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Brightside Academy Celebrates Mardi Gras with The Philadelphia Clef Club

(Philadelphia, PA, February 22, 2012) – Brightside Academy will celebrate the Mardi Gras season at their 5422 Media Street location in West Philadelphia on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a community open house. This event is free and open to the public. Academy tours are available upon request.

Featured at the event will be a jazz performance by members of the Philadelphia Clef Club, an institution dedicated to jazz music education. "We want to have a neighborhood celebration of our African- American history and to get our children excited about a part of that history, Jazz music." says Academy Director Jamillah Meekins.

This celebration will also feature performances and art displays by Brightside Academy children, face painting, arts and crafts activities. Refreshments will be served and guests can participate in a New Orleans-style Zydeco line dance.

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Brightside Academy is a leader in child care and early education that provides all families access to an excellent early educational experience. With almost 20 years of experience, Brightside Academy operates academies in multiple cities in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. Brightside Academy is headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA. For more information, visit <u>www.brightsideacademy.com</u>.