



# DeWitt Waller Junior High School



Waller Junior High School is dedicated to providing a safe learning environment where each student can become a responsible and productive citizen, as well as an independent, life-long learner.

## Home of the Eagles

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and praise for Lorenzo Dunford and his involvement with Enid Public Schools. He has been a true inspiration and asset for our students.

As a School Counselor at two Junior High Schools, I see an ongoing need for positive role models and influence for our students. Through large organized programs as well as small informal group interaction, Lorenzo has consistently been able to connect with individuals and make a lasting impression. He is intelligent, talented, creative, entertaining, and sincere. With his both his words and actions, he easily inspires students (and adults) to find the best in themselves and share that with others.

At the beginning of this school year, I was fortunate to be able to work with Lorenzo on a program for our 7<sup>th</sup> grade class of just under 200 students. He solicited input from me as well as teachers and administration in order to unite our effort; and was able to successfully create a program tailored to meet the needs of our students and school. Based on our input, Respect, Relate, & Respond were the "3 Re-key's" emphasized by Lorenzo to help this group learn to have success in relationships with others.

It is amazing how Lorenzo is easily able to engage students with his program delivery. His interactive presentation style, relevant activities, and song captured student's attention and allowed them to participate and utilize the skills being taught. At the end, he wrapped up the experience with a group sing-along of "Lean on Me" which united students and summarized the intent of the program. Overall, it was an overwhelmingly positive experience for everyone involved thanks to Lorenzo's talent and dedication to his work.

In addition to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade program, Lorenzo has also helped with a Leadership group as special guest and presenter. The student feedback has been overwhelmingly positive; he has great advice for students. He has also been a valuable consultant for the counselors in planning activities with at-risk students.

In summary, Lorenzo holds a passion for life and a genuine interest in others which is evident in everything he does. I would highly recommend his involvement in any school related activity that may allow the opportunity for him to inspire and touch the lives of students.

Sincerely,

Jill Moery  
School Counselor