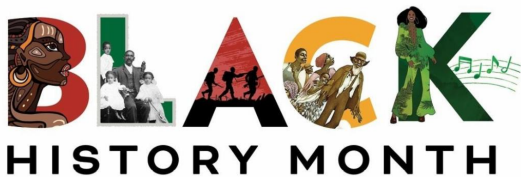


WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**Please join us on Wednesday and Friday,
February 24th and 26th! It would be fun!**

In celebration of Black History Month, we will be showing two movies for the education and enjoyment of our students and parents.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH - 6:00 - 8:00 PM!

***Something the Lord Made* [Not rated]**. This is not a religious film. It is the story of Vivienne Thomas (played by Mos Def) who was instrumental in developing the first heart surgery with Dr. Alfred Blalock. When Blalock insists that Thomas follow him to Johns Hopkins University, they must find a way to skirt a racist system to continue their study of infant heart disease. Thomas is indispensable to Blalock's progress, but Blalock is the only one who is allowed to receive the acclaim at the time.

Here is the link to the movie: <https://meet.google.com/xtr-roet-wyz?authuser=0&hs=122>

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH - 3:00 - 5:00 PM!

***Princess and the Frog* [Rated G]**. This is the classic story told by Disney featuring Disney's first black princess.

Here is the link to the movie: <https://meet.google.com/ypq-mhbk-tgu?hs=122&authuser=0>

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Robbins, Dean of Culture at Rhonda_Robbins@dpsk12.org

Hope to see you there!!



**PLEASE JOIN ME ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25,
AT 6:00PM, FOR AN IMPORTANT SCHOOL
UPDATE!**

Dear Families,

Please join me for our 3rd Quarter Parent Meeting, scheduled on Thursday, February 25, at 6:00 pm. We will be sharing an important school updates and will have all your questions answered. Details on how to join the meeting are below.

Meeting ID:

English Language speakers:

Join via google meet -meet.google.com/mee-xyug-fei
Join by phone - (US)+1 208-718-1703 - PIN - 444 031 893#

Other Language speakers: join by phone:

Arabic - 1 956-520-3772, Pin - 760 467 906#
Burmese - 1 323-673-4037, Pin - 957 207 249#
French - 1 334-472-8099, Pin - 508 119 503#
Karen - 1 417-616-3881, Pin - 591 791 750#
Napoli - 1 347-486-7695, Pin - 809 130 268#
Somali - 1 754-900-1575, Pin - 269 766 345#
Spanish - 1 478-292-3710, Pin - 403 022 911#
Swahili - 1 347-363-2063, Pin - 194 347 711#

For questions, please reach out to Ms. Akudo Nwokeukwu atakudo_nwokeukwu@dpsk12.org, or by phone at 720-424-0965.

I hope you will join me for this important school update.

**Coming
Soon**



SAVE THE DATE

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

In partnership with CREA Result, and Denver Health, Place Bridge Academy will be hosting a community personal health screening and COVID-19 testing, on Friday, March 26, 2021! 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



The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program!

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is offering free tax help to individuals who earn less than \$57,000. VITA is trusted and free of charge. The preparers will help you claim all available tax credits. VITA preparers are trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). To learn more please click the link below.

- [Free Tax Help - English](#)
- [Free Tax Help - Spanish](#)
- [Free Tax Help - Arabic](#)
- [Free Tax Help - Farsi](#)

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
Phone: 720-424-1042
Email: kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org

UPCOMING EVENTS!

February 1 - March 1 - Black History Month
February 22 - Spirit Week Dress Code - Scientists/Innovators
February 23 - Spirit Week Dress Code - Athletes
February 24 - Spirit Week Dress Code - Entertainers
February 25 - Spirit Week Dress Code - Cultural Day
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](#)



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720-424-0960 | place.dpsk12.org