

March 9, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

This letter is to inform you about a Project P.R.I.D.E. program in which our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated on March 8th. This program was held during your son/daughter's elective class. Project P.R.I.D.E (Promoting Responsibility in Drug Education) is an educational program which promotes drug education, crime prevention and safe communities. It emphasizes the importance of making good choices.

Project P.R.I.D.E. provided an opportunity for our students to learn from current prison inmates and correction officers about the dangers of drug use and distribution. School administrators and School Resource Officer Hazzard oversee this program and participate in the assembly. During the presentation, students were engaged in scenarios and discussions regarding alcohol and drugs. Each volunteer inmate discussed their personal experiences including choices and consequences, and briefly outlined the realities of prison life. The students were afforded the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

We are pleased to host Project P.R.I.D.E each year. This was a great experience for both our staff and students.

Sincerely,

Larry T. Penny  
Principal