



School
Improvement
Team

Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-April 28, 2017



Dear Parents,

Our School Improvement Team (SIT) has made important contributions to our school this year. Our theme for the year was **Connections**, which included home and community connections as well as student-to-student connections.

Thanks to the hard work of the team, we now have an updated **Parent Handbook** posted on the Goosehill website. Please take a look for *all the information you may want to know* about our school and procedures. ☺ While you are visiting the website, I hope you enjoy seeing the photos of our students, which are updated periodically. You can also access the presentations I have given for parents, including the most recent one on reading comprehension. The presentations can be accessed using the *Information for Parents Quick Link* on the left side of the page.

Our School Improvement Team was also responsible for planning and organizing our **Pennies for Puppies Drive**. Our goal was to engage our students in a community service project. The children are thoroughly enjoying earning money at home to donate to the collection jug. As you know, we purchased over \$750.00 worth of supplies for Little Shelter. Our collection will continue through the month of May.

Goosehill University was a resounding success! The children loved learning from parents and community members about their passions and interests. This was a very special day! Thank you to our SIT members for their hard work in planning such a terrific learning experience for the children. (see photos on our website!)

Finally, SIT planned for a letter-writing project for our students. Current Goosehill kindergarten and first graders will write letters to the incoming students, welcoming them to their new classrooms.

This is the time of year when we ask for volunteers to serve on next year's SIT. The SIT meets once a month from 3:15 – 4:00. Sometimes SIT members do things outside of the meeting to support our projects, such as research ideas, contact community members, or shop for supplies. Being on SIT is a terrific way to bring ideas and support special events at our school. If you would like to serve on next year's SIT, please print the Self-Nomination Form (in today's attachments) and send it to school. We will forward it to the Central Parents Council (CPC) for you.

Today is Arbor Day. It was a perfect day to continue our Earth Day celebrations! Thank you to Mrs. DeSimone, who chaired the GPFA Green Committee, and for organizing all of our parent volunteers for the Earth Day recess games for the kindergarten children. They had so much fun! Thank you to Mrs. Worden and Mrs. Olson, who co-chaired the GPFA School Beautification Committee, and for organizing the planting of flowers around our school. The first graders felt a sense of pride as they planted flowers for all to enjoy.



As you can see, there are many ways parents support our school. The teachers, staff, and I are grateful for all you do to assist and enhance our school community!

Enjoy the weekend!

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