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### Principal's Corner

Numerous studies show that parental involvement in children's school lives makes an enormous impact on academic achievement. West Side School parents are involved in their children's education in so many ways!

Parents demonstrate the importance of education by getting their children to school on time, every day. They model responsibility and commitment when they oversee homework completion and provide support for their children. Parent communication with teachers and administrators demonstrates the partnership that exists between home and school. Attendance at school functions, on field trips, and involvement in Parent-Teacher Groups show children that the school is an extension of home---we work together to celebrate their achievements and enrich their lives.

I know I cannot name all of the wonderful activities and events organized or supported by our parents, but I have been impressed with every single one---the Halloween Dance, Skating Night, Bowling Night, West Side Run, West Side Win, West Side Kids Care, Colonial Day, the Ellis Island Re-Enactment, and The Pirate Musical. I know that Field Day, the Talent Show, and the Sixth Grade Moving Up (and 6<sup>th</sup> grade special events) will also be wonderful and memorable.

Thank you to the PTG Board for its ongoing commitment to our school, and the members of all committees: Green, Cultural Arts, After School Program, Hospitality, Beautification, Yearbook, School Supplies, Wrapping Paper, Recess, Camp-out, Holiday Baking, Staff Appreciation, Book Fair, Holiday Boutique, Plant Sale, and School Pictures. Thank you to our Recess Volunteers, Playground Committee, SIT members, and Class Parents. (I hope I haven't forgotten anyone!)

The staff and I appreciate every parent's support, dedication, and involvement. Working together, we make West Side School the very best it can be for our children.

Sincerely,

Lynn Herschlein