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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Warwick Family,

I want to begin by thanking all of the parents, staff, and students who made Parent Involvement Week such an incredible success! As the second half of the school year unfolds, we look forward to hosting many more events in which your participation will be welcomed!

This month, we continue our implementation of the 7 Habits, with Habit 4: "Think Win Win." Habit 4 requires us to seek mutually beneficial solutions to problems--solutions wherein all parties are satisfied and benefit in some way. This often means adopting a more collaborative--rather than competitive--framework in our day to day interactions. During this busy holiday season, I encourage you to keep Habit 4 in mind as you navigate conflict and those inevitable holiday-stressors! The best solution is always one where everybody wins.

Happy holidays, and best wishes for a wonderful New Year!

-Flore Nadeige B. Lovett, Principal



7 HABITS

This month's habit is:



"Great Habits Make
Great Leaders!"

HOME AND SCHOOL CONNECTION

Mindfulness Practices

Did you know? In order to set a positive tone for the day and ensure we are ready to learn, Warwick students and staff engage in mindfulness practices each morning and afternoon. According to the Mayo Clinic, "**Mindfulness** is a type of meditation in which you focus on being intensely aware of what you're sensing and feeling in the moment, without interpretation or judgment. Practicing **mindfulness** involves breathing methods, guided imagery, and other **practices** to relax the body and mind and help reduce stress." These practices may also be used at home, by adults and children alike! As the busy holiday season ramps up, consider asking your child to share with you some of the mindfulness practices we use at school!

KEY DATES

12/09 - 12/13/19: "Candy Cane"
Holiday Shop open to students

12/17/19: PTO Cherrydale Fundraiser
pick-up

12/18/19: PTO Pictures with Santa
(\$5)

12/19/19: Mix it up lunch,
"Traditions"

12/20/19: Holiday Concert 9AM

12/20/19: School Spirit Day (pajamas)

12/20/19: Winter Break begins
(12:45 dismissal)



MR. WILLIAMS'S WISE WORDS

In Dr. Seuss's "The Zax", a north-going Zax and a south-going Zax meet face to face along a road. Neither wants to say "excuse me", or take a step to the side in order for both to keep walking. The two Zax become stuck in their tracks. The Zax stand so long in front of each that eventually a highway overpass is built around them. The story ends with the Zax still standing there in their tracks because neither thought of a Win-Win resolution. They stood there during the rain, during snowstorms, during all kinds of weather.

In life you will come across many situations that can be resolved if a mindset of Thinking Win-Win takes place. To think win-win you think about what other people want and not just what you want. You talk things out in order to find ways that will benefit one another. Win-win solutions are meant to make everyone be happy. In school, there are times when you are playing during recess with a classmate and both of you may want to use a piece of equipment. That is the time to think win-win. The both of you can use the equipment by taking turns. Thinking win-win can make everyone happy, including yourself.

Mr. Kevin Williams, Assistant
Principal

The Leader in Me™

great happens here

For the December issue of Warwick Chronicles, members of our Junior Lighthouse Team share their interpretations of Habit 4: Think Win Win.

Jonaii Comartie (4th Grade): "Think Win Win" tells us all to start thinking of a solution where everyone can have a win. If you lose an game, just think of "Habit 4: Think Win Win" because you don't have to be sad about losing... just think, "I know I lost, but there's always a way we can all win."

Naliya Medina (4th Grade): "Think Win Win" means to me that everyone can be fair and have a win. It also means to me that there is not just one way to fit in, there is room for others.

Jabriannie Mercado (4th Grade): Habit 4, "Think Win Win" means that everyone could win in their own ways. What this habit also means to me is that if someone can accomplish something and feel good for it, you could do the same.

Jahzara Page (4th Grade): "Think Win Win" means that you are fair to others and compromise. I once used this habit when I wanted the last muffin during breakfast at home, and my little sister wanted it too, so she was yelling at me saying, "That muffin is mine!" Instead of arguing with her, I said, "Calm down and we'll share." So think win-win is kind of finding a solution to be fair.

Londyn Rogers (4th Grade): I can "Think Win- Win" by always looking at the other person's point of view. I can also make sure that everyone agrees with our solution, and if they don't we will try to make another one the fits with everyone's opinion.

Lyric Sinclair (5th Grade): "Think Win-Win" to me, means ways that you can make things equal and understanding between you and the other person. For example, if you and your sister want the last cookie and you guys are fighting over it, you guys can break it in half so both of you can have some.



Johnavan Yeboah (4th Grade): Habit 4, "Think Win Win," is basically when you think about a way that you and another person each are happy with what they have and it's fair. If someone has nothing and the other person has 2 things that is not a win win, it's a win and no win. Being fair is better than being selfish, and habit 4 is a good way to show that you're fair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & VISION STATEMENT

Please send your child to school daily on time.

Breakfast begins at 7:30AM and ends promptly at 8:15.

Please have your child dressed in their school uniform daily.

Please join the PTO if you haven't already. Your voice matters!



We lead ourselves and others by living the 7 habits and valuing ourselves as enthusiastic learners and scholars who are college and career ready!