Promoting a culture of P.R.I.D.E.

First year principal Tiffany Almon began the work of developing P.R.I.D.E (Professionalism, Respect, Inclusion, Dedication, and Excellence) values through empathy interviews with staff and student leadership groups to get a sense of what this school was missing. The development of this code was an intentional strategy of reconnecting as a Commander family through a common language. That common language stemmed from the deeply rooted pride of this high school but transformed into an acronym that could bolster all JFK Whole Child support systems.

P.R.I.D.E. posters are displayed throughout classrooms to remind students how to successfully engage in these values. In addition, JFK hosts monthly school-wide P.R.I.D.E. assemblies, during which students and faculty are recognized for their leadership in one of the five P.R.I.D.E. values.

As of March 24, 2020, 156 students and 12 staff have been celebrated. Notably, these celebrations have been featured in the DPS Communication "Schools to Learn From."

JFK School Vision:

"As Commanders, we are advocates of our passions, challengers of inequity, and champions of change. We find P.R.I.D.E. (Professionalism, Respect, Inclusion, Dedication, and Excellence) in shaping a more inclusive global community and taking command of our role within that world."