



THE WISDOM CORRIDOR PROJECT

EDGEWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





Overview

Several Edgeworth Elementary students learned a thing or two about life as part of a project to make them and their fellow young Quaker Valley learners a little wiser. Learning support teacher Melissa Martinelli and academic specialist Gina Gordon worked with 10 fourth graders last year to create a Wisdom Corridor. Students interviewed 10 adults, including teachers, guidance counselors and custodians. They then took that information, as well as photographs of interviewees, and created a display of knowledge gained outside the classroom. The project was recently finished by the now fifth graders, also known as the Wisdom Squad.





“What we loved”

“We LOVED this opportunity for our students and think they really gained so much from it. We loved the opportunity to Zoom with Richa and other local students. We appreciated the open-endedness of the project that allowed us to give our students agency in how it was carried out. We would be thrilled if this project could be repeated.”

-Melissa Martinelli, Educator

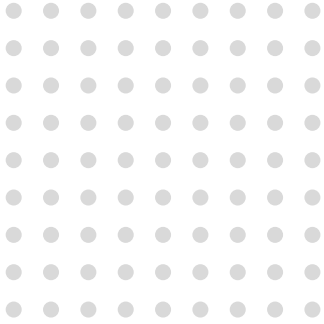
"We appreciate all of the ways Richa and Deepak have helped to make this project come to life :-). We appreciated the opportunity to Zoom with Richa and the other local schools. Great way to connect! We appreciated the underpinnings of this project--the idea of youth discovering those "nuggets" of wisdom and finding ways to share them with their peers. If this opportunity should continue in the years ahead, we look forward to future Wisdom Corridor projects!"

-Gina Gordon, Educator





Wisdom Gallery





Wisdom Squad

Students

Alex

Zarrah

Reeves

Carson

Emily

Mac

Ivy

Carole

Finn

Lizzy

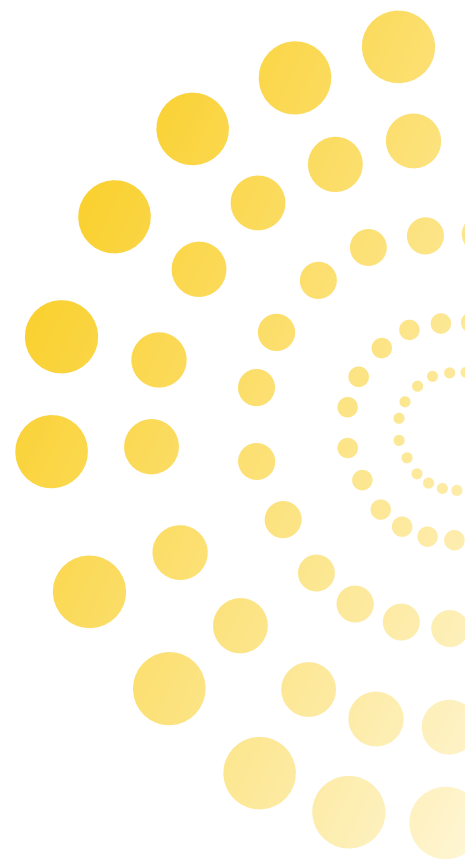
Educators

Gina Gordon

Melissa Martinelli

Principal

Dr. Carol Sprinker





FAMILY MATTERS

“ I have always felt a strong connection toward my family. When I was in trouble, I went to my family. When I needed a hug, I went to my family. No matter what it was I almost always went to my family. I was close with my aunt. I would go over to her house, we would bake cookies, she would braid my hair, we would watch movies, all that fun stuff. She was like my second mom. Even now I’m still very close to her. In our family group chat with my dad, my mom, my sister, me, and...my aunt. I have also always felt a strong connection with my sister. We have an eight year age difference, so when she was in trouble she would come to me. We never felt rivalry and like my aunt, I’m still extremely close with my sister. My sister recently had a daughter, who is my niece. As I looked at her I was shocked about how much I loved her.

*-Mrs. Jackson
2021-2022*





Life Lessons of Teachers



**IT IS OKAY IF YOU FAIL, STAY
FOCUSED AND KEEP TRYING.**

“ I value all the experiences in my life. I have been lucky enough to have a lot of them from coaching, to working in the government, and parenting. I have also learned that experiences are a big part of life and you have to try to grab as many as you can. You can learn a lot from them. This is what I learned: It is okay if you fail in these moments in your life. You just have to learn from them. My grandma always said, “Worrying is like a rocking chair-it gives you something to do, but it doesn’t get you anywhere.” Just focus on the task ahead and keep trying. If you do, you are on the path to success.

*-Mr. Anderson
2021-2022*





**IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT
BECAUSE WE'RE STILL LEARNING.**

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My parents were always supportive of my art and bought me art tools. I was always trying new techniques. I loved art, and it was my happy place in life. I grew up in a large family so it was always noisy and fun. I was inspired to become an art teacher by my high school art teacher. A mindset I always had along the way was: “Things don’t have to be perfect because we’re still learning.”

*-Ms. Biddle
2021-2022*





Life Lessons of Teachers



WHEN YOU GO OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE, IT IS ONLY UNCOMFORTABLE BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T DONE IT YET.

“ I always thought it was hard trying new things. From the beginning of my career, I was an engineer. I thought that was all I was going to be, but then tables turned and now I am a school counselor. And at the start of being at Edgeworth I had some challenging times, but I learned from my peers and from Mrs. Jackson that when you go out of your comfort zone, it is only uncomfortable because you haven't done it yet.

-Mr. Bull
2021-2022





YOU SHOULD JUST HAVE FUN WITH WHATEVER YOUR TALENT IS.

“ I swam and ran track and always placed last, but I always had fun because I was part of a team. One of my most embarrassing moments was when I placed last in a swim meet. I was a bad sport and I left my teammates. I always felt like I was wasting my family’s time. My sisters have strengths in athletics and academics and my strength was music. I realized that everyone has a different talent, and you should be proud of what makes you great.

*-Mrs. Clark
2021-2022*





**IF YOU WORK HARD EARLY IN
YOUR LIFE IT WILL PAY OFF.**

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When I was younger, I didn't pay attention in school. Since I didn't pay attention in school, I had to study when I was in the military. When I was studying, I didn't get to do the stuff the other people got to do. This made me realize if you work hard early in your life it will pay off.

*-Mr. Mark
2021-2022*





**THE WORLD IS NOT ALWAYS A HAPPY PLACE,
SO BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE.**

“ In the south when I was in my youth, I was teaching in two school districts. One was very rich, so the kids always had what they needed and more. The other one was very poor, so some kids had no shoes or other essentials for school. In this school district, I would donate shoes and clothing. I would also volunteer for food drives.

*-Dr. Mellett
2021-2022*





WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING KIND IT CAN MAKE OTHERS FEEL HAPPY.

“ I love traveling into the world, and that makes me happy to see others who I have never seen before. When I see someone being kind, that makes me feel happy. I love spending time with my family, and they always support me everywhere. Clearly, I speak Spanish. What made me speak Spanish is my teacher in high school. My family and my Spanish teacher taught me to be kind. Even after all of these years I am still teaching others to be kind. If I have a chance to change this world, I would give everyone equal access to opportunities.

*-Ms. Grunwald
2021-2022*





WORK HARD EVEN IF IT IS CHALLENGING AND TAKE ALL OPPORTUNITIES.

“As a child, I did not think school was challenging. I did not study as much as I should have. As an adult, I had a chance to play hockey, but I did not take the opportunity, as I started my family. One of the joys in my life is having kids and taking care of them. When they were kids, they had boys' nights where they would do different sports and watch movies. My life lesson is work hard even if it is hard or challenging and take all opportunities.

-Mr. Quinn
2021-2022





IF YOU WANT TO THINK OF NEW IDEAS YOU NEED TO MEET NEW PEOPLE.

“ Learning about people who are different from me has been a very, very big part of my life. My parents and my husband’s parents came from different countries, so we grew up with different home cultures. We knew that we could blend together our two upbringings and teach our son lessons from both cultures. If you really want to come up with new things, creative things, you need to hang out with people who are different than you. Think about if two ecosystems overlap. In the middle the different organisms make new organisms, and think of that like the ideas. This is what scientists call the Edge Effect. If you want to think of new ideas you need to meet new people.

*-Mrs. Chakravarti
2021-2022*

