

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



DENVER
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS

Choice & Enrollment

1ST ROUND OF SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION WILL CLOSES ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH!

This is important for all 8th grade students! If you are planning to use School Choice for your High School, you must fill out this application if you have not already done so. The 1st round window closes on Tuesday, February 16. Students can ask their advisement teacher for more details. More information on School Choice can be found at <https://schoolchoice.org/>.

immunizations



Update

As you may be aware, Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial ECE and kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent, unless a certificate of exemption is filed. We are required by law to communicate changes and/or updates related to vaccination. Please click below to download the 2021/2022 new State required and recommended Vaccination for ECE, and K-12 grades students.

[2021/2022 Required and Recommended Vaccine for ECE](#)
[2021/2022 Required and Recommended Vaccine for K-12](#)

Please feel free to reach out to our School Nurse, Ms. Woodward at TERRI_WOODWARD@dpsk12.org or by phone at 720 424 0976 with any questions you may have.

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IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 6:00 - 7:30 PM!
Please join us for an important school information!



SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 10:00AM - 3:00PM!

On Friday, February 26, 2021, in partnership with CREA RESULT, and Denver Health, Place Bridge Academy will be hosting a community personal health screening and COVID-19 testing. Details will be coming shortly and we hope you will be able to join us on that day.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT!

andrew_schutz@dpsk12.org

SPIRIT WEEK

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Participate in dress up days by following *PBA BRIDGE Values* and our *Culture Code*. Please see the list of DO's and DON'Ts; contact Mr. Washington if you have questions about clothing choices.

SPIRIT WEEK

Mon Feb 22	Tues Feb 23	Wed Feb 24	Thurs Feb 25
Scientists/Inventors/Innovators 	Athletes/Entertainers 	Musicians/Artists/Authors 	YOUR Culture Day 

celebrating



Our January Roadrunners of the Month!

These are students who had excellent B.R.I.D.G.E values (belonging, respect, integrity, diversity, generosity, and effort) especially the values of: diversity, integrity, belonging.

Kindergarten:

Behishta Saleh
Jose Miguel Guevara

First Grade and Newcomer:

Sajie Dah
Felina Htoo
Wai T Moe

Second Grade:

Misael Pacheco-Cardona

Third Grade:

Nathalia Reyes-Pineda
Elena Paw
Elevianna Campbell
Abbas Al-baidhani

Fourth Grade:

Alex Hernandez
Kingsley Asante
Efrem Ghebreyohanes

Fifth Grade:

Natnael Ghebreyohanes
Sa Bee

Sixth Grade:

Alan Garcia
Jade Guerrero-Gutierrez
Zahra Muradi
Kwajok Musa

Seventh Grade:

Zakira Massoud
Denija Ekolo - Mbuyi
Lane, Melihia
Amanda Conneh
Dureti Abdulkadir
Braylen Smith

Eighth Grade:

NyiNyi Dapolu
Ashlyts Rodriguez-Ramirez
Maiya Herron
Benedicte Bijjika-Kamba 8th grade
Social Studies

SPORTS!

Dear Parents,

Please be informed that 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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UPCOMING EVENTS!

February 1- 28 - Black History Month
February 12 - Asynchronous day for grades 1-8 to finish ACCESS Testing
February 16 - Teacher Professional Development Day - No School for all students
February 17 - Asynchronous Learning Day (PBA educators to be vaccinated)
February 18 - Normal School Day
February 19 - Live Instruction (All grades including middle school)
March 9 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm
March 29 - April 2 - Spring Breaks - No School - Offices closed
March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day
April 5 - Teacher Professional Development Day - No School for all students
April 6 - First Day of Return for all students
April 13 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm
May 11 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm
May 28 - Last Day of School - HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

UPDATES ON CITIZENSHIP TESTING & CLASSES!

Did you know that in December, 2020, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) updated the US Citizenship test. The test now has 128 questions and applicants will need to answer more questions correctly. The geography section was removed and the history and civics test expanded, resulting in a longer test requiring more complete answers. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the class, please contact Julio Trujillo 720-424-2972 or via email at Julio_Trujillo@dpsk12.net or Tristan Benitez at 720-424-2961 tristan_benitez@dpsk12.net. The class will start on January 19th, virtually during the day and in the evening.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH PAYMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL 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

FREE COVID TESTING!

DPS is pleased to announce we are expanding our partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado to offer our free COVID-19 testing for students to support a safe return to school. Our full community of students and staff will now have the opportunity to take an initial COVID-19 test before coming back to school as well as ongoing screening tests every other week... For more information click [HERE](#). You can see an updated list of testing sites [HERE](#) including a link to register and schedule testing appointment for your students. The test will be completed via nasal PCR test or SalivaDirect™, and results will be returned within 36-72 hours.

FREE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED AT THE FACE CENTER!

The FACE Centers offer free wraparound services to community members 16 or older in order to obtain critical life skills to increase their economic self-sufficiency and the academic achievement of their students. The FACE Centers offer a variety of multi-generation services at one location, making it convenient for families to benefit from multiple services offered in their school community. Participants do not have to be DPS parents, all services are open to all community members.

LIST OF SERVICES OFFERED:

1. GED Classes
2. Workforce development - job placement, resume building, workforce training, interview preparation
3. DPS Hiring Pipeline - for jobs available in Food Services Department, Facilities, Paraprofessional and more!
4. English Classes
5. Financial Literacy
6. Citizenship classes
7. Computer classes
8. Early Literacy classes
9. Legal Clinics and Workshops
10. Basic needs assistance
11. Social Emotional Support
12. Free Childcare during all classes

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CLASS SCHEDULE AND TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE CLASSES AND SERVICES, 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



PBA WEBSITE CLICK [HERE](#)

**2020/2021 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK
CLICK [HERE](#)**

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

**COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (CSC)
CLICK [HERE](#)**

**1ST QUARTER PARENT MEETING
PRESENTATION SLIDES CLICK [HERE](#)**

**2ND QUARTER PARENT MEETING
PRESENTATION SLIDES CLICK [HERE](#)**

CYBERBULLING HANDOUT CLICK [HERE](#)



PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY

— *Bringing the World Together* —

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

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