

Pride Parent Newsletter

October 2024

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Important Links to Pride Family Resources

Online Code of Conduct

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Policy

[Link to Harrassment Policy](#)

To Report an HIB Incident

[Link to Harrassment Reporting Forms](#)

Online Uniform Guidelines

[Link to Uniform Guidelines on Website](#)

Technology Use Policy

[Computer and Internet Use Policy](#)

Monthly Lunch Calendars

[Link to Access Menus](#)

Pride Building Hours

Monday – Thursday

7 am – 5:00 pm

Fridays

7 am – 4 pm

Half Days

7 am – 1:30 pm

RESPECT MONTH 2024

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.

Throughout the month we will have special lessons, and activities that remind us of how we can combat bullying by living the core value of respect.

* Mr. Altamirano, Ms. Farl and Mr. Charles will incorporate lessons during PE/Health classes on a variety of age-appropriate topics. 5th Grade will discuss "Respecting Self" by self-regulating our emotions and communicating our feelings using words instead of anger and violence. 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.

* Ms. Brower will also be addressing 5th graders to discuss "What is Violence?" on Wednesday, October 23rd.

Wed, Oct. 9th – Hats off to Greatness Day – We will have a special Dress Down Day where each scholar will receive a free Next Level Greatness Hat from Pride. During "We Time" scholars will take time to write positive notes to each other with positive notes recognizing each other's GREATNESS.

Fri, Oct. 11th – Healthy Kids Day – Scholars will enjoy a half-day of fun activities focused on Anti-Bullying and Kindness. The highlight of the day is from 10–12pm at Elmwood Park. All Pride parents and families are invited to join us for this fun Pride Family event of games, face painting, music, Zumba and more. (Students will return to school at 12pm and dismiss at 12:30pm)

Thurs. Oct. 24th – Pride Parent GREATNESS Party @ 5:30pm – We have an AMAZING PARENT PARTY prepared to share information and FREE GOODIES for our Pride Parents & Families. You'll learn about our new "Nurtured Heart Approach" initiative and get a free tote bag with books on NHA. Pizza, refreshments, and child care will be provided. We hope you will be able to join us.

Please reach out to Ms Brower or Mr. Ofstad 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>).

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Upcoming Events

RESPECT WEEK - Oct. 7 - 11

Hats Off to Greatness Dress Down Wed 10/9

Scholars and staff can dress down and wear a NEXT LEVEL GREATNESS hat they will receive from Pride. We'll also have a special "kindness" activity.

Progress Report Night Thurs 10/10 @3:45 - 6:30pm

This is your opportunity to meet teachers and see how your students are doing academically before their first report card.

Half Day for Healthy Kids Day Fri 10/11 - 12:30 Dismissal

Scholars will be enjoying Healthy Kids Day at Elmwood Park from 10:30 to 12pm. Parents are free join us for a great day of fun, games, and Zuumba.

Indigenous People's Day Mon 10/14 - School Closed

School Safety Committee Wed. Oct. 16th @ 6 pm

HAVE YOUR SAY on what we can do to make our community safer for all our children. (Dinner will be provided.)

Latin Dance Parent Party Thurs. Oct. 17th @ 5:30 - 7 pm

Join us for this community celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month where we will enjoy Latin Dance performances and delicious food.

Pride Parent GREATNESS Party Thurs. Oct. 24th @ 5:30 - 7 pm

Learn about our "Nurtured Heart Approach" initiative and get AMAZING FREEBIES. (Dinner and child care will be provided.)

Pride Family Latin Dance Party

COMMUNITY-WIDE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

On Thursday, October 17th at 5:30pm we invite ALL of our parents and families to join us for our annual Latin Dance Party. This year we will have the **TROPICAL IMAGE DANCERS**, who will entertain and instruct us as we our Pride Family comes together to celebrate our rich and diverse culture. 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.



GREATNESS Parent Party



Pride Academy Charter School was a recipient of a DREAMS School Grant which provided us with training and funding to implement a program centered on the Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA) at Pride. The Nurtured Heart Approach consists of strategies that assist children in further developing their self-regulation and has been found effective with children of all ages. It focuses on transforming how children perceive themselves, their caregivers, and the world around them. Children learn that they will receive endless amounts of praise, energy, recognition, and reward through the positive behavior they display. This helps children see their GREATNESS and recognize their Inner Wealth™.

We are excited to share what we learned with our families at our GREATNESS Parent Party on Thurs. October 24th @ 5:30pm. DINNER & CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL PRIDE FAMILIES WHO ATTEND.

Parents who attend will receive a "Next Level Greatness" Totebag with a free copy of the workbook on the Nurtured Heart Approach. We will also be raffling off two \$50 Amazon Gift Cards to incentive families to attend.

www.NurturedHeartInstitute.com

Pride Scholar Clubs & Activities



***Board Game Club Grades 5 - 8

Meeting Days & Times: Mondays 3:30 to 4:30pm

***Coed Basketball Club Grades 5 - 6

Meeting Days & Times: Mondays 3:30 to 4:30pm



*** Spanish Club: Grades 5-8

Meeting Days & Times: Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm

*** Sisters in the Lead: Grades 5-8

Meeting Days & Times: Mondays 3:30 to 4:30



*** African Dance Grades 5-8

Meeting Days & Times: Wednesdays 3:30 to 4:30

*** Math Counts: Grades 7-8

Meeting Days & Times: Mondays 3:30 to 4:30



***Please note that the Charter School Athletic League only allows for participants in grades 6-8.