

PROJECT PRIDE! by Ms Dumenigo



Save the Dates

- **Board Meeting:** Thurs. 5/12 at 6:00pm
- **BJ Asthma Walk:** Sat. 5/14
- **Spring Pictures:** Wed. 5/18 4
- **Generations Dance:** Sat. 5/21 at 5:30pm
- **8th Grade NJASK Assessment:** Wed. 5/25.
- **Ubuntu Parent Meeting- He Said/She Said!:** Wed. 5/25
- **Memorial Day-School Closed:** Mon. 5/30



Generations Dance Tickets go on sale Monday, May 9th. The theme of this year's dance is "A Night on the Nile". Keep your eye out for the invitation and ticket order form. The tickets sell for \$10 per person and include food, music, and fun. Tickets must be purchased in advance of the dance, which is on Saturday, May 21st from 6pm to 9pm. Please join us for the GREATEST PRIDE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

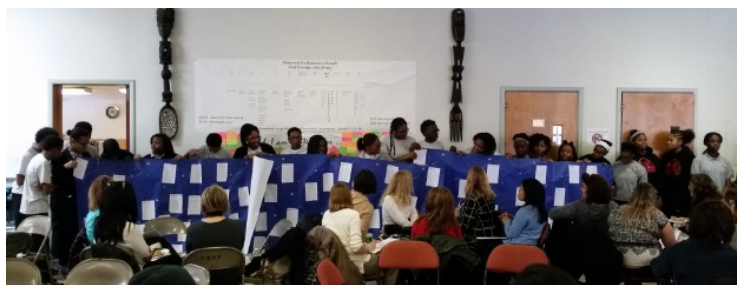
Part of Pride Academy's mission and vision is to provide opportunities for our scholars to be student leaders and philanthropists. Among the numerous service projects that students engage in throughout the year are Project Pride Service Projects. Each grade level has a specific social issue that they learn about and address: 5th grade: Health; 6th grade: Poverty; 7th grade: Violence; 8th grade: Education. Earlier this year, the class of 2016 addressed the issue of low teacher morale by hosting a staff appreciation luncheon for the teachers of East Orange Community Charter School. It was a huge success, and the teachers of EOCCS really felt loved and appreciated by their former students.

In the remaining two months of this school year, we will be implementing our remaining service projects. This Saturday, May 14th, our fifth graders will be participating in BJ's Walk for Hope in support of asthma awareness. They will be walking and raising money to support all the members of our community who suffer from asthma, as well as walking in memory of Tyjahn Virgil, who was a member of the Class of 2015 and sadly passed away from asthma during his fifth grade year at Pride.

The sixth grade will be addressing the issue of poverty by hosting "THE BIG PRIDE DRIVE". They will hold a contest and ask people to donate items in support of Adopt One Village, which sends much needed items to villages in Ghana, Africa. Grades will compete against each other and earn points for donating used items in good condition. A clean garbage-style bag of clothing will be 10-20 points, a pair of shoes is 20 points, sneakers will be worth 50 points per pair, and bicycles will earn 500 points. Points are determined by what people in Ghana need most. Each grade that earns 2000 points will earn a dress down day, and the grade with the most points will earn an Ice Cream Dance Party. The dates to bring in the donated items will be Friday, June 3rd from 2:30 to 4:30pm and Saturday, June 4th from 9am to 12pm.

Lastly, the seventh graders will be working with a Pride parent, Ms. Kimo Bentley, to host a Parent Party to bring awareness to the issue of domestic Violence. The theme is "Hands for Love, Not for Violence." During this Parent Party, we will be providing information on the topic, as well as giving families an opportunity to discuss the issue with their children. This event will take place on Thursday, May 19th at 5:30pm.

We hope that you will all be able to support our children as they work to make the world a better place through leadership and service.



Thank You Amazing Pride Families!

The Parent Council would like to thank all the parents and families that made a donation towards Teachers' and Staff Appreciation activities. We were able to raise \$831! No matter how great or how small, please know that your donation was very appreciated. With your donations, the Parent Council was not only able to put together a wonderful luncheon, but they also were able to give each staff member a \$10 gift card to Dunkin Donuts. The teachers were very grateful for your generosity!