

**Goosehill Primary School**

**School Improvement Team**

**Accomplishments 2015-16**

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Our theme this year was **Diversity- celebrating and honoring differences among people**. The goal was to promote acceptance and respect to help support our efforts to prevent future bullying behavior.

We engaged in a variety of school-wide activities in order to teach our students about diversity and to promote respect for differences in culture, skin color, religion, abilities, etc.

- morning announcements included facts, quotes, poems, songs about diversity
- an “in-school field trip” from the Children’s Museum introduced students to the experiences of disabled people. (visual, hearing, neurological, physical impairments)
- “mix-it-up lunch periods” encouraged children to sit with different peers
- Diversity Day was held in April. Workshops included HS students talking about being comfortable being different from peers, a blind person and her guide dog teaching about her life, Polish culture, Latin Dance, Tae Kwon Do. Plantain chips were served for snack.
- Students worked cooperatively on two school-wide literature response activities.
- Spirit Day assemblies focused on the theme.
- Field Day’s theme was the Olympics. Students researched and represented different countries of the world.