

Goosehill Primary School

School Improvement Team Accomplishments

2018-19

Members present: Mrs. Saladino, Mrs. Lupinacci-Lawniczak, Mrs. Travaglianti, Mrs. Franciscovich, Ms. Golden, Ms. McDevitt, Mrs. Ranaldo, Mrs. Herschlein

In order to synthesize our ideas supporting character education/mindfulness, play, and STEM/STEAM, we developed a theme for the year using the acronym **HERO**. Young children love Superheroes, so we will build upon their excitement for the topic and engage them in activities that teach and reinforce our core values of honesty, empathy, respect (and kindness.)

H- Honesty *Be **H**onest.*

E- Empathy *Show **E**mpathy.*

R- Respect ***R**espect*

O-Open-hearted *Be **O**pen-hearted.* (Freely express warm, generous, and kind feelings)

*Our theme is: **Superheroes care for people, animals, and Planet Earth.***

Accomplishments:

- 1) A bulletin board with superhero “bursts” depicting the honest, empathetic, respectful, and kind acts of the children was created and maintained throughout the year. Students HERO acts were read on the morning announcements.
- 2) Family Focus HW boards were created to engage families in actions that support the theme.
- 3) Game Days were held to promote honesty, empathy, respect, and good sportsmanship.
- 4) A service project, “Coins for Cats and Dogs” resulted in a donation of over \$1,000 to Little Shelter Animal Shelter and Rescue.
- 5) An Institute Day was held on April 17th, with real-life heroes as presenters. Parents, HS students and community members shared their work that supports people, animals, and the Earth. (Police officers, firefighters, doctors, veterinarians, psychologists, HS athletes, HS students, Yoga instructor, Tae Kwon Do instructors)
- 6) Field Day has a Super-hero theme.
- 7) A school mural was commissioned and depicts the HERO theme.
- 8) A Superhero presentation by “OmegaMan” will be held on June 5.
- 9) A first grader designed a Goosehill Super Kid Hero tee shirt, which the GPFA had made for all first graders.
- 10) Parent workshops were provided on raising children to be mindful, empathetic, and honest.