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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Now that the summer break is quickly coming to an end, it is time to prepare for back to school. It is with great excitement and anticipation that I welcome you to the 2016 – 2017 school year! We are very excited about working with you to develop your child's full potential as we engage students in the 21st century leadership and life skills that are aligned with the state standards and expectations. Our school wide theme this year is, *Be a Super H.E.R.O.* The theme Super **H.E.R.O.** represents the student behavior that we promote daily: **H**elpful; **E**ngaged; **R**espectful; and **O**n Task. Our annual theme serves as a motivational tool to help ensure that students are ready to learn and support our sustained growth toward high student achievement.

School begins on **Tuesday, September 6, 2016, promptly at 8:30 a.m.** and ends at 2:50 pm for Pre K students. This year, we can accommodate Pre K through grade 2 breakfast served in the cafeteria. However, Pre K and K students should not arrive to school prior to 8:00 a.m. to ensure that there is adequate supervision in the cafeteria for safety reasons.

Grades 1 – 5th grade students, who would like to eat breakfast, may do so beginning at 7:30 a.m. School begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:55 p.m. No breakfast will be served after 8:15 a.m. Students in grades 3-5 will have breakfast in their classroom and should report directly to their homeroom after 8 a.m. Please note that there is no before care or after care provided by the school. However, Seasons of Learning afterschool program will be housed at Warwick Institute and you are invited to enroll your child at the start of the school year. For your information, a flyer for Season of Learning Aftercare program is enclosed.

On the first day of school, providing weather permits, students are to line up on the playground with their assigned teacher. Teachers will stand in the appropriate spot with a poster displaying their name and grade. Students may also look for their names on the appropriate grade level poster that will be posted on the door as they enter the building from the playground, near the cafeteria. All students, who are assigned to Warwick Institute, should be listed indicating who their teacher is for the 2016-2017 year. In the event of inclement weather, grades Pre-K, K, 1 & 2 will assemble in the cafeteria and grades 3, 4 and 5 will assemble in the gymnasium at 8:15 a.m. Additional staff members will be strategically placed throughout the building and on the playground to provide assistance to students and parents. Please do not enter the building from Central Ave.

After the first two days of school parents are asked not to enter the building for drop off as we seek to encourage students be independent. Supervision is available to ensure that your child arrives to class safely. A 5-minute drop off parking is available in a designated area on the playground. Please adhere to the barriers and drive slowly to keep the path safe for our student walkers. If you must enter the building for assistance, please enter through the main entrance and sign in upon arrival.

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Flore-Nadeige B. Lovett

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- Students in grades **Pre K, K and Grade 2** will be dismissed from the cafeteria. Parents must enter and exit from Maple Ave or the playground entrance only. No parents will be permitted throughout the building during dismissal.
- Students in **Grade 1** will be dismissed from classroom exits off the playground. Homerooms 43 and 44 will be dismissed from room 39. Homerooms 45 and 46 will be dismissed from room 40. All grade 1 parents should enter those doors directly from the playground.
- Students in **Grades 3 and 4** will continue to be dismissed from exit 3 near the Lukoil gas station.
- Students in **Grade 5** will continue to be dismissed from exit 1 on S. Maple Avenue.
- It is important that parents make arrangements to pick up their child on time. Late students will be located in the cafeteria after 3:10 p.m.
- Bus students will be dismissed from the gymnasium.

Uniforms are to be worn first day of school and EVERYDAY throughout the school year. As you are aware, our goal is to emphasize academic achievement. Research reveals that parents, students and community members who support wearing uniforms place learning and educational achievements as their priority. It is our expectation that our students are proactive about their education and come to school ready to learn in a safe and clean environment. Each student as a leader, and has special talents to offer the school community therefore, bullying and teasing will not be tolerated. If all of the students are dressed in uniform, clothes do not become a concern. Additionally, with gang activity in our community and children getting involved in gangs at a very young age, it is in our best interest to send the correct messages to our children and to the community at large. Dionne Warwick Institute has been and continues to be a gang free school. Our goal is to have 100% of our students in uniform demonstrating that they are about the business of learning and excelling.

- Boys Uniform: forest green pants, pastel yellow or white shirts and black shoes.
- Girls Uniform: forest green skirts, pants or jumpers with a white or pastel yellow blouse and black flat shoes.
- Physical Education Uniform: forest green sweat suits or green gym shorts and green tee shirts with sneakers.

Uniforms are to be worn MONDAY - FRIDAY, except on your child's scheduled physical education day. Uniforms may be purchased at the following locations:

- Today's Kids, 258 Main Street, Orange, NJ (973) 678-0910
- The Uniform Shop at Kids Place, 311 Ferry Street, Newark, NJ

Your active participation in the school is very important to us. We are looking for parents to join our PTO. Please see the attached to join our PTO and "Like" our PTO Facebook page by entering *Dionne Warwick Institute School PTO* for information and events, as well as, the school website, <http://warwick.eastorange.schoolfusion.us/>. Additionally, be sure to inform our office immediately of any address and/or phone number changes. We will continue to utilize the School Messenger system throughout the school year in order to keep you informed of important events; therefore, it is imperative that we have a working number and email at all times. ***Back to School Night is Thursday, September 15th. Save the date!***

Please feel free to visit the school, call, or email me at f.lovett@eastorange.k12.nj.us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. We look forward to working with you and your child during the 2016-2017 academic year. Enjoy the remaining days of the summer vacation and we will see you on September 6th!

Sincerely,



Flore-Nadeige B. Lovett, Principal

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