Ms. Massimo, Mr. Gray, Mr. Chiarello, Ms. Diehl, Ms. Terry, Ms. Visceglie Ms. Bavaro, Ms. DiNozzi, Ms. Ferrandino, Ms. Pezzano

April 22, 2014 • 3:30 pm – Literacy Center

GOALS Brain Booster: Stimulating the brain with short fitness breaks to refocus and reenergize. Manners Counts: "Pay it Forward" Give Kids A Chance to Shine: Recognition of students

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- 1. BRAIN BOOSTER
 - Sharing of Booklet, presentation to staff, PE support •
 - Next steps SIT teachers & parents, LHTV
- 2. Give Kids A Chance To Shine
 - Next Steps: decide on activities to implement this year... and next year

March Notes:

Ms. Stephanie Visceglie

- Ms. Celeste Pezzano
- Mr. Brent Chiarello
- Ms. Margaret Diehl
- Ms. Carin Bavaro

3:45 PM

GIVE KIDS A CHANCE TO SHINE

- MD We can have a musician of the month not just artist of the month, showcase students.
- CB Science Fair students love it, but it is a lot of work, Can students get more recognition for the science fair? Brookhaven national fair? Winners of the science fair compete at this national fair.
- CP I like the idea of mentioning it better than a winner, because all of the students put a lot of work into it. Announce projects on LHTV? Sound bites
- BC perhaps have a video of the science fair cut up and put on LHTV.
- SV Maybe there is something that is going on in the classroom that can be brought out, rather than having a very structured SIT initiative.
- MD we were talking about doing a general "caught you" kind of thing where you recognize somebody for doing something nice, like holding the door or helping one another.
- BC anybody in the school could recommend a student for Random Act of Kindness, where they are announced on the LHTV who submitted them, and what the student did and who the student was.
- MD could also be something that you want to point out in academics, or really put a lot of effort into something, or following instructions really well. Sometimes it bothers me, why do we have to reward kids for doing the right thing, they should all be doing the right thina.
- CB Student of the month for class? Some schools do it. I remember doing it when I was teaching.
- MD we also don't want to just name kids for the sake of naming it. We should think of a good name rather than "random act of kindness" could be "outstanding student" for being a good kid. Or someone who worked really hard to improve on something.
- CB They do think little things like this are very important, like opening the door for someone.
- CP Some teachers use little certificates like Bravo notes or Star awards, students get the little certificate and if they get a certain amount they get a reward. All the students strive to do it because it recognizes good behavior. Rewarding them for doing what their supposed to be doing and always doing what their supposed to be doing.
- MD do you think this is going to address certain students that are ever going to be part of this either. I look at some of the parents who complain and sometimes the student has to do their part also.

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