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Principal's Corner

This month the children are learning about important concepts such as democracy, pride, teamwork, and gratitude. Many of them were very interested in the presidential election and how the democratic process works. They took pride in knowing that they live in a country where all people can achieve their dreams through hard work and dedication.

The children are also involved in discussions about gratitude for the commitment of others. Some classes made cards and wrote letters to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan to honor them on Veteran's Day. Others are sending cards and gifts to thank local veterans for their service to our country. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, all of the classes are working together to create Thanksgiving baskets which will be donated to families through the Helping Hands Mission. Many children are participating in the after-school activities of West Side Kids Care, and are proud of the way they are helping others.

Through the ongoing efforts of teachers, parents, and community members, our students are learning very important lessons. On **November 19th** they will learn about teamwork from members of the NY Islanders organization, and on **November 21st**, they will learn about organic farming from Long Island farmers. The Book Fair on the 18th & 19th demonstrates our school-wide commitment to helping children develop life-long reading habits.

I would like to express my gratitude to our teachers, parents, and community members for their ongoing effort and dedication to the children at West Side School. Valuable life lessons are learned here.

Thank you.

Mrs. Herschlein