to those who are processing the apps. If you are interested, please reach out to: FACE Center - Johnson Elementary School - Phone: 720-424-2970 FACE Center - Phone: 720-424-2961.

## **TEMPORARY RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TRUA)!**

If you are a renter or homeowner and need assistance with paying utilities, including Denver Water and Xcel Energy, you may be eligible for utility assistance through Denver's Temporary Rent & Utility Assistance Program. Immigration status is not a requirement for the Temporary Rent & Utility Assistance Program. To connect with a representative CALL OR TEXT: 1-888-480-0066 / M - F 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. mountain time, Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE!**

If you are a tenant or homeowner and need emergency rent or mortgage assistance, please check out the options below. We receive a high number of calls and are not able to respond to all requests for

emergency assistance. The need for assistance is greater than the funding available. Contact 303.597.5000, address 3201 South Tamarac Dr., Denver, CO 80231

If you need emergency rent or mortgage assistance due to financial hardship caused by COVID-19, visit [cdola.colorado.gov/rental-mortgage-assistance](https://cdola.colorado.gov/rental-mortgage-assistance) for full details and to apply for state funding. This is the state's main COVID-19 response site and the best place to start. JFS funds go through the state's program and all requests for assistance must go through the application process on their website – please follow that link.

Contact United Way's Helpline at 2-1-1 for an up-to-date list of multiple agencies that are accepting calls about rental assistance.

### **2-1-1 COLORADO!**

2-1-1 is a confidential and multilingual service connecting people to vital resources across the state. No matter where you live in Colorado, you can find information about resources in your local community.

### **FAMILY CONSTITUENCY SERVICES - CONNTENTING FAMILIES WITH 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)**

**[COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE \(CSC\)](#)**

**[1ST QUARTER PARENT MEETING](#)**

# 2ND QUARTER PARENT MEETING



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](http://place.dpsk12.org)