

# Dionne Warwick Institute's Chronicles

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending last month's back to school night! We hope it served as a meaningful opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to learn a bit more about the expectations we have for each student, here at Dionne Warwick Institute! In the coming months, there are many additional events you may be interested in attending--please refer to the "key dates" below (as well as the school calendar). We very much look forward to working with you!

As we bring our second month of the school year to a close, we are full steam ahead in our implementation of the 7 Habits of Happy Kids! For October, we've focused on Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind. This means setting goals and developing actionable steps in order to attain those goals! Already, students have created some Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) for themselves as scholars (e.g., completing homework, attending school each day, or earning their Dojo leadership points). Please encourage your child to share his/her WIG with you--we hope to have many celebrations throughout the school year, as our growing leaders continue to meet and surpass their individual goals!

–Flore-Nadeige B. Lovett, Principal

## 7 HABITS

This month's habit  
is:



"Great Habits Make  
Great Leaders!"

## HOME AND SCHOOL CONNECTION

### Reading at Home

*Did you know?* A child who reads for 20 minutes per day, will be exposed to almost 2 MILLION words per year! These same students tend to score in the highest percentile on standardized tests. As part of East Orange School District's reading initiative, all students should read for 20 minutes per night. They may read to a guardian, have a guardian read to them, or share in the reading together! This is a great way to ensure our students develop a lifelong love of reading!

## KEY DATES

**10/31/19: Reading Campaign  
Trunk or Treat (dress as your  
favorite book character)**

**11/04/19: School Picture Day**

**11/07 and 11/08/19: NJEA  
Teacher's Convention (no school)**

**11/11/19: Veteran's Day (no  
school)**

**11/27/19: Early Dismissal**

**11/28-11/29/19: Thanksgiving  
Holiday (no school)**



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

As the school year progresses, I hope that everyone takes a moment to think about goals they would like to reach. You may have a goal to finish the marking period by making the honor roll, achieving perfect attendance, or completing all of your homework assignments. No matter what your goal, always begin with the end in mind, Habit #2.

Beginning with the end in mind means that once you have set a goal, you put a plan in place to reach that goal. Every step of your goal would be thought about clearly and with the end result in mind. To begin with the end in mind means that you can imagine or see in your mind the result of all of your hard work. So begin each day, task, or assignment with a clear vision of your desired plan, and then continue by being proactive, Habit #1, to make things happen.

Mr. Kevin Williams, Assistant Principal

**BE PROACTIVE**  
 BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND  
 PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST  
 SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND  
 THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD  
 SYNERGIZE  
 SHARPEN THE SAW

# The Leader in Me™

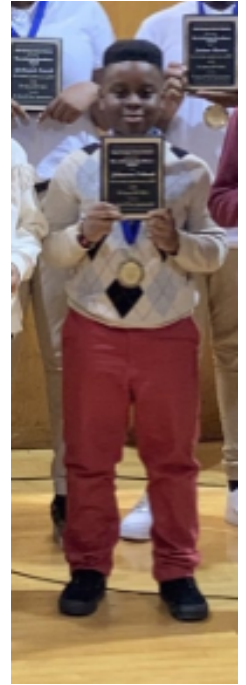
great happens here

Albert Einstein once said, "If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things." In our study of the 7 Habits of Happy Kids, we've learned that setting goals is key. Habit 2 tells us to begin with the end in mind. This means setting goals ahead of time and making plans to meet those goals.

A way you can demonstrate this extraordinary habit is to use a checklist when making a plan to meet a specific goal. For example, I earned an award for getting a perfect score on the NJSLA Language Arts assessment. You may think I was just lucky, but honestly, I planned ahead of time and used a checklist. On my list were things like, "Pay attention to my teachers and ask questions, complete my nightly reading, do extra Achieve articles," and the week of NJSLA, I made sure to add to my checklist: "Eat a healthy breakfast, get a good night's rest, use the full time given to me to check my work, etc." I believe this list really helped me meet and even exceed my goal!

In conclusion, habit 2 is great if you want to do your best at something. Just think of how amazing and proud you'll feel when you succeed in using habit 2 to meet your goals!

- Johnavan Yeboah, 4th Grade Student



## 7 Habits of Happy Kids



Habit 1 — Be Proactive

Habit 2 — Begin with the End in Mind

Habit 3 — Put First Things First

Habit 4 — Think Win-Win

Habit 5 — Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood



Habit 6 — Synergize

Habit 7 — Sharpen The Saw



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Please send your child to school daily on time.
- ▶ Please have your child dressed in their school uniform daily.
- ▶ Breakfast begins at 7:30 am and ends promptly at 8:15 am.
- ▶ Please join the PTO if you haven't already. Your voice matters!