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Greetings Parents/Guardians!

As we enter the new school year, our goal remains to support the needs of the students both academically and socially. This year, we will continue to observe the **“Week of Respect 2017”** during the week of October 2 through October 6. During this week, the students will be introduced to ideas about respecting others, themselves, and their community. I am confident the lessons for your children will be fun and thoughtful.

In order to educate students about respect, I will visit the classrooms and introduce the students to the book “Words are Not for Hurting” by Elizabeth Verdick. This book teaches the children about the importance of respecting others’ feelings, and using kind words.

As this is a collaborative effort, all of our staff is committed to modeling respectful behavior as an example to our students. We hope that this endeavor resonates with the students, and they continue to make appropriate choices.

I welcome any suggestions, questions or thoughts you may have about the **“Week of Respect.”** Feel free to contact me via email at sharondra.walton@eastorange.k12.nj.us or phone at (973) 266-7017 ext. 37006. I am at Althea Gibson Academy on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings.

I look forward to a great **“Week of Respect 2017!”**

Regards,
Sharondra M. Walton
School Counselor

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“Developing Leaders One Student at a Time”