

JDC NEWSLETTER

Share Your Greatest Success During Elementary School:

“Earning a Principal’s honor roll trophy or certificate.”

“Honor roll.”

“Finishing elementary school.”

“Passing the FCAT, graduation, gifted.”

“Getting good grades, finishing it.”

“I was in the team class from the first grade to the fifth, which means I passed elementary in the top classes.”

“When I was in elementary, I passed the FCAT, was in 5000 role model, and completed that program and most of all, I completed elementary school.”

“My greatest success or accomplishment during elementary school was graduating elementary.”

“Made the Principal’s honor roll.”

“I made honor roll 3 years in a row.”

“3rd grade gifted classes.”

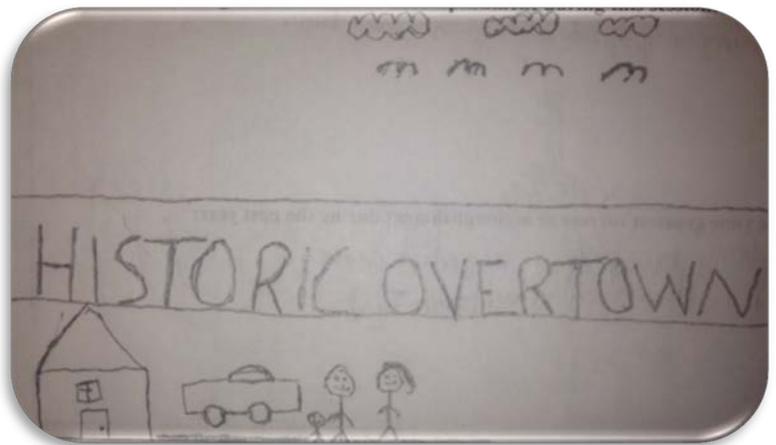
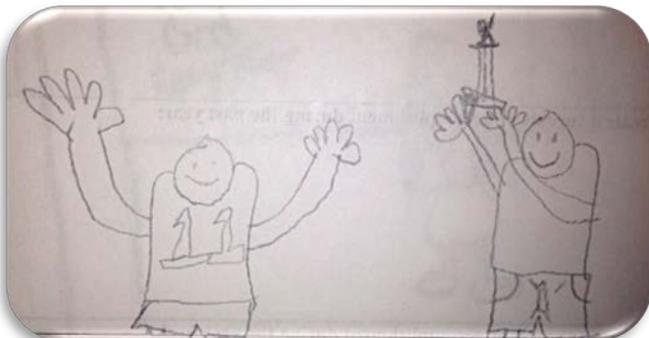
“My graduation, my prom.”

“I made a 5 on the FCAT.”

“I joined the PeeWee football team and gained a football trophy from my coach.”

THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING

The power of positive thinking came to fruition as a unit of teenage males residing at the Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center participated in a discussion about how thinking positively can impact their lives and community. The young men reflected on their previous successes and accomplishments beginning in elementary school and recalling up to the past week. The positive thoughts and emotions relayed throughout the entire session concluded with some participants drawing pictures and composing song lyrics based on their greatest success. Below are the accomplishments, lyrics, and pictures shared by the group.



Critical Community of Practice

Share Your Greatest Success or Accomplishment During Middle School:

"My greatest accomplishment in middle school was to graduate eighth grade and make it to high school."

"Safety patrol."

"Finished middle school."

"Winning county championship in wrestling."

"Playing ball."

"In middle school, I won best smile, and in the 8th grade, I won best dressed."

"In middle school, I [played] a lot of sports at my school, had good grades in order to stay on the teams, gave people I hung around good advice, and passed middle school."

"Passing my grades and having fun."

"Had all advanced classes."

"I won championship on my wrestling team."

"Became a football player."

"Prom."

"Only time getting honor roll in school."

"I passed my grades with str8 A'S and B'S."

Share Your Greatest Success or Accomplishment During the Past Year:

"My greatest success during the past year was to stay alive and keep going to school no matter what my problems and situations are in the streets or at home."

"Played basketball."

"Growing up."

"Passing the 8th grade."

"I did rap shows and won a chance to perform in front of a rap artist."

"During the past year, I was in a level 6 residential program and I completed the program successfully. I got out of the program, and attended a school called AMI while I was on probation."

"Getting away from negative peers in my neighborhood in Overtown."

"Had a baby."

"I made MVP on my football team."

"Became the fastest player in the FYFL."

"Meeting this special person."

"Selling an instrument."

"I got my grades up by doing what I had to do."

Share Your Greatest Success or Accomplishment During the Past Week:

"My greatest accomplishment this week was to earn a "Born to be a Winner" certificate of the week."

"Let someone use my bathroom."

"Change of behavior."

"Nothing."

"Probably get out and when I do I want to perform more shows."

"During the past week, I had a talk with my little sister and accomplished giving her good advice about middle school."

"Reading and learning about the Bible."

Empowering Culture of Thinking

"Made honor roll."

"I got released from DJJ."

"Told my mom I love her."

"Eating good food."

"n/a"

"I'm in DJJ but I'm trying to change my life - which I will."

Share Positive Peer Advice Based on Your Greatest Successes or Accomplishments by Writing Some Lyrics to a Song:

"Perfect attendance, spelling bee too

In elementary I learned to tie my shoe.

And it was holidays too

I had a birthday to get a car with no roof

And I took the FCAT just like you

Enough about me, let's talk about you

Can I ask you a question, what school do you go to?"

"Come on kids, don't be a fool

Fix your grades up and go to school.

Listen to me clear if you don't go to school

You won't be following all the rules."

"Pops always told me never to depend on mother."

"People should do good in school

Being bad isn't cool, cutting class

Gets you in trouble, getting kicked out

Makes you stress, so do good in school

And try your best."

"I got to get my life right
make sure my circle tight."

"Girl, you is my baby

Girl, you is my baby...

'Cause, girl, you drive me crazy."



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