



## Pride Scholars Called to Duty!

***"I don't know what you've been told..." but Pride scholars are HEROES!***

Pride Academy Charter School joins all other New Jersey public schools during the first week of October to address the issue of bullying and address issues related to violence and vandalism during the third week of October. Because "RESPECT" is a core value and an integral part of our school community, Pride Academy typically spends the entire month focusing on issues connected to respect. This year, Respect Month will be celebrated through a military theme that calls each Pride scholar to be a H.E.R.O and "Help Everyone Respect Others!"

Throughout the month we will have special lessons, activities that remind us of how we can "be all that we can be" by living the core value of respect.

Mr. Altamirano, Ms. Walker and Mrs. Mack will incorporate lessons during PE/Health classes on a variety of age-appropriate topics. 5th Grade will discuss "Respecting Self" through Suicide Prevention. 6th grade will focus on "Respecting Others" through Bullying Prevention. 7th Grade will learn about Healthy Relationships, and 8th Grade will discuss Healthy Relationships and Dating Violence.

\* Scholars may choose to participate in a "Camouflage" Dress Down Day on Friday, October 25th. During this day, we will bring awareness to bullying by dressing down and wearing camouflage shirts, pants, or other items that highlight our Army Hero theme.

\* Ms. Brower will also be addressing 5th graders to discuss "What is Violence?"

We appreciate and need your support of our Code of Conduct and discipline policies so that we can maintain a safe, peaceful, and civil learning environment. We will be distributing the 2019-2020 Code of Conduct during our First Trimester Progress Report Parent Conference Night on Thursday, October 10th 3:30pm to 6pm. If you are not able to attend, please ask for your copy at the Main Office. Please reach out to Ms Brower or Mrs. Thomas if you have questions or concerns about any incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying. Other useful NJDOE web resources for parents addressing a range of related topics include the following: The Keeping Our Kids Safe, Healthy, and in School website (<http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/sandp/> and The Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) web page (<http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/behavior/hib>).

### Save the Dates!

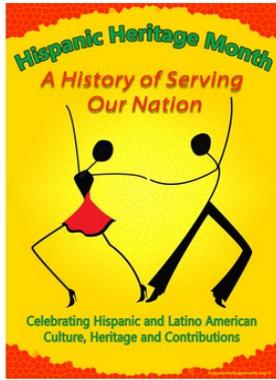
- **Respect Month:** Oct 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>
- **Healthy Kids Walk:** Fri. 10/4 11:00-12:30am. (Parents are welcome to attend).
- **Half Day 12:30 Dismissal:** Fri. 10/4
- **Progress Report Conferences:** Thurs. 10/10 3:30-6:00 pm
- **School Closed for Columbus Day:** Mon. 10/14
- **Latin Dance Party:** Thurs. 10/18 at 5:30PM
- **Half Day 12:30 Dismissal for Students:** Fri. 10/18 for Professional Development
- **"Camouflage Dress Down Day:** Fri. 10/25

## Preparing for Progress Report Night!

Please attend Progress Report Conference afternoon on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** between **3:30pm and 6:15pm** to pick up your child's progress report and meet with teachers. If you are unable to make it, please call your child's teacher to make an alternative day and time. To prepare for your conference, please consider these tips:

- Prepare your questions in advance
- Ask to look at your child's work.
- Share your expertise about your child that may be impacting your child's academic performance or conduct; help the teacher understand how best to work with your child.
- Be prepared to hear good news as well as perhaps hearing news that may be disappointing or surprising. Your children's teachers may have insights and knowledge about your child's learning and behavior that you may not have heard before. Be open to discussing these calmly and professionally.
- After the conference, be sure to take time to sit down with your child to discuss his/her progress report. Celebrate the strengths and address the concerns by coming up with a plan to make improvements.





## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th. Pride Academy Charter School is finding a variety of ways to celebrate the Hispanic culture in our school community.

\* Our Dance Teacher, Ms. Gendreau, is currently teaching our 8th graders about the history of Latin music and dance. Our scholars are truly enjoying learning to dance salsa, merengue, bachata and more.

\* Our Spanish Teacher, Ms. Charussilapa, continues to infuse Latin American history and culture in her Spanish classes.

\* Scholars will learn about positive Latino leaders who have impacted our world during Morning Assembly through slide presentations.

\* On Thursday, October 17th we invite ALL of our parents to join us in a Latin Dance Party, where Ms. Gendreau, with the assistance of some students and parents, will teach us some Latin Dances. On the menu, will be some delicious Spanish food from Dominy Restaurant, a local Dominican restaurant located on Central Avenue in East Orange. We hope that you will join us for this special celebration.

## Healthy Kids Walk! by Ms Dumenigo

Our Fifth Annual Healthy Kids Walk is well under way. Our scholars are working hard to raise as much money as possible in order to support our athletics, mentoring, clubs and after school activities. Each team is working towards individual goals, but collectively, we are working to raise at least \$10,000 in order to provide all the programs that enrich our scholars learning and growing at Pride Academy. Scholars who reach their \$40 goal will be able to get face painting, as well as participate in our Hula Hoop Contest, Push Up Contest, and Pride's Best Baller Basketball Tournament. The scholar who raises the most money will win 4 tickets to a Red Bulls game in Red Bulls stadium. The team that raises the most money will earn a WEEK OF FREE DRESS DOWNS!

This year's Healthy Kids Walk will be a fun and healthy event for the whole family. Our live DJ, Mr. Liddell, will keep our spirits pumping as we walk and take part in a giant group Zumba class. We invite all our Pride families to attend on Friday, October 4th in Elmwood Park from 11am to 12:30pm. Parents will be able to walk with us, Zumba with us, and also enter a special parent raffle for a Visa Gift card. If there are any Pride family members who would like to help out with the face-painting or any other fun activities, please reach out to Ms. Dumenigo at 973-672-3200 ext. 210 or by email at [rdumenigo@prideacs.org](mailto:rdumenigo@prideacs.org)

As always, we thank all of our families for supporting our Healthy Kids Walk as we work to provide great activities and opportunities for our Pride Scholars!



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