



## History

*LIVES WELL LIVED* is the name of a 4-year cycle of value-oriented theme weeks at Tredyffrin-Easttown Middle School. Founded 9 years ago by a parent, it continues today through the dedication of parents and support by the PTO and the TEMS administration.

## Purpose

Middle school children are growing in dramatic ways and working on defining themselves. Because we are all connected on this planet, the choices our students make will impact many other lives as they grow. We hope to present positive role models and sow the seeds of possibility in their lives and their futures.

## Program

The program is structured to introduce the students to the theme in a broad way and then move to more specific examples.

1. A kick-off-speaker introduces the theme to the whole school prior to Speaker Day.
2. On Speaker Day, we host local speakers who have personal stories to tell relating to the year's theme. These speakers meet in small groups with students on a rotating schedule, so students can interact with several in one day.
3. Finally, students are given the opportunity to focus on what they have learned through various activities.

It is the goal of the committee to present these ideas in a positive way, expose the students to extraordinary individuals who live among us, and to inspire students when making choices in their own lives.

## Annual Themes

**Heroes** *You create yourself by the choices you make* —dealing with choices at moments of crisis

**Reach Beyond** *Challenge yourself from the inside out* — presenting individuals with disabilities and dealing with attitudes toward challenges

**Give Back** *Discover the power of one* — *Volunteer.* Stepping outside of yourself and connecting to the world around you

**Imagine That** *Dare to dream! Live your dream!* Identifying and nurturing the creative sparks in each of us.

## Volunteer

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This year's theme is **Heroes**. This year's Speaker Day will be held on **May 13, 2008**.