

Dionne Warwick Institute's Chronicles

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Warwick Family,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a restful winter break and are looking forward to a strong second half of the school year!

This month, we continue our implementation of the 7 Habits, with Habit 5: "Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood." Habit 5 requires us to really listen to others, particularly during conflict! Often, we fail to truly listen, as we are instead busy crafting a response. When we do this, we fail to really understand what the other person is trying to communicate, often resulting in conflict or misunderstanding. So, next time you want to ensure you're understood, listen intently in order to understand before offering a response!

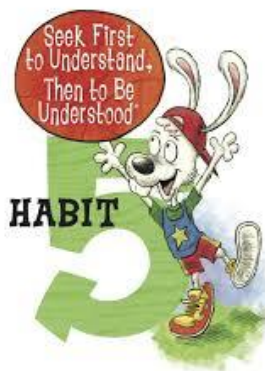
This month, we will be hosting Pastries with Parents on January 16th at 9AM! We look forward to seeing you there. Please also consider attending our PTO meeting on the 15th at 3:10PM.

-Flore Nadeige B. Lovett, Principal



7 HABITS

This month's habit is:



"Great Habits Make
Great Leaders!"

HOME AND SCHOOL CONNECTION

Accessing Mid-Quarter Notices

Did you know? As a reminder, mid-quarter notices and report cards are no longer sent home. Instead, they, along with daily/weekly grades, are posted to the FOCUS portal.

The link for the online FOCUS portal can be found on the EOSD homepage, either in "Quick Links" for parents, or on the right hand side, titled, "EOSD Parent Portal." If you've not already created an account, you will need to create your account and visit the main office here at Warwick, to show your photo ID/verify your identity.

We encourage you to log into the portal regularly, as grades are constantly being updated. This ensures any issues can be addressed in a timely manner! Thank you!

KEY DATES

01/10/20: PTO Popcorn Friday (\$1)

01/10/20: Mid-quarter notices posted

01/15/20: PTO meeting at 3:10PM

01/16/20: Pastries with parents
(9AM)

01/20/20: School closed in

observation of Dr. MLK Jr.'s birthday

01/24/20: Hero Gram PTO Acts of
Kindness (\$1)

01/29/20: Staff in-service (12:45
dismissal for students)

01/31/20: School spirit day (team
jersey and jeans)



NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

GETTING TO KNOW MR.
COSMILLO

1. What inspired you to become an art teacher? I became an art teacher because I had a really mean teacher in fourth grade, and I decided to become a teacher so I could be nothing like her!

2. For how long have you been teaching? For 11 years.

3. What school did you come from? I taught at Orange High School.

4. What is your favorite thing about Warwick so far? The kids! I enjoy the students.

Just for fun...

-What's your favorite color? Blue

-Who's your favorite Harry Potter character and why? I have two... I really like Bellatrix because she's evil and crazy. And I like Dobby because... he's Dobby. He's fantastic!

-What is one food you love and one you hate? I love cheeseburgers and pizza. I don't like hard boiled eggs.

-What is your spirit animal and why? I like manatees because they hang out and eat all day. I also like sloths because they're slow. <"Are you slow?" ... "No, I'm actually very fast."> I think maybe a dolphin because they like water.



The Leader in Me™

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Habit 5 and Friendship

Fourth graders, Naliya Medina and Jahzara Page, share an experience in which Habit 5 would've helped avoid a conflict:

As the school day came to a close, Naliya and Jahzara agreed--they would dress as twins for twin day, the next day. However, when Naliya arrived at school, she noticed Jahzara was not matching her at all. She was very upset and decided to confront Jahzara, without seeking first to understand, "We said we were going to be twins! Now I have no twin." Already, Jahzara was planning her response. She wasn't really listening to understand either. Both had hurt feelings. Their teacher noticed there seemed to be a problem. So, they sat down and used Habit 5 to resolve their conflict:

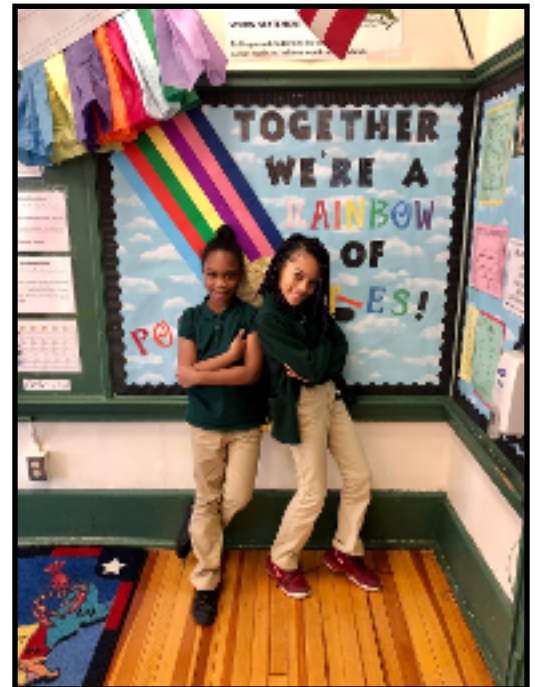
Jahzara: "I wanted to be your twin, but while I was eating breakfast before school, I spilled milk all over my outfit. I had to change."

Naliya: "I understand. Thanks for telling me. But, I still feel upset because I don't have a twin."

Jahzara: "I understand. I could have called you to tell you what happened, so that we could have figured out another solution."

Naliya: "I would have appreciated that. I'm sorry I got mad without first listening."

Jahzara: "And I'm sorry I responded without listening to understand, first."



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!