

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Corner

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Families,

Please be informed that we will begin the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments on March 22, 2021- April 30, 2021. These Assessments are aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards, which are statewide expectations of what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade. CMAS testing is for grades 3-8. All students will test for three days in math and literacy. 5th and 8th grade will test a fourth day in science.

OPTING OUT:

While we believe that these tests are important, we understand that some families may decide they do not want to come in-person to participate in testing this year due to COVID-19. All testing must be done in person as there is no remote testing option. If you choose to opt out, you must fill out the opt out form located in the Parent Portal under the "See All Apps" tab by clicking on the link for Complete Assessment Opt-Out Form. This form is available for both students learning in-person and those learning in the virtual program. **Please complete this form no later than February 26 as this information is vital to our planning process. We need to have an exact count of students who will and will not be participating so that we can adjust staffing, testing schedules and adhere to all health and safety**

guidelines. After February 26th, you will then be required to complete the Opt-Out form through Infinite Campus for each student.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your student's teacher, school front office, or Ms. Marisol Chavez at MARISOL_CHAVEZ@dpsk12.



Dear Families,

Below is a link to a website with a large amount of information for Gifted and Talented, including a page with active links to a number of potential extensions in areas of interest. It is a huge website with much to offer. This link takes you directly to the extensions page. <https://www.hoagiesgifted.org/links.htm>

[Dr. Rice is also continuing to test 6th grade students as part of the District's Universal Testing.](#)

More Information may be found here in the Intent to test letter.

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

For questions, please contact Dr. Coy Rice, D.M. at coy_rice@dpsk12.org.



FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 10:00AM - 2:00PM!

PBA is hosting a **FREE, HEALTH FAIR** on **FRIDAY, MARCH 26**, from **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**, in partnership with the Family And Community Engagement (FACE), CREA Result, Denver Health, and Martinez Mobile Dental.

The event will take place, outdoors, on the **EAST** side of the building at

7125 CHERRY CREEK N.DR. DENVER CO. 80224.

FACE MASK IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND!

To participate, please click [HERE](#) or copy and paste the link below to complete the short, pre-registration form as soon as possible:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1n5unyGYe_KSeUEpVwUUAryuGNg0kAw7XBU1i9v9B5yl/edit

For more information, please contact:

Akudo Nwokeukwu at Akudo_nkwokeukwu@dpsk12.org, or by phone at
720-424-0965

Roxie Berkman at Roxie_berkman@dpsk12.org, or by phone at
720-424-0963

PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT!

andrew_schutz@dpsk12.org

SPORTS!

Dear Parents,

After many months of waiting to hear about the Middle School Sports programs, I have some sad news. The sports programs at PBA will not be able to participate this school year.

Transportation is a big part of our sports and because of COVID we are unable to accommodate our student-athletes. We are hoping our sports programs can start up again next Fall.

I know how important sports are for our kids and I am sorry that it will not happen this year.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any question(s) you may have.

Go Roadrunners!

Kathleen Nickless
Athletic Director
Phone: 720-424-1042
Email: kathleen_nickless@dpsk12.org

UPCOMING EVENTS!

March 14 - Daylight Saving Time Starts - Clocks are turned 1 hour forward

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 - 7 - CMAS Testing

April - 8 - CMAS Testing

April - 9 - CMAS Testing

April 16 - CMAS Testing

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!

FREE WEEKLY FOOD DELIVERY FOR HOME AGED 6 - 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. Here is the link for families to sign up. Click **HERE** or copy and paste the link below for more information or to register your children <https://www.coloradofoodcluster.com/sign-up-and-manage-deliveries>

FREE TAX HELP!

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](#)

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
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PBA WEBSITE

2020/2021 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

2020/2021 DPS SCHOOL CALENDAR

2020/2021 DPS FAMILY RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDE

COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (CSC)

1ST QUARTER PARENT MEETING PRESENTATION SLIDES - SEPT. 24, 2020

2ND QUARTER PARENT MEETING PRESENTATION SLIDES - NOV. 18, 2020

3RD QUARTER PARENT MEETING PRESENTATION SLIDE - FEB. 25, 2021

CYBERBULLING HANDOUT



PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY

— *Bringing the World Together* —

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