

West Side School










School Improvement Team

SIT Members

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Goals for the 2012-2013 School Year

GOAL 1: To successfully implement the H.E.R.O. Project (H.E.R.O. = Helping Everyone Reach Out)

-  Program designed for 6th grade students
-  Students will volunteer their time in the fall, winter, or spring
-  All students will have a teacher mentor
-  6th grade teachers will introduce the Project to the students as a whole group
-  First assignment – research local heroes – students will share with classmates
-  Students fill out form with their top three choices
-  SIT Committee finalizes assignments at October meeting – select first speaker
-  Lunch with the Principal to discuss goals and reflection at the end
-  November 1 – Fall group begins

Sample H.E.R.O. Project Assignments:

SEL read aloud w/ grade 2

Main Office Support

Indoor Recess Facilitator

Library Assistant

Spirit Builders - Poster making

Beautification – watering flowers, garden




Recycling Campaign Director

Spirit Photographer

Photographer of Athletics

Public Service Announcement Coordinator

GOAL 2: To enhance the experience of our incoming second graders in order to ensure a successful transition.

-  Work with 5th graders to help with the transition of our incoming 2nd graders in the spring during First Grade Orientation
-  In the fall, when our 2nd graders arrive, our 6th graders would team up with the same students they met with in the spring
-  An activity will be planned during the first week to help our 2nd graders feel more acclimated as well as during First Grade Orientation