



## Save the Dates!

- **Board Meeting:** Mon. 11/5  
6:00PM
- **ESSA Parent Meeting:**  
Thurs. 11/8 at 5:30PM
- **Rummage Sale:** Sat. 11/17  
9am to 2pm at Pride  
Academy
- **First Trimester Ends:** Tues.  
11/20
- **Philanthropy Day & Half Day**  
12:30 Dismissal: Wed. 11/21
- **School Closed for  
Thanksgiving Recess:** Thurs.  
11/22 and Fri. 11/23
- **School Reopens:** Mon 11/26
- **Second Trimester Begins:**  
Mon. 11/26

## Gratitude IS our Attitude!

The November-December season is a perfect time to spend with our children showing them and helping them to show their caring and gratitude for those people in their lives who provide for them emotionally, spiritually, and physically. As parents/guardians we can model caring and appreciation to our children by doing some of the following:

**Making** and dedicating time in our busy schedules to take an interest in our children's day at school and in their homework and grades.

**Setting aside special time** just to spend one-on-one with each of our children - reading, cooking, watching a movie, and making, not always purchasing, a special gift for someone.

**Modeling to your children** that the greatest gifts of gratitude that they can give to others are acts of kindness, caring, and respect: lending a helping hand; keeping a positive attitude about things that are different, new, or unfamiliar; sharing a smile, handshake, or hug; returning a greeting of "Good Morning" or "How are you?" or simply saying - "Thank you!" and "I love you!"

Your Pride Family wishes you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!

## ESSA: Information and Updates!

On December 10, 2015, President Barack Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) into law as Public Law Number 114-95. ESSA reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 "to ensure that every child achieves."

ESSA is the nation's general education law and, as such, has been revised by Congress many times over the years. The last reauthorization took place in 2001 and was called the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

Pride Academy Charter School is committed to upholding the ESSA law and has created a School Wide Improvement plan that complies with the NJDOE guidelines and regulations. We have recently received our 2016-17 ESSA School and District Accountability Profiles based on last year's PARCC Assessment scores.

Please come to our ESSA Parent Meeting on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM to learn more about ESSA, your important role and voice in the process of creating our school wide improvement goals and plan, and our most recent school accountability results!

For NJDOE ESSA information and resources, please visit:

<http://www.nj.gov/education/ESSA/>

<http://www.nj.gov/education/parents/>



### Steps to Help Us Keep Your Family Healthy

1. **Vaccinate!** Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine ASAP!
2. **Stop Germs:** Wash hands frequently with soap and water, cover your noses/mouths when coughing or sneezing, and disinfect contaminated surfaces and objects
3. **Keep your child home:** if he/she has flu like symptoms, vomiting or diarrhea or any sign of fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or more) and until he/she is fever-free for at least 24 hours.

# Parent Partnerships

Collaborating for Success!



## PRIDE PARENT COUNCIL WANTS TO "BRING BACK PLAY"!

The Pride Parent Council has set a huge goal for themselves that will bring great, big smiles to the faces of our Pride scholars. Members are working to raise \$20,000 to re-build a playground for the scholars of Pride Academy Charter School!

This goal honors the achievement of past Parent Council members who were able to bring a playground to Pride Academy in 2012 (see May 2012 Build Day photos below). That playground, unfortunately, had to be taken down in order to build our new wing and Great Room. Now that our expansion project is complete, our selfless and dedicated Pride parents are eager to bring back our playground.

The Parent Council is working hard to raise the \$20,000 needed to rebuild the playground. Already underway are fundraisers in collaboration with the New York Jets and Modell's Sporting Goods, as well as a BIG COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE taking place here in the Common Room at Pride Academy on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm. Future fundraising events include a Scrib Gift Cards Sale and a Raffle for a \$1,000 cash prize.

As the members of the Parent Council work towards achieving this goal, they are looking for and need the support of their whole Pride family. If every family helps us raise funds by participating and spreading the word, we will be able to provide all of our scholars with a safe place to play and have fun.



## BIG PRIDE COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE!

On Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm, the Parent Council will be hosting a Big Community Rummage Sale to raise money towards the Playground Fund.

They are looking for vendors to purchase tables at \$10.00 per table. Vendors can sell gently used items, like you might find in a Yard Sale. Small business owners are also welcome to be vendors. At this time, we have several tables sold to vendors selling clothing, shoes, houseware items, and holiday decorations. We also have entrepreneurs who will be selling items such as homemade organic shea butter, specialty clothing, jewelry and more.

If you know anyone that would like to purchase a table at \$10, please reach out to Ms. Dumenigo at 973-672-3200 ext. 210. She can also be reached by email at [rdumenigo@prideacs.org](mailto:rdumenigo@prideacs.org)

We also hope that you will support our Parent Council Rummage Sale by coming out and shopping at this special event. In addition to the vendors selling at their tables, the Parent Council will also be selling food and refreshments.

Please do all you can to help us promote this important event, by sharing the news with all your family and friends. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. When you see the ads for the Rummage Sale posted on our page, BE SURE TO SHARE IT! Help us reach as many people as we can, so that we can achieve our BIG PLAYGROUND DREAMS!



**BRING BACK PLAY**

**GIANT COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE**  
Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>  
9am to 2pm

Pride Academy Charter School  
117 Elmwood Ave. East Orange, NJ

Proceeds Benefit...  
PARENT COUNCIL PLAYGROUND FUND

### Come Shop or Sell!

Tables are available for \$10 each.  
Rent the table & keep the profits.

You are welcome to sell gently used yard sale items, such as children's clothes, books, home goods, and more. Vendors are welcome to sell their jewelry, purses, clothing, and more.

For more information or to purchase a table:  
Call Ms. Dumenigo at 973-672-3200 ext. 210  
Or email her at [rdumenigo@prideacs.org](mailto:rdumenigo@prideacs.org)

Please pass the word about the sale to other potential sellers and shoppers.