



1 de diciembre de 2009

Estimada Familia Prospecta de PCS,

Estamos muy contentos de que usted haya considerado la Escuela Paul Cuffee para su niño(a). Adjunto, por favor encuentre el formulario de solicitud junto con una carta importante del Director de la Escuela, David Bourns, describiendo las expectativas para el estudiante y los padres en la Escuela Paul Cuffee.

La Escuela Paul Cuffee (Kindergarten - 8<sup>vo</sup> grado) ahora tiene nueve años y está cerca de por fin abrir la Escuela Secundaria. Agregaremos nuestro 9<sup>no</sup> grado en agosto 2010. Después, agregaremos un grado cada año hasta que alcancemos el 12<sup>vo</sup> grado en el 2013-2014 cuando tendremos una escuela secundaria de servicio completo y nuestra primera clase de graduandos.

Admisión es determinada por lotería abierta. La lotería de admisión para el año escolar 2010-2011 se realizará al principio de abril de 2010. **La fecha límite para someter una solicitud es el 22 de marzo de 2010. Todas las solicitudes recibidas después de esta fecha serán asignadas a la lista de espera, después de la lotería, en el orden que fueron recibidas.** Por favor notifique a la oficina principal de la escuela inmediatamente si hay algún cambio en su dirección o número de teléfono antes de y después de la lotería.

Anticipamos aproximadamente 50 espacios disponibles en Kindergarten, 6 espacios en el 6to grado, 15 espacios en el 9<sup>no</sup> grado, pero muy pocos espacios disponibles en los demás grados.

Nuestras Casas Abiertas serán:

<b>Casa Abierta</b>	<b>Casa Abierta de la Escuela Secundaria de Paul Cuffee</b>
Evento anual para padres futuros de estudiantes que aplican para Kindergarten – 8 <sup>vo</sup> grado.	Para padres futuros de estudiantes que aplican al 9 <sup>no</sup> grado.
2 de febrero de 2010 de 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.	11 de febrero de 2010 de 6 p.m -7 p.m.
Escuela Elemental - 459 Promenade Street	Escuela Elemental – 459 Promenade Street

Si usted planea asistir a cualquiera de estos evento, por **favor llame al (401) 453-2626 antes del 27 de enero**. Mientras tanto, nosotros le animamos a que visite nuestra página de Internet [www.paulcuffeeschool.com](http://www.paulcuffeeschool.com) para más información sobre la escuela.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta sobre la solicitud o el proceso de solicitud, por favor comuníquese conmigo al (401) 453-2626 ext. 227.

Atentamente,

Olinda Matos  
Coordinadora de Admisiones



Dear Prospective Families,

Paul Cuffee School is a Rhode Island Charter school, providing a college preparatory K-12 academic program for students from Providence, Rhode Island. Paul Cuffee, for whom our school is named, was a ship builder and a ship captain who lived on the Southeast coast of Massachusetts at the time of the American Revolution. He was also an important civic leader committed to non-violence and also the founder of a progressive school in Westport, Massachusetts that welcomed children of different racial and ethnic backgrounds. Paul Cuffee's mother was Wampanoag Indian, and his father was a freed slave who had been born in Ghana.

In addition to college preparatory academics, our school gives emphasis to the ocean and our environment. This means that over the coming years, more and more time will be devoted to science and mathematics. Students applying to the Paul Cuffee School need to keep this in mind because we require 2-3 hours of homework **each night** by the time our students reach middle school.

In the K-5 lower school, we focus primarily on language arts (reading, phonics, spelling, writing), mathematics, and science. The arts program helps us to explore and integrate the many lessons we are learning in language arts and mathematics. Students in our 6-8 program develop critical thinking, communication, and complex problem-solving skills in all areas of study.

The work at Paul Cuffee School is demanding. Students who are prepared to work hard are doing well, regardless of their reading, writing and math levels. Students not able or willing to work hard are having a difficult time.

Students whose parents (or in some cases, grandparents) work with them each day at home are very successful at our school. Parents must review homework assignments, classroom activities, personal behavior, and school life **each day** with their children. Parents meet formally at least 3 times each year with the classroom teacher, and we expect parents to learn about our academic programs and our academic standards.

We also expect parents to take the time to understand the responsible behavior we require at the Paul Cuffee School and to support our efforts and the efforts of their children to behave respectfully, responsibly, non-violently, and thoughtfully in school and at home.

We believe that our academic programs are exciting, and we believe that being a part of our school is enjoyable and rewarding. We also know that the expectations we place on our students are not always easy for them. Parents' involvement in their children's work is vital. Our School requires a three-way partnership in which our teachers and staff, our students, and our parents are all working together to achieve the demanding academic goals we have for our children, and to create the kind of safe, caring, and adventurous academic community which all of us want.

David Bourns  
Head of School



