



Save the Dates!

- **School Picture Day:** Thurs. 11/9
- **Shining Scholar Dress Down Day:** Fri. 11/10
- **ESSA Parent Meeting:** Wed. 11/15 at 5:30PM
- **Board Meeting:** Thurs. 11/16 at 6:00pm
- **Philanthropy Day & Half Day 12:30 Dismissal:** Wed. 11/22
- **School Closed for Thanksgiving Recess:** Thurs. 11/23 and Fri. 11/24
- **School Reopens:** Mon 11/27
- **Second Trimester Begins:** Mon. 11/27

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."⁽¹⁾

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 Wednesday, November 15th 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.