

Dionne Warwick Institute's Chronicles

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As we continue the school year and prepare to celebrate the accomplishments of influential African-Americans for Black History Month, we will continue implementing the 7 Habits of Happy Kids within "The Leader in Me," by Stephen Covey. This month we will focus on habit 5, "Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood," which focuses on listening to the ideas and feelings of others. According to Covey, many people do not listen well. They do not listen to understand. They are listening and preparing their response for when it's their turn to speak. Typically we are listening at one of four levels: (1) ignoring: we're not listening at all. (2) Pretending: we say "uh-huh, right" but we're not really tuned in. (3) Selective listening: we hear part of what the person says but the rest of the time we're distracted. (4) Attentive listening: we're actively listening, paying attention but not taking our listening to the ultimate level which would be empathetic listening. Covey defines empathetic listening as listening with the intent to really understand. In order to really understand, he says you need to get inside another person's frame of reference. You need to see the world the way they see it, through their "lens." Young children find it difficult to understand another's point of view. This habit is best approached by introducing listening as a skill that should be practiced. Learning to listen without interrupting and learning to listen with your ears, your eyes, and your heart will help children build a foundation to be successful with listening. Encourage your child to be a leader by using empathetic listening and consider using "Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood," at home with your family.

Sincerely,
Flore-Nadeige B. Lovett, Principal



ALL PARENTS
ARE
SUPER HEROES

Upcoming Parent Events

- February PTO meeting will take place on Wednesday February 8th at 3:00 pm. Please attend this meeting to join the PTO if you haven't already. Your voice matters!
- Danish with Dads will take place on February 9th at 9:00 am.

Reminders

- Our school district is going paperless this school year. You must be registered on FOCUS to keep track of your child's grades and progress in each subject. **Report Cards will be posted on February 7th.**
- Please remember to sign-in at the main office upon entering the building. ID is required for student pick up.
- Sign up on Class Dojo to receive updates from your child's teacher and to stay involved with school events.
- Celebrity Read will take place on February 9th.
- Second Quarter Awards Ceremony and Super Hero Picture Day will take place on February 13th.
- Board of Education meeting will take place on February 14th.
- Student Professional Career Day will take place on February 15th.
- Schools closed February 17th and 20th.
- Black History Concert will take place on February 28th.



Dionne Warwick
Institute School
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Celebrating Black History Month



On January 5, 2017 Dionne Warwick came to visit our school. She was being interviewed by WNYW Fox 5, for a Black History Month Special that will air on February 24, 2017 at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. During her visit, Dionne Warwick was able to visit with students in our cafeteria at lunch time, in their classrooms and she also sat down with our student journalist for an exclusive school interview. Check out the interview below.

Talia: “Who inspired you when you were younger?”

Dionne Warwick: “My family inspired me very very much.”

Talia: “What are you passionate about in life?”

Dionne Warwick: “I am passionate about education, religion and about my music.”

Saibo: “What advice can you give to students interested in a career in singing, dancing, or acting?”

Dionne Warwick: “Well, in my case I finished my education. I went on to college and I studied. Make sure it is a desire that you really, really have and know that it is hard work and it is not given to you. You have to earn every single bit of it.”

Talia: “What was your first show in your career?”

Dionne Warwick: “My very first show was in Miami, Florida in a nightclub and it was scary because I had never done it before. It was wonderful in the very end because everyone loved my performance.”

Chyna: “What did you want to be when you were little?”

Dionne Warwick: “I wanted to be a lot of things. I wanted to be a ballerina, I wanted to be the first female Van Cliburn on piano, I wanted to be a court stenographer. I wanted to be everything but in show business.”

Saibo: “What was your first job?”

Dionne Warwick: “I worked in a little factory where you put cotton inside of pillows and they were sent to cosmetic stores. That was my very first job.”

Talia: “How old were you when your career kicked off?”

Dionne Warwick: “I was 18 years old.”

Thank you Ms. Warwick for the opportunity to speak with you. Your responses help us to learn more about you and your successes. Congratulations on being recognized by Fox 5 News for Black History Month!



Pictured above:

Dionne Warwick, Principal Flore-Nadeige B. Lovett and Dionne Warwick's 5th Grade Student Journalists Saibo Waggeh, Talia Persaud and Chyna Virgil.

***Celebrating
Black History Month***
Student Journalist Contributions
Rosa Parks

Rosa Parks was a brave woman. She was born February 4, 1913. She attended an all black school. She experienced racial segregation at an early age. She had to walk to school while the school bus picked up white students each day. In 1932, at age 19, Rosa met and married Raymond Parks, a barber and an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). With Raymond's support, Rosa earned her high school degree in 1933. She soon became actively involved in civil rights issues by joining the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP in 1943.



On December 1, 1955 Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white woman in the colored section of the bus she was riding. She got arrested that same day. Her actions led to a citywide boycott and helped launch nationwide efforts to end segregation in public places and at public facilities. On October 24, 2005 she quietly died in her apartment in Detroit. Rosa Parks was known for her courage and bravery.



By: Talia Persaud
5th Grade Student, Ms. Foulds Class

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. While he was young, there were racist laws that prevented colored people from doing certain things in life. Dr. King felt that the injustice toward people of color was not equal and fair. Later, in his life Dr. King became an activist fighting for civil rights for all people. In his first speech he said, *"We have no alternative but to protest. For many years we have shown an amazing patience. We have sometimes given our white brothers the feeling that we liked the way we were being treated. But we come here tonight to be saved from that patience that makes us patient with anything less than freedom and justice."* This speech put new energy into the civil rights struggle and movement in Alabama. Later, Dr. King and many other blacks started a bus boycott that lasted 382 days. During the Civil Rights Movement he gave his most famous speech, which is called "I Have A Dream." This speech is still considered to be one of the most well known speeches given by a political activist today.

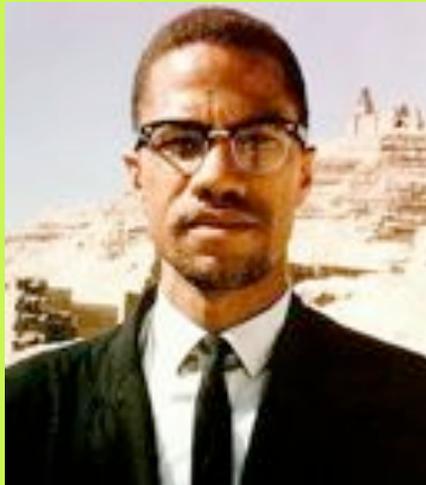


On April 4, 1968 James Earl Ray assassinated Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 39. Dr. King inspired many people. He was one of the greatest civil rights leaders. If it weren't for him and his courage, many schools, theaters, and offices would still be segregated possibly today. He was an amazing man with a kind and thoughtful heart whose dream of freedom still rings today.



**By: Chyna Virgil
5th Grade Student, Ms. Foulds Class**

Malcolm X



Have you ever heard of an African-American hero named Malcolm X? He was a man who influenced many people. People around him were also influential. Sometimes Malcolm also got into mischief. Furthermore, I will be talking about Malcolm X.

Malcolm X was born Malcolm Little on May 19, 1925 in Nebraska. His mother was a homemaker and his father was a Baptist minister. In 1929, Malcolm's home was burnt and then again in 1931. His dad was ran over and killed by a streetcar and some called it an accident. His mother put them in orphanages because she had an emotional breakdown. Malcolm's life then was changing.

Malcolm and his friend "Shorty" Jarvis moved to Boston. They were arrested and convicted on burglary charges and Malcolm was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was then granted parole after seven years. Malcolm's brother Reginald encouraged him to join the Nation of Islam (NOI).

Malcolm and the group talked about how Whites didn't like how African-Americans empowered themselves. Malcolm changed his last name from "Little" to "X". Malcolm and the group inspired many people. Then, Malcolm left the group because Elijah Muhammad (the leader) had relationships with many women in the group. Malcolm went to Mecca and created the Muslim Mosque, Inc. He continued to inspire many people.

On February 14, 1965 Malcolm's house was firebombed. A week later, on February 21, three gunmen shot him while he was speaking in a ballroom. They shot him 15 times at close range and he was pronounced dead at the hospital. They were apart of the NOI. Fifteen hundred people attended Malcolm's funeral. Several people made documentaries, movies, and books. Malcolm was honored.

By: Saibo Waggeh
5th Grade Student, Ms. Foulds Class

Celebrating Black History Month Quotes from our School Staff Heroes

Saibo: "What are you most passionate about?"

Mrs. Lovett: "I am passionate about learning. As an educator, even though I am an administrator, I'm always a teacher. I always find moments to teach our students and even the teachers in the school because I am the instructional leader of Warwick."



Mrs. Lovett, Principal

Saibo: "Which African-American hero do you admire the most?"

Mr. Williams: "Malcolm X is the person who I follow and read about more so than any other person because he spoke about not only human rights, civil rights but also education and doing your best."



Mr. Williams, Assistant Principal

Talia: "What advice can you give to students who want to be soldiers?"

Mr. Johnson: "First you have to get an education and you cannot have a criminal record. When you become a soldier you learn a lot and you travel all around the world."



Mr. Johnson, Retired Veteran and
School Security Guard

Chyna: "How old were you when you started music?"

Ms. Kettrell: "I started at 6 years old, very young. I have always loved music. As early as I could remember, I always wanted to play the piano. When I about 5 years old, I asked my parents if I could play. I didn't learn until I went to school in first grade. My parents waited until I could read and understand my music book, so when I had lessons I could understand what I was being taught."



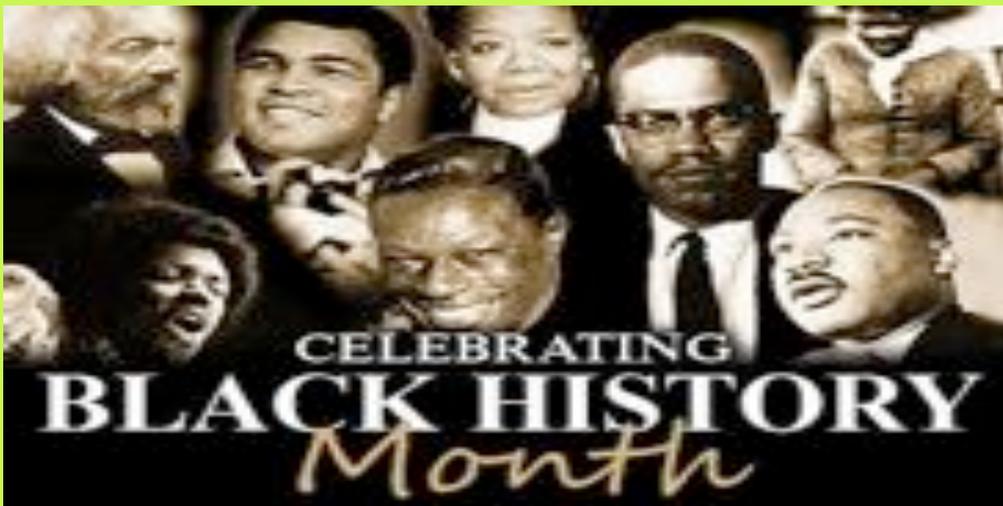
Ms. Kettrell, Vocal Music Teacher



Ms. Tucker, 5th Grade Teacher

Talia: "What did you want to be when you were younger?"

Ms. Tucker: "When I was younger I always knew I wanted to go into education. I actually wanted to open up my own school."



STUDENT COUNCIL

Words from our school President:

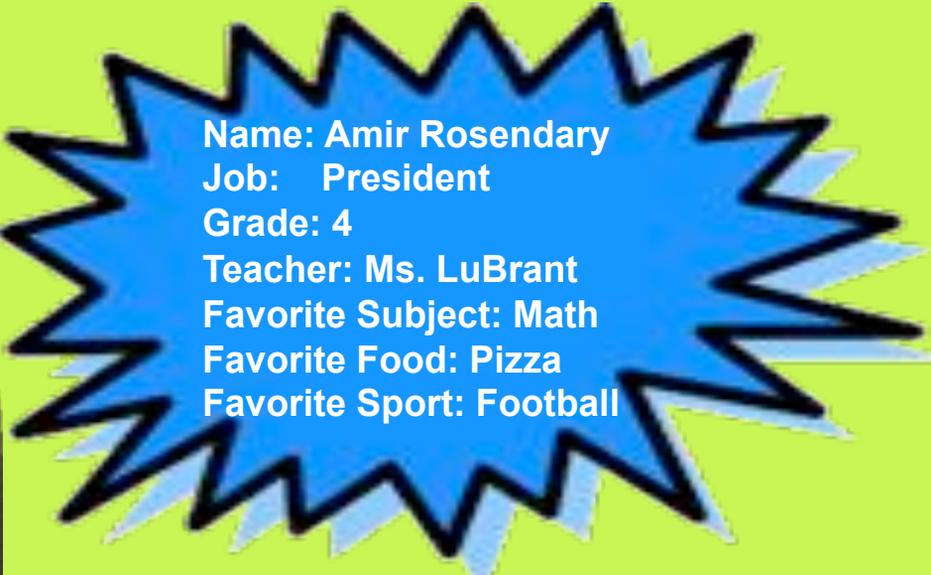
Dear fellow students,

Although we are currently focusing on habit 5, Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood (listen to others without interrupting), we must continue to practice the other habits that we have learned. Remember to:

- **Be Proactive (You're in Charge)**
- **Begin With the End in Mind (Have a Plan)**
- **Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)**
- **Synergize (Together is Better)**

During the month of February, we all celebrate the lives of our fellow black ancestors who have made a tremendous impact on our nation. To ensure that we are constantly increasing our knowledge of them, the Vice President of Student Council, Nina Desper and I will pose a question about an African American every week during the morning announcements. We challenge you to research the answer to the question and submit it to your teacher on the Friday of the week the question was given.

-Amir Rosendary, School President, 2016-2017



Name: Amir Rosendary
Job: President
Grade: 4
Teacher: Ms. LuBrant
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Sport: Football



Shout out to H.E.R.O.E.S in the spotlight!



Shout Out to Obadiah Garraway, Manuella Agbeko, Sekou Coulibaly, Tadley Beaubrun, Madison Boston, Anisa Cummings, Van Ray, Joelina Desormes, Kanyya Lewis, and Chanice Ottley for being proactive in their education and meeting academic goals in both reading and math!

-Ms. Barber and Ms. Jackson

Shout Out to Hafsa Simpure and Kalecia Deleon both for reading the top number books for reading campaign in grades 3-5!

-Ms. Stover

Shout out to Alicia McMillion for being superhero of the month!

-Ms. Tucker

Shout Out to Jehkiyah Franklin-Arenas, Bryant Bell-Eaton, Ja'kir Breaker, Jordan Davis, Adama Noukouni, Hafsa Simpure, Miranda Soto, Edwin Vasquez, Sekou Coulibaly, Anisa Cummings, Kelvin Diggs, Jose Guerrero-Perez, Caleb Heath, Hannibal Howard, Kerlanda Isaac, Kendrick Jackson, Khaliq Jackson, Courtney Williams, Yanique Young and Jonathan Jimenez for being leaders in class!

-Ms. Van Der Meij

Shout out to Kyrah Walden for being superhero of the month!

-Mrs. Scantlebury

The following students were caught being a leader in class:

Charisma Braime and Courtney Williams- Caught by Ms. Van Der Meij

Adama Noukouni Caught by Ms. Stover

Samiyah Hood, Manuella Adbeko, Anisa Cummings, Obadiah Garraway, Pascal Jean-Baptiste, and Sekou Coulibaly- Caught by Ms. Jackson and Ms. Barber

Mrs. Inglis and Ms. Keith's shout outs for star students excelling academically

Level A Graduates

Blaskewicz

Kelly Coley

Riley Torres-Reyes

Jaziyah Shabazz-Hammond

Kojo

Sean Fenandes

Troy Jenkins

Aye Sidibe

Angel Ikwo

Malia Forde

iRead Achievers

Wyatt

Nyaliah Bowman

Zion Jones

Alexander Gutierrez

Level B Graduates

Owoh

Anaiah Mclver

Kyree Cross

Sarah Diomande

Level C Graduates

Mera

Nasiyah Estelle

Moby Max Students Fact Fluency Stars

Scantlebury

Antwaan Brown – Addition, Subtraction
 Aniyah Ellis – Subtraction
 Nalah Henson – Subtraction
 Virtue Lee- Addition, Subtraction
 Devariah Parkes – Addition, Subtraction
 Jordaine Wright- Subtraction

Valverde

Zaynab Abdallah-Addition
 Rashad Sercey - Addition
 Kendrew Washington – Addition, Subtraction

Clement

Bryant Bell-Eaton - Addition

Cowles

Tryique Friday – Addition
 Danielle Bryant – Addition
 Diana Louis – Addition
 Tanesha Richards – Addition
 Souleymane Toure – Subtraction

Jackson/Barber

Rickyiah Daniels - Addition
 Joelina Desormes – Subtraction,
 Multiplication and Division
 Izamaar Jenkins – Addition
 Al-Malik Williams – Addition

Lubrant

Brianna Auston – Addition
 Lizmey Crespo – Addition
 Elijah Daniels – Addition, Subtraction
 Nina Desper – Addition
 Maminata Diabate – Addition, Subtraction,
 Multiplication and Division
 Hannibal Howard – Addition, Subtraction,
 Multiplication and Division
 DyZiare Little - Subtraction, Multiplication
 and Division
 Elle Malloy – Addition
 Jalynn Mitchell - Addition
 Amir Rosendary –
 Addition, Subtraction
 Yazmin Stokley – Multiplication and Division
 Breanna Williams – Addition

Zatorski

Alisha James – Subtraction

Foulds

Nikhil Lewis – Addition
 Tiguidanke Sidibe – Addition

Tucker

Charisma Braime – Addition
 Brookelyn Dawkins – Subtraction
 Gbati Gnofam – Addition
 Mariam Kromah – Addition
 Ernest Kumah – Addition
 Janiyah Malave - Subtraction, Multiplication
 and Division
 Nafisetou Waggeh - Addition, Multiplication
 and Division

Sutherland

Tamir Johnson-Jamison– Addition,
 Subtraction
 Kyshan Williams - Addition
 Jason Cheeks – Addition

Vocabulary Stars

Mera

Maimouna Bonkoungo
 Elena Kelly
 Yasel Pantoja
 Usman Sylla

Cowles

Dasiyaa Uwubiti

Foulds

Quaseem Brookins
 Tiguidanke Sidibe

Waggle Stars Literacy

Stover

Godwin Botobikpissi
Adama Noukouni
Ernest Obeng
Quiyan Lassiter
Khan'yae Williams

Clement

Abdoul Kafando
Malaisa Cummings

West/Wing

Kymberly Lopez-Martinez

Cowles

Katerin Esquivel

Jackson/Barber

Sekou Coulibaly –
Obadiah Garraway
Manuella Agbeko

Lubrant

Taszcir Caldwell
Amir Rosendary
Naliah Harewood
Elle Malloy

Zatorski

Akira Delice

Foulds

Kelany Soto-Ramos
Chyna Virgil

Waggle Stars Math

Stover

Lana George
Corey Kinard
Khan'yae Williams
Hafsah Simpore

Clement

Fatumata Dukureh
Miranda Soto
Ja'Kir Breaker

West/Wing

Jordan Davis

Cowles

Katerin Esquivel
Jan'Lani Wilburgh

Jackson/Barber

Sekou Coulibaly
Manuella Agbeko
Jalynn Mitchell
Obadiah Garraway
Anisa Cummings

Lubrant

Taszcir Caldwell
Savian Royes
Elijah Daniels

Zatorski

Caleb Heath
Shakur Taylor

Foulds

Faiza Bonkougou
Nicholas Johnson
Quianna King-Carter
Quaseem Brookins

Tucker

Brookelyn Dawkins
Jada Shabazz-Hammond
Keira Espinosa-Rodriguez
Jason Gregory
Nafisetou Waggeh
Alicia Mcmillion

Announcements

7 Habits of Happy Kids February Theme is:

Habit 5

Seek First to Understand,
Then to be Understood



I listen to others' ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas.

Thank you to 7-Eleven for donating \$711 to Dionne Warwick Institute and pledging a partnership to our reading campaign with slurpee incentives for our students!



Assistant Principal Corner Mr. Williams' Wise Words:

There is a quote by Helen Keller, the famous author and activist, once said; "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." Hope and confidence are two things that you can begin to have today if you do not have them within you already.

Hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. Confidence is a feeling of trust and belief. Everyone should have a feeling of hope that success will come your way. This feeling of hope becomes stronger the more you learn and the more that you do your best. You will then have a feeling that you expect to do well in whatever you do. Your confidence will then build as your success becomes greater. Therefore, read something every day in order to learn as much as you can in order to increase your feeling of hope and your level of confidence.

Sincerely,
Mr. Kevin Williams, Assistant Principal



If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact us at:

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Drop off your newsletter suggestions in room 43!