

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ACCESS AT TESTING

Dear Place Bridge Academy Families,

The state of Colorado requires all districts to hold in-person ACCESS testing for K-12 Multilingual Learners beginning on January 11 - February 26.

As there is no remote testing option for this assessment, we will need to make scheduling changes to make it possible for students in our virtual program to safely come into the building for this important test. Students must attend both January 29 and February 5 to complete ACCESS testing. Families have the option to opt out of ACCESS testing if you are not comfortable having your student in the school or you do not have transportation to the school.

Therefore, we've identified the following day(s) during which our school will administer the ACCESS test to our virtual program students:



Place Bridge Academy will soon begin a comprehensive health unit of study including sexual health lessons for students in 5th and 8th grade.

For 8th grade, the class will be doing these lessons during the Advisory period, starting February 18, 2021, and 5th grade lessons will start in the spring.

Our commitment to you is that we will teach age-appropriate and medically accurate information in strict adherence to DPS board policy and Colorado state law.

For students participating at home, we encourage them to find a private space away from siblings, if possible, during these lessons. Wearing earphones/earbuds might also be helpful.

If you would like your child to be part of the sexual health unit, no action is required by you.

- **Jan. 29 Testing Listening and Reading**
- **Feb. 5 Testing Writing and Speaking**
- **Feb. 12 Makeup Tests for students who were not present previous testing days**

On this day(s), our school will shift to asynchronous, remote learning -- which means that students will work on assignments on a self-paced, independent basis at home. This will give us the space and teacher capacity needed to complete ACCESS testing as efficiently and safely as possible for virtual program students.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we work to support all of our students as safely and equitably as possible. If you have questions, please contact the school or our Family and Community Helpline at 720-423-3054 or FACEHelpline@dpsk12.org.

However, if you prefer that your child not participate in this class, you must complete the survey found [HERE](#). (The survey is in English, but the order of the questions is as follows:

- **Parent/Guardian email.**
- **Student's name**
- **Student's grade**
- **Parent/guardian name**

By typing your name, you are stating that you do not want your child to participate in the sexual health unit at Place Bridge Academy in the 20-21 school year.)

Thank you for supporting your child during this important time in their life and partnering with us as we adapt new ways to meet their instructional, emotional, and health needs.

I am choosing to 'opt-out' my child,

_____,
(Student's Name) from participating in the comprehensive sexual health program at Place Bridge Academy.

Parent/Guardian Name
(please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please reach out to
Joanna_Olson@dpsk12.org with any
questions or concerns.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT!

andrew_schutz@dpsk12.org

FREE MEALS FOR STUDENTS 6 - 18 YEARS!

Colorado Food Cluster is giving free meals for every student 6 - 18 years of age. They have federal funding to pay for free weekly meal delivery for students who are eligible until June 30, 2021.

- **Any students ages 6-18 are eligible - they just need a student ID to enroll and families can enroll multiple students in each household**
- **Students will receive a weekly delivery of 7 meals & 14 snacks, including milk**
- **Delivering is within 20 miles of downtown Denver**

Click [HERE](#) or copy and paste the link below to use the 3-minute form (English + Spanish) to sign your students up. Generally, it takes 1-2 weeks from sign up until the first meal delivery.

<https://www.coloradofoodcluster.com/sign-up-and-manage-deliveries>

JOBS FOR ADULTS!

They are also looking to hire 20+ delivery drivers in the next month. Click [HERE](#) or copy and paste the link below to apply if you are interested <https://www.bondadosa.org/careers>.

For questions, please reach out to - Dom Barrera at 720.883.5347 or by email atdom@bondadosa.org.

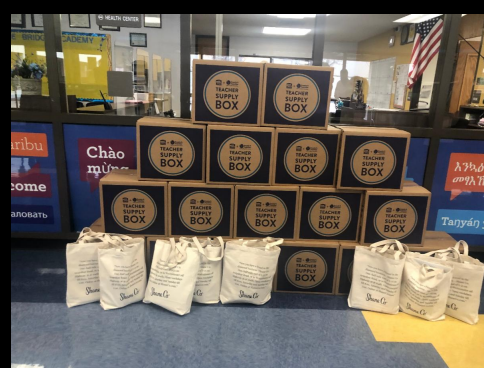
Shout Out!



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For their amazing donation of boxes filled with school supplies and teacher kits!



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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

January 29 - Access Testing

February 5 - Access Testing

February 9 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Meeting Location - Virtual - Join with Google Meet
meet.google.com/gsy-jhtr-mmq Join by phone (US) +1 931-683-2558 PIN: 851 090 881#

February 12 - Access Testing

February 15 - President's Day - No School for all, Offices closed

February 16 - Teacher Professional Development Day - No School for all students

February 26 - Access Testing

March 9 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Meeting Location - Virtual - Join with Google Meet
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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 - Meeting Location - Virtual - Join with Google Meet
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May 11 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Meeting Location - Virtual - Join with Google Meet
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May 28 - Last Day of School - HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

1ST ROUND OF SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN!

This is important for all 8th grade students who are applying to high schools outside of their attendance boundary. If you are planning to use School Choice for your High School, you must fill out this application. The 1st round window is January 15 - February 16. Students can ask their advisement teacher for more details. More information on School Choice can be found at <https://schoolchoice.org/>.

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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— *Bringing the World Together* —

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

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