



Save the Dates:

- Parent Council Meeting: **Thursday 1/5 5:30pm**
- 2012-2013 Enrollment Lottery: **Tues. 1/10 5pm**
- Charter Renewal Site Visit: **Thursday 1/12**
- School Closed: **1/16 for Martin Luther King Day**
- Board Meeting: **1/17 6pm**
- Parent Party: **Thurs. 1/19 6:00pm**
- Math Party: **1/20 5:30-7:30 pm**
- Scholastic Book Fair: **Week of 1/23-1/27**
- 2nd Trimester Progress Report Conferences: **Fri. 1/27 3-6pm**



Our enrollment lottery for the new school year, 2012-2013, will take place next Tuesday, January 10th 2012 at 5:00 pm. If you know families who would like to enroll their children in our school for the upcoming school year, please share this information with them.

New Year Resolutions

Magic Johnson's words emphasize the importance of letting our children know that they are ultimately responsible for working hard to achieve their dreams. While this is true, we also need to remember that we must help our children create their dreams and feel empowered not only to have them, but also to be proud of them. January is the perfect time to make plans; set goals; and shape future dreams. January marks the beginning of a New Year and the potential to make resolutions to affect positive changes in our lives.

Here are some tips to help you partner with your children as you set goals for success together:

Find out about and be enthusiastic about your child's interests, talents, and passions. Do research to find out how these interests can be nurtured through community service and school related programs.

Take time to sit down and plan for the future. Discuss prospective high schools, scholarship opportunities, and colleges. Always AIM HIGH and plan for multiple options!

Persevere in teaching your children that education is the key to success and being self-

"You're the only one who can make a difference. Whatever your dream is, go for it." Magic Johnson

disciplined and taking responsibility for actions are essential to unlocking doors of opportunity. Show them through your own example that EVERYTHING counts: arriving to school on time for Morning Assembly and attending each day; completing quality homework each night; wearing school uniform; following the school rules; practicing the core values; going above and beyond what is asked; and becoming actively involved in service and leadership opportunities.

Seize advantage of every opportunity that comes your way to expose your child to more education and diverse, culturally enriching experiences.

Stay actively involved in the school: join the Parent Council, attend parent-teacher conference days and school events, and check homework daily. Keep in constant touch with your child's teachers.

And finally, **share** your own dreams with your children and help them understand how your goal setting and planning for the future have helped you to be successful.

Charter Renewal Site Visit

Our Charter Renewal Site Visit is scheduled for **Thursday January 12th, 2012**. At the time of the visit, reviewers will review and document evidence about our school's performance, implementation of the educational, organizational, and fiscal program outlined in our charter and our compliance with laws and regulations. Information will be gathered through observations, review of documents, and interviews with Board of Trustee members, faculty and staff, parents and students.

We are excited about the opportunity to host this visit so that we can showcase the phenomenal work of your children and our faculty and staff as well as receive guidance and feedback that will help us continue to grow and strengthen our program.

The following questions will guide the interview with parents:

How is the school fulfilling its mission? What are the reasons for sending your child to Pride Academy? Has the school set high expectations for student learning and achievement and what are they? How well does the school communicate regarding your child's academic learning and progress? How accessible and responsive are administrators to parents? Do you find that the school is generally safe and orderly?

If you would like to be part of a group of parents/family members to be interviewed by the NJDOE site visit team, please arrange to come to Pride Academy between 1:00-2:00pm on **Thursday January 12th**. Please contact Mrs. Thomas at 973-672-3200 ext. 201 with any questions or concerns.

Parent Partnerships

Collaborating for Success!



Notice of Statement of Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity

PRIDE Academy Charter School adheres to the laws and regulations set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.8; Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; N.J.S.A. 10:5, and Equal Pay Act 1973, and is committed to ensuring equality in Educational, Employment, and Contract Practices for all persons, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status.

The following staff member has been appointed as our Affirmative Action Officer and designated to handle inquiries regarding our non-discrimination policies or grievance procedures:

Ms Robin Brower
117 Elmwood Ave,
East Orange, NJ 07108
973-672-3200 ext. 203

Service in Action!

On Saturday November 19th, volunteers from the Life Christian Church partnered with students at Pride Academy to decorate our Common Room walls with spectacular murals. Inspired by the drawings of 8th grade art students in their response to illustrating 4 proverbs representing different cultures, volunteers worked creatively to bring the words of the proverbs alive: "It takes a village to raise a child"; "Where there is love there is no darkness"; "Little by little the bird builds its nest", and "He Who Follows it, Attains it".

The Life Christian Church has been a generous source of support and resources from before Pride opened its doors in September 2008 to the present day. We are grateful to the Life Christian Church community for their faith in our School Mission and the inspiring example they show us in their leadership and service in action.



Our School Vision

Pride Academy will be a PLACE that ignites and fosters the following qualities in all members of our school community

- Philanthropy
- Leadership
- Academic Achievement
- Cultural Awareness
- Excellence

All members of our school community will:

Philanthropy: commit to the actions and ideals of service and social justice in our communities and our world.

Leadership: recognize their power as individuals to affect positive change.

Academic Achievement: apply the habits of questioning, seeking, understanding, and responding towards their personal growth as life-long learners, decision-makers, and problem solvers.

Cultural Awareness: explore and find value in their own cultural identity and the cultural identities of others.

Excellence: develop the knowledge, skills and resilience to achieve high expectations in their personal and professional lives.

