

# Lions Pride

The P.R.I.D.E. Mentoring program supports opportunity youth by exposing students to educational opportunities that they would otherwise not experience. Opportunity youth are those who face circumstances that could jeopardize their ability to complete school, such as:

- low test scores
- disciplinary problems
- poor school attendance
- lack of motivation
- lack of exposure
- poor social skills
- other learning-related factors that could adversely affect the educational performance and attainment of these students

The Lion's P.R.I.D.E. is designed to be an educational community of support for opportunity youth and their families. Students will have the opportunity to build their leadership skills, interact with and understand different cultures, and learn how to apply their academic skills in a practical way. Students will learn about community involvement through community service and visiting with local representatives from colleges and universities.

Students are referred to the P.R.I.D.E. Mentoring group by parent or teacher referral based on their at-risk factors. Our **Assistant Principal**- Ms. Robinson, **School Counselor**- Ms. Burns, and **EC Resource Teacher**-Ms. Jones, will be coordinating the program and will be the points of contact. Regular parent communication and involvement is essential to the success of the program.

**Fundraising** efforts are a huge part of the program, which will be used to help students set goals, monitor progress, increase responsibility, and develop leadership skills. The fundraising activities will be completely student-led, allowing the students to take ownership of the activities and utilize their academic skills. College Lakes Elementary will operate a school store during lunch time, so that students may sell and purchase necessary school supplies in an effort to raise funds for the P.R.I.D.E. group and provide supplies that students may need.

**To sign up to be a Lion's P.R.I.D.E. Mentor/Volunteer, please register at**

**<https://www/ccsvolunteers.com>**