



**ANNING S. PRALL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 27: A Magnet School of Choice
For Applied Learning with Technology Integration**

Anning S. Prall Intermediate School 27 houses three unique academies: Engineering, Enterprise and Journalism. Our mission is to provide a nurturing environment in a small school setting which will enable students to perform competitively as innovative leaders in today's advanced society. The focus of each academy is described below.

While the academy focus has improved the school, we are still one large educational community.

Site-wide programs include a diverse encore program: band, chorus, drama, musical theatre, technology, engineering, journalism, visual arts, current events, ballroom dancing, and Lego Robotics.

Site-wide academic enrichment programs include: Integrated Algebra and Foreign Language proficiency in French and Spanish.

Site-wide extended day programs include: 37.5 minutes of academic intervention, CHAMPS sports program, Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation, and Supplemental Education Services ("SES").

Community service programs include: Salvation Army food and clothing collection, Notre Dame Bread of Life, Breast Cancer Walk, Jump Rope for Heart, March of Dimes Walk and a variety of neighborhood clean-up programs [snow shoveling, leaf removal, etc.]

ENGINEERING ACADEMY

Assistant Principal: Dennis Bellantoni Academy Leader: Elizabeth Ehresman

Mission Statement: This academy designs blueprints for a successful future by engaging students in activities that will motivate and prepare them to meet standards in all core disciplines.

Student Activities:

- **Grade 6 Breakfast:** Orientation Breakfast held in September to acclimate our "new" students to I.S. 27.
- **Thematic Project:** Interdisciplinary project divided quarterly to enhance, reinforce and promote basic engineering concepts.
- **Lego Robotics:** Encore class and Competition which supports the curriculum and the theme of Engineering Academy.
- **Leadership Club:** Organized by Mr. Bellantoni, the Leader's Club is a group of students who focus on community involvement both outside and within the school environment.
- **YMCA "Reading Rainbow":** This program was designed to give the students from our academy the opportunity to visit the Broadway Center YMCA Universal Pre-K classrooms and students from P.S. 19 and read selected books. The books are then donated to the program for their classroom libraries. This is an ongoing effort that will take place throughout the year.
- **The Zoo Crew:** A group of students, accompanied by Mr. Gallo, volunteer at the S.I. Zoo. Working with the gardener, the students are given the opportunity to assist in the upkeep of this neighborhood attraction as well as learn about the area of animal science.
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** A school-wide effort hosted by our academy resulted in a very successful drive. All of our efforts were donated to the Salvation Army. March of Dimes Fundraiser to benefit premature childbirth.
- **YMCA Winter Concert:** Students from the YMCA Universal Pre-K visit our school for a holiday concert. Members of our Performing Arts Department: band, drama & chorus entertain and impress students, parents and teachers with their magical performances.
- **Architectural Design:** In the technology class students construct a "newspaper city" after researching different architectural designs. Building bridges and stadiums are among the many projects incorporated into this curriculum.
- **Proposed for 2011—2012:**
 - **Student Government:** Elected officers from Grades 6, 7 & 8 along with representatives from each homeroom facilitate various community service projects throughout the year.
 - **Middle School Scholars Program (731):** Three year rigorous academic program designed to enhance the theme of the academy. Students in 731 will continue to prepare for the 8th Grade Regents Exam in Science.

ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

Assistant Principal, Andrea O'Donnell

Academy Leader: Jennifer Miller

Mission Statement: The mission of the Academy of Enterprise is to help students develop their social and academic skills while preparing them to pursue careers in the world of business. This Academy is structured to integrate students into the business community by providing them with an environment that enhances their social, economic, and technological skills, while preparing them to meet standards of excellence in all the disciplines. Through a collaborative effort of staff, community and private enterprise, students will gain the skills needed to succeed in the real world.

- The Academy of Enterprise has opened up their store, The Mustang Exchange, to support positive student behavior. Lesson planning and activities are based on the real world business experience. Students begin by filling out job applications and resumes, which are followed by the interview process. The students manage and operate this small business.
- Encore classes support our theme: current events, technology and economics. We participate in site-wide encores, band, chorus, drama and musical theater.
- Grade specific thematic projects throughout the year correlate with the Enterprise theme.
- Proposed for 2011—2012:
 - Continued advancement toward fundraising includes: community service, running a business, Making Strides to Fight Breast Cancer Walk, Toys for Tots, Project Home Front and March of Dimes.
 - Middle School Scholars Program (621): Three year rigorous academic program designed to enhance the theme of the academy. Students in 621 will prepare for the 8th Grade Integrated Algebra Regents.

JOURNALISM ACADEMY

Assistant Principal: Joseph Pecoraro Academy Leader: Pamela King

Mission Statement: The mission of this Academy is to teach students to think critically and creatively while preparing them for careers in journalism and related fields.

Projects: The students will create different forms of Journalism such as Power Points magazines, newspapers, Public Announcements and cookbooks. Each marking quarter is focused on a particular subject area incorporating all major and encore subjects. By doing this, the students see the connection between all subject areas as well as the real world.

- I. Magazines on Inventors – ELA Focus
- II. Newspapers on different time periods – Social Studies focus
- III. Public Service Announcements on weather, elements and planets -- Science Focus

Our projects have: Integration of technology; performance based assessments and rubrics; visual presentations; project based assignments that integrate family and community and activities appealing to multiple intelligences

Our Students feel leadership in this Academy through our Academy Newspaper, The Prall Street Journal.

Our 8th Grade Leaders Club which is in charge of assisting the Academy Leader and Assistant Principal with P.B.I.S., raising money for the Breast Cancer Society; getting information out to students (through morning announcements); helping out 6th and 7th graders with academics; helping out with Student Government.

Proposed for 2011-2012 – continued advancement toward TV Journalism and web based magazines.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Assistant Principal: Marie Grandner

Mission Statement: The mission of IS 27 is to meet the individual needs of all students in the least restrictive environment. As per Individualized Education Programs, students:

- receive all mandated services
- receive all test modifications
- are held to standard or modified promotion criteria
- have specific goals and objectives for instructional purposes

Based on teacher observations, assessments, and test scores, students are:

- given mainstream classes
- re-evaluated for less restrictive placements

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

PROGRAMS:	SERVICES:
• 12:1	• -SPEECH
• 12:1:1	• -COUNSELING
• INTEGRATED CO-TEACHING	• -HEARING
• SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER SUPPORT SERVICES	• -OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
	• -PHYSICAL THERAPY
	• -ADAPTED PHYSICAL EDUCATION
	• -ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Proposed for 2011—2012: Continuation of LRE programs.