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Principal's Corner

The home-school connection is an essential element of a successful school. The PTG strengthens the West Side home-school connection by providing curriculum-related programs and fun-filled events for our children, parents, and teachers to enjoy. The PTG Brief provides parents with timely and important information about all school-wide events. I encourage parents to attend the monthly PTG meetings where valuable information is shared.

Additionally, the School Improvement Team serves to strengthen the home-school connection. The purpose of the School Improvement Team (SIT) is to enhance our students' educational experience through collaboration among parents, teachers, and administrators. This year, our SIT has established literacy as its goal. The SIT will focus its efforts on enhancing our students' reading and writing skills through authentic literacy experiences. Some of our ideas involve creating opportunities for our students to write for a wider audience and offering literacy workshops for teachers and parents. The SIT meeting dates are on the district calendar and the members' names appear in this Brief. Please share your thoughts and ideas with the members, and feel free to attend any meeting as an observer. The notes from our meetings will be posted on the new Cold Spring Harbor School District website, which will be launched next month. The website is another way to foster communication between home and school.

Finally, the teachers and I appreciate hearing from parents about their questions and concerns...and even their compliments! Parents' ideas and insights are valued and their input strengthens the home-school connection.

We are partners in the education of your children—our students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Herschlein