

Park Ridge Public Schools
Office of Curriculum and Instruction, Assessment, & Educational
Technology
2 Park Avenue
Park Ridge, New Jersey
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As part of the district's gifted and talented Owls Pride program, we are soliciting referrals from both teachers and parents for potential candidates for the 2023-2024 school year. Teachers will have the opportunity to identify students in their classes, but we also want parents to participate in this process.

The Owls Pride program is for students in grades 3-8. The students will have 86 minutes of pull-out instruction weekly with Mrs. DeMar, our District's Gifted and Talented teacher. The curriculum includes teaching critical and creative thinking skills, problem solving skills, research skills, and self-awareness skills. The students will be responsible for making up work they miss during their time out of the classroom.

Completing these forms does not ensure acceptance into the Owls Pride program, but they will provide important preliminary information to the screening committee. In addition to the information form given to the committee from parents and teachers, all nominated students will be given the InView and Terra Nova assessments. Permission must be granted for testing to occur.

As per the Owls Pride handbook, all children must have a minimum score of 15 on the screening summary in order to be accepted into the Owls Pride Program. If you choose to complete the Renzulli-Hartman Rating Scale and the Permission for Testing form, they need to be submitted to your child's teacher by Wednesday, April 20, 2022. If you have any questions or need additional information you can contact, Gina DeMar at ginademar@parkridge.k12.nj.us.

Sincerely,

Melissa Ballaera
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Gina DeMar
Gifted & Talented Teacher