

West Side School
School Improvement Team
2010-2011

S.I.T Members:

Parents: Karen Reiter, Ingrid Wright, Joanne Phelan, Rose Melillo, Melissa Marasciullo
Teachers: Bonnie Dawkins, William Arloff, Tara Tassani, Karen Schoenberg
Teacher aide: Nancy Fastuca
Administrator: Lynn Herschlein

Goal: *To Support the Home-School Connection and foster school spirit*

- We conducted a Parent Book Club, with a focus on issues related to parenting school-age children. We read *Raising Happiness* over the course of 6 monthly meetings. Topics addressed in the book included expecting effort, avoiding perfectionism, promoting gratitude, and teaching self-discipline. The Book Club was a great success, with twenty different parents attending at least a few meetings.
- We offered parent workshops, including an evening workshop on helping children develop writing skills concurrent with a special event for the children (to promote attendance). Forty parents and their children attended the workshop, which is twice the usual attendance. The SIT members ran BINGO NIGHT in the Community Room while the parents learned about our writing program and ways to support their children's developing skills in the library.