

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy
New Year!

Dear PBA Families and Community,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you well, and that the holiday season was enjoyable for you. We are excited to ring in the new year, and see what possibilities 2021 brings our school community. I am very much looking forward to seeing our students return to the building. I think the pandemic has given us all a renewed appreciation for what happens in schools, and I am very hopeful that things will return to normal during the new year.

As of now, we are still planning for the following:

January 11th - All elementary students in grades ECE through 5th that have opted for in-person learning will return for in-person instruction.

January 25th through 29th- All middle school students who have opted for in-person learning will return for in-person instruction. We will announce days within that week for specific grade levels to return.

I want to thank you again for all that you did to support your children or the school during the first

half of the year. We are excited to begin the second semester, and look forward to seeing you soon whether it is online or in person!

Sincerely,

Mr. Schutz
Principal



Dear Families,

Parents often have questions/wonderings about Gifted and Talented. Here is a link to the **Frequently Asked Questions** hosted by the NAGC (National Association for Gifted and Talented): Click **HERE** or copy and paste the link below.

<https://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources/frequently-asked-questions-about-gifted-education>

I am continuing to test students that are virtual in grades K, 2, and 6th as part of the district's universal testing (More Information may be found **HERE** in the Intent to test letter -**LINK**).

<https://sites.google.com/dpsk12.net/gifted-and-talented-dr-rice/intent-to-test-letter?authuser=0>

I will be asking students to go to a separate google link to take the test and then return to their classroom. This will continue through the end of January to complete as many assessments as possible (6th grade will continue through April).

Please reach out to me @ coy_rice@dpsk12.org with any questions you may have.

Dr. Coy Rice, D.M.
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Gifted and Talented Itinerant
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**ECE Through 5TH grades will return on
Monday, January 11!**

All Middle School students will return on Monday Jan. 25 through Friday, Jan. 29th

Parents, please watch out for specific date!



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



Denver Human Services (DHS) is offering free COVID testing for the general public if they live in high incidence neighborhoods and have symptoms of COVID-19. To see if you qualify for testing and to get registered and scheduled, click [HERE](https://dhharedcap.ucdenver.edu/surveys/?s=43JP9P3PHT) or copy and paste the link below <https://dhharedcap.ucdenver.edu/surveys/?s=43JP9P3PHT>. **Please be patient, the link takes a few minutes to load.**

Free testing will be offered for individuals from the following zip codes –

80219 - Valverde, Sun valley, Barnum, Westwood, Ruby Hill, Mar Lee, Athmar Park, Barnum West

80239 - Montbello

80204 - West Colfax, Villa Park, Sun Valley, Lincoln Park, Aurora

80249 - Gateway, Green Valley Ranch, DIA

80211 - Berkley, Sunnyside, Highland, West Highland, Sloan Lake

This process does require preregistering. Clients will be scheduled for same day or next day and have results within 36 hours. Mid-turbinate swabs are collected.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

January 19 - 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#

January 18 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School for All - Offices closed

February 9 - CSC Meeting - 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Meeting Location - Virtual - Join with Google Meet
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February 15 - President's Day - No School for all, Offices closed

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

March 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#

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
meet.google.com/gsy-jhtr-mmq Join by phone (US) +1 931-683-2558 PIN: 851 090 881#

May 11 - 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#

May 28 - Last Day of School - HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES!

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

THE DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY - FREE VIRTUAL CITIZENSHIP STUDY GROUP AND/OR ONE-ON-ONE:

The Denver Public Library has free virtual citizenship study groups, as well as one-on-one appointments for people to prepare for the citizenship exam. Citizenship Study Groups meet weekly on Thursdays 5:30-7:00 (you can attend the whole time, or just come for any portion you're available) via Google Meet or via phone. You can find the info [HERE](#) or copy and paste this website denverlibrary.org/plaza (scroll down the page a bit, then you'll see 'Plaza Online Citizenship Study Group' you can choose to join on Google Meet or just calling in from a phone). Or click [HERE](#) or use this link (<https://meet.google.com/gxr-jjiz-tbw>)

to join directly on Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 pm
The Study groups are free and open to all!

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.

FREE AND LOW COST TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES:

Some Denver Libraries are offering outdoor computer use. Click [HERE](#) to download all free and available low-cost Technology Resources in Denver.

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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