West Side School

School Improvement Team Thursday, April 19, 2012 Minutes

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Farewell to 6th Graders

- Creating class gift for 6th grade could have bulletin board designated for this
- Allow students in grades 2-5 to showcase their talents: poetry, art, letter writing, etc.
- Final West Side Wednesday and/or Earthday Birthday 6th graders sit in middle of gym
- As they enter, students applaud them for their efforts over the years
- Students in grades 2-5 sing a song lead by Mrs. Martin
- Graduation bands?

Student Committees

- Give students, other than Student Council, the opportunity for leadership roles
- Example suggested was a West Side Wednesday Committee comprised of fifth graders
- Students could meet with teachers once a month to discuss the theme of the next month's West Side Wednesday
- Begins a new tradition at West Side

Revamping West Side Wednesday

- ✓ June memories of 6th grade
- Celebrate their milestones
- Wish them well and things to remember
- Give students the chance to work with other teachers
- Bulletin board shaped like 6 to include student work on

Community Service at West Side

- Fall or Spring
- Book Buddies who meet monthly
- Work during lunch/recess
- Summer Reading crafts
- Survey the 6th grade