

# *West Side School*

School Improvement Team

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## SIT Members








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## Goals for the 2013-2014 School Year

*THEME: Fostering social and emotional strengths and building climate*

### **GOAL 1: 3rd Grade Recess Buddy Program – Pilot twice weekly for one month**

-  Empower our younger learners to take on a leadership role
-  Forge relationships between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
-  Help the socialization process
-  Training and Orientation Process:
  - Brainstorm possible games to play during indoor and outdoor recess times
  - At least two second graders and three to four 4<sup>th</sup> graders in a group
  - Students must exit recess together and report to an aide on duty
-  Selection process:
  - Work with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers, aides, school psychologist, and principal
-  Reflection:
  - Newsroom will be used for students to reflect on experience
  - Possible Questions for Grades 2 and 3:
    - Would you recommend this program to another 2<sup>nd</sup> grader? Why or why not?
    - Is recess different now in any way? If so, explain.
    - What did you get out of this experience?
    - How did you help?
-  A certificate will be provided for each student involved in the program.

### **GOAL 2: Building on the First Grade Orientation Foundation**

-  Mentors in 5<sup>th</sup> grade work with 1<sup>st</sup> graders when they visit WSS in the spring
-  Give tour of building and introduction in the cafeteria
-  Students could also support other building tours
-  Match 6<sup>th</sup> graders with 2<sup>nd</sup> graders the following fall
-  Could pair them up throughout the year with their buddies
-  Celebration the following fall similar to summer reading celebration
-  Some similarities to Summer Reading Celebration
-  New maps added to orientation folders for student support

### **Goal 3: Fourth Grade Drama Club**