



Save the Dates!

- **Parent Council Meeting:**
Thurs. 11/7 at 5:30PM
- **Jets Mindset of Possibilities:** Wed. 11/13 at 5:30PM
- **Bingo for Books Parent Party:** Thurs. 11/21 at 5:30PM
- **School Pictures:** Thurs. 11/21 8:30AM-11:00AM
- **First Trimester Ends:** Tues. 11/26
- **Holiday Shopping Spree Raffle Drawing:** Wed. 11/27 at 5:30PM
- **Half Day 12:30 Dismissal:** Wed. 11/27
- **School Closed for Thanksgiving Recess:** Thurs. 11/28 and Fri. 11/29
- **Second Trimester Begins:** Wed. 11/27
- **School Reopens:** Mon 12/2



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 an Annual School Plan that complies with the NJDOE guidelines and regulations. On Thursday, November 21st, we will be hosting a Bingo for Books event. In addition to playing and winning books through family fun games of Bingo, you will also hear a presentation about Pride Academy's ELA test scores, our 2018-19 ESSA School and District Accountability Profiles based on last year's PARCC Assessment scores, and finding out how we can work together to help our scholars improve their reading and writing skills.

Steps to Help Us Keep Your Family Healthy

Vaccinate! Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine ASAP!

Stop Germs: Wash hands frequently with soap and water, cover your noses/mouths when coughing or sneezing, and disinfect contaminated surfaces and objects

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.



Choose MyPlate

Visit the USDA site for resources to help you make nutritious healthy menu choices and review the Tip Sheets attached to this newsletter!

<https://www.choosemyplate.gov/resources/m>

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. Last year, they were able to raise almost \$2,000 through their rummage sale and by acquiring a donation from The Seventh Day Adventist Church of the Oranges. The big fundraiser that they have been working on over a year is the Pride Parent Council Holiday Shopping Spree Raffle with a grand prize of \$1,000 in gift cards. Their goal is to raise \$15,000, which will get them very close to their goal.

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.



PRIDE PARENT COUNCIL \$1,000 HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE RAFFLE!

How would you like to have an extra \$1,000 in your pocket on Black Friday? Well, the Pride Parent Council is going to make that happen for one lucky winner! On November 1st, the Pride Parent Council will kick off their big \$1,000 Holiday Shopping Spree Raffle in order to raise money towards the Playground Fund.

All Pride families will be asked to sell thirty raffle tickets at \$2 each. One of those lucky tickets will provide the winner with \$1,000 in gift cards. The drawing will take place on Wednesday, November 27th at 5:30pm. When the winner is selected, Ms. Dumenigo will call the winner and drive the \$1,000 gift cards to the winner (assuming that the winner will be somewhat local). This means the winner will be able to use their winnings immediately!

We also hope that you will support our Parent Council by selling as many raffle tickets as possible. Remember that your support will help us to provide our scholars with a much-needed playground. Please do all you can to help us promote this important event, by sharing the news with all your family and friends.



**Pride Academy Holiday Shopping Spree
\$1,000 Visa Gift Card Raffle
Sponsored by the Pride Parent Council**



Raffle Winner announced Wednesday, November 27th at 5:30pm.