

Bits & Pieces

Your Winter, Spring, and Fall Newsletter from the
DPS Supplemental Benefits Program

ASSISTANCE FUND OF THE DENVER TEACHERS' CLUB / VOLUNTARY PAYROLL PROTECTION PLAN

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The Supplemental Benefits Program:

ASSISTANCE FUND:

Free use of durable medical equipment for all current DPS employees, DPS retirees, and immediate family members. No membership fee. Funded by donations and yearly fundraisers.

VOLUNTARY PAYROLL PROTECTION PLAN:

Supplemental sick pay of \$60 per days missed from work for employees of DPS due to personal illness or injury. This benefit is funded by active employees' monthly payroll deduction of \$10 per month.

MEMORIAL DAY – MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 – The Denver Teachers' Club office will be closed.

SUMMER HOURS and HOLIDAYS 2026 – We will be closed **Friday, July 3rd**, for Independence Day, and **Monday, September 7th** for Labor Day. Call ahead for checking out or returning medical equipment to set an appointment with us. Be sure to plan your equipment requests with these closure dates in mind. Our schedule of open days and times in the office this summer may vary.

ENROLLMENT for the PAYROLL PROTECTION PLAN for 2026-2027 for active DPS employees is underway.

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE PAYROLL PROTECTION PLAN: ALL CLAIMS FOR THE CURRENT July 2025 - June 2026 SCHOOL YEAR ARE DUE IN OUR OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2026. Applications and Claim forms are available on our website or by contacting our office. If not a member already, check out the opportunity for additional sick pay under 'Supplemental Benefits' in your DPS Open Enrollment brochures, or call the Denver Teachers Club to ask about enrollment during the school year.

Denver Teachers Club				
2026 Assistance Fund Raffle Winners				
Prize	Amount	Name	Ck No	Ticket #
1st	\$800	Emma Hunter		29694
2nd	\$350	Dominic Mickelson		26972
3rd	\$200	Marjorie Hopkins		309014
4th-1	\$100	Ivan Montoya		16781
4th-2	\$100	Della Bunney		27865
4th-3	\$100	Eloise Newell		25535
4th-4	\$100	David Strodman		17134
4th-5	\$100	Diane Lloyd		31048
4th-6	\$100	Chris Matthews		27746
4th-7	\$100	Ronald Jolly		28400
4th-8	\$100	Erik Singer		15282
4th-9	\$100	Barbara Fettner		21289
4th-10	\$100	Karen Nelson		26843
4th-11	\$100	Carol Langhardt		33066
4th-12	\$100	Susan Martin		34942
5th-1	\$50	Anne Weaver		12555
5th-2	\$50	Holly Hart		26477
5th-3	\$50	Tammy Brown		22205
5th-4	\$50	Naomi Duran Flynn		25460
5th-5	\$50	Shawn Hinsvark		20449

RAFFLE 2026: Thank you to all participants in our raffle. We received close to \$23,000 in your ticket purchases and donations. This will allow for the continued addition of new medical equipment to our inventory for our DPS employees and retirees, as well as provide operational and maintenance support to the Assistance Fund. We continue to be able to provide the very best and latest in durable medical equipment for our DPS community and immediate family members. We purchased over \$10,000 in new medical equipment this school year, and we donated many pieces of our used equipment to other charities grateful to receive them. Your gift to us is a gift that keeps on giving! We offer a heart-felt thank you to our volunteers for help in the raffle operations and ticket processing. We are grateful to everyone for your continued support.

RAFFLE DONATIONS AND PURCHASES: Only raffle memorials and donations above the ticket purchase or in lieu of the ticket purchase are posted in the newsletter. Raffle ticket purchases are not posted in the newsletter since they are sales.

**DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE ASSISTANCE FUND BETWEEN
FEBRUARY 1, 2026 AND APRIL 30, 2026 AS FOLLOWS:**

Patricia Adams	Eileen Barela	Gary Hillman	Guadalupe Parrish
Annie Ash	David Vargas	Gail Holmes	Laura Pilkington
Alice Baumbach	Donann Bowes	Barbara Inama	Nancy Raddatz
Sandra Braudaway	Steve Bowley	Judith Johnson	Patricia Redifer
Vicki Cyr	Susan Bradley	Karen Jordening	Don & Darlene Reeves
Deborah Dawson-Thomas	Ruth Brugger	Wendy Kaeuper	Steve Roark
Mary Ann Gains	Doris Burns	Beverly Karika	Linda Rolf
Deborah Graham	Julian Clark	Judy Kramer	Celia Scheffe
Naomi Graham	Mick Conlon	Louise Larson	Richard Schraeder
Barbara Hessel	Helen Cox	Sara Larson	Barbara Smethills
Jane Little	Richard Crater	Joan Leinbach	Bill Smith
Robert E. Mantooth	Susan Denny	Patricia Lilley	Rosalie Spicola
Eliana Moore	Betty Esquibel	Diane Lloyd	Charlene St. John
Teresa Morrell-Evans	Bette Finkelmeier	Donna Lucero	Pamela Stager
Tom & Val Parks	Terri Fish	Kartalla Lyons	Phil Strain
Mahri Reed-Whitney	James & Edith Fleet	Karen Mendez	Jeffera Tate
Anna Ross	Jeanette Forster	Carolyn Mendoza	Gregg Torres
Rosalie Spicola	Stephany French	Nancy Mentzer	Laurel Trasky
Holiday Calendar Donations	Mary Ann Gains	Judie Mitchell	Ba Vovan
Barbara Newby	Leanna Geist	Jim Moore	Philip Wade
Manuel Sais	Bonnie Girardi-Marts	Shirley Murphy	Charla Waggoner
	Carl Goodwin	Barbara Newby	Barbara Williams
	Deb Graham	James Nielsen	Doris Wiseman-
Raffle Donations	Mary Happe	Irene Osuga	Coopersmith
Marilyn Andersen	Dennis & Cathy Hartman	Sharon Otte	Gary Younger
Edward Augden	Madalyn Henninger	Nan Page-Stevens	
Cheryl Bankes	Caroline Hernandez	Tom & Val Parks	

**HONORARIUMS AND TRIBUTES WERE RECEIVED BY THE ASSISTANCE FUND
BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1, 2026 AND APRIL 30, 2026 AS FOLLOWS:**

Tribute to **All DPS Music Teachers** – Jeanne Phipers

**MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED BY THE ASSISTANCE FUND BETWEEN
FEBRUARY 1, 2026 AND APRIL 30, 2026 AS FOLLOWS:**

(In Memory of:
Name of Donor)

Phylis Abeyta

John Acosta

Ken Andrews

Vasa Peaches Sellers

Doralee Armstrong

Linda Leali

Ollie Barefield

Vasa Peaches Sellers

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Larry Blake

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Keith Roybal

Nate Howard

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Gloria Jorgensen

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Helen Richards

Sharon Kiefer

Sherry Hitztaler

Rosemary Leberer

Julie Hallwell

Esther Lustig

Stephan Lustig

Martin Mansfield

Keith Roybal

Twila Norman

Vasa Peaches Sellers

Nancy Olsen

Sherry Hitztaler

Mary Ray

Vasa Peaches Sellers

Esther Romero

Rosana Trujillo

Tony Roybal

John Acosta

Gaston Santi

John Acosta

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Rick & Lorie Schwindt

Bernadette Seick

John Acosta

Goldie Sellers

Vasa Peaches Sellers

Jack Simpson

Keith Roybal

Charlie Todesco

John Acosta

Tim Walker

Cynthia Madsen

Keith Roybal

Mary "Skip" Weathers

Deborah Francis

Carneice Brown White

Karen Henderson

Holiday Calendar Memorials

Phylliss Adams

Keith Adams

Jeane Capra

Robert L. Vance

Len Glaviano

Barb LaGuardia

Gloria Jorgensen

Carroll Ann Donaldson

Bill Lane

Betty Brienza

Lee Regan

Barb LaGuardia

Tyler Stephens
Barbara LaGuardia
K.A. Stephens

Steve Weiss
Janice Sinopoli

Raffle Memorials

Alberta Alston
Linda Bates Leali

Cathryn Andersen
Margaret Shane

Morris Anderson
Betty J. Walker

Irene Aragon
Betty J. Walker

Avatar Meher Baba
Barbara Roberts

Robert & Betty Baker
Betty J. Walker

Judith Barth
Betty J. Walker

Anna Mae Bradbury
Betty J. Walker

Ralph Broten
Betty J. Walker

Janet Burns
Betty J. Walker

Patsy Butler
Shireen whitson-Truesdale

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Beverly Clifton
Betty J. Walker

Robert Clifton
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Joe & Jane Craft
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Linda DeRose
Martha DeRose

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Betty J. Walker

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Linda Bates Leali

Larry Blake
Tony DeCamillis

Robert Gould
Betty J. Walker

William Greene
Betty J. Walker

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Lester Hartley

Robert Harvat
Chris Coble

Ken Hatcliff
Susan Brown

Patricia Haug
Jeanne Haug

Norman Haug
Jeanne Haug

Nathan Hazzard
Shireen Whitson-Truesdale

Virginia Heddens
Joanne Carden

Jodi Hogle
Sue Koscove

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Forney & Jan Wells

Clem & Edith Holtcamp
Forney & Jan Wells

Jack Hook
Marjorie Hook

Ella Mae Houston
Philip Ricciardi

John Jackson
Nancy Clary

Mary Jo Jacques
Jean Jacques

Irma James
Linda Bates Leali

Richard Jordan
Betty J. Walker

Gloria Jorgensen
Kerry Sawyer

Richard Kaufman
Betty J. Walker

Darryl Keeton
Linda Bates Leali

Erwin Koepsel
Nancy Clary

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Carol Kowalski
Connilee White

Leonard Krim
Betty J. Walker

Ruth Walsh Kropp
Betty J. Walker

Connie & Ralph Leberer
Betty J. Walker

Faye Lindenbaum
Mike Clem

Esther & David Lustig
Stephan Lustig

Helen McCallum
Betty J. Walker

Mary Lou McCollum
Linda Bates Leali

Jeneva McQueary
Ida Casagranda

Francha Menhard
William Thomas

Bonnie Modica
Donna Brown

Bernard Mollicone
Betty J. Walker

Herman Motz
Betty J. Walker

Jack Nelson
Paula McClean

Twila Norman

Diane Simpson

John North

Anita Gonzales Clem

Steven Nye

Betty J. Walker

Peggy O'Brian

Sally Ortiz

Mary & Teresa Pagano

Elaine Tsumura

Jeanetta Pastore

Nancy Clary

Harold Pfeifer

Betty J. Walker

Jack Pottle

Nancy Clary

Loretta Richardson

Linda Bates Leali

Mary Ann Ross

Jay Breen

Sylvia Sather

Kathy Hawkins

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Cheryl Kirksey

Elaine Wiese

Anita Gonzalez Clem

Cora Lee Williams

Linda Bates Leali

Jennie Woodson

Linda Bates Leali

Emil Ziegler

Junie Weed-Ziegler

TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE ASSISTANCE FUND OF THE DENVER TEACHERS' CLUB CONTACT OUR OFFICE, OR USE OUR FORM PROVIDED.

IN MEMORY

Cain, Doris J12/03/23

Erickson, Erl E04/13/26

Gordon, Donald E01/26/26

Graham, Eleanor W07/23/25

Graves, Jerry Dean.....12/26/24

Hatch, Darrell R04/04/25

Koepsel, Nancy L.....04/06/26

Moore, Sandra B.....01/17/25

Nye, Stephen G09/01/25

Ross, Mary Ann01/31/26

Shocks, Donna J.....09/06/25

Weathers, Mary L.....12/01/25

Denver Teachers' Club Assistance Fund Donation Form

1617 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223

Phone: 303-377-0222

Thank you for your contribution to Denver Teachers' Club Assistance Fund. Your support helps to ensure our ability to continue providing the services you and your family members are accustomed to receiving. Ever vigilant in our efforts to provide you with the latest, most innovative medical equipment, your contributions will also help us to expand our services as appropriate in the expensive and ever-changing arena of medical care provision. Please complete this form to your specifications, and mail it along with your contribution to the address above.

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

My check no. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

My gift is strictly a donation My gift is in memory of: _____

My gift is a tribute to: _____

Please send acknowledgment of this gift to (amount will not be disclosed):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

TAX DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 501(c)3 of the I. R. S. CODE

In order to comply with IRS Code Section 170(f)(8), we will provide you with a receipt mailed to the address you have supplied above, which affirms that the Denver Teachers' Club provided no goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for your contribution.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT - Call ahead to reserve or return your medical equipment. All entrances to the Acoma Campus are locked. As with most school districts throughout the nation, Denver Public Schools now requires that all outside doors be locked during school hours. This requirement includes the entrance to the Denver Teachers' Club offices. You will need to **call our office at 303-377-0222 prior to visiting for any reason.**

*If in the hazy days of spring and summer, you see a yellow butterfly drifting,
it seems to be most solo, on a migratory flight.
Yet it takes its time to hover over you in your gatherings,
looping about as if curious to see who you are, what you are eating, what you are laughing about,
or what flowers you are tending.
Coming close, it must already know, seeking you out,
to let you know it remembers you
and invites you back to your own memories of someone, something, special times.
In the hazy days of spring and summer.*

RETIREEES: We work hard to maintain an up-to-date database for our retirees. To continue to assist you with borrowing medical equipment free of charge from the Denver Teachers Club Assistance Fund and to receive our newsletters, raffle tickets and information for our retirees, keep us informed of any changes to your contact information so we can update our retiree database.

LINKS: Our web site: www.dpssbp.org

Please see our website for all of our forms, including:

Assistance Fund Donation Form

Payroll Protection Plan Application

Payroll Protection Plan Rules & Regulations

Retiree Continuation Data Form and Changes in Contact Information