

Goosehill Primary School

School Improvement Notes

November 13, 2017

Members present: Mrs. Lefkowitz, Mrs. Gulitti (GPFA Exec Bd.), Mrs. Kashetta, Mrs. Herschlein, Mrs. Franciscovich, Mrs. Wolf

We continued our plans for the Kindness Theme:

- We reflected on the Family Focus Kindness Choice Boards. Student work will be shared in classrooms and in morning announcements.
- We considered another option for families for February---a **Family Kindness Journal**, where children and parents can record acts of kindness over the course of a few weeks.
- We reviewed December activities: 1) Kindness ForceField---neon paper chain 2) Game Day (12/22)
- We reviewed plan for Backpacks for Buddies. First graders will pack backpacks 9-10:30 on 11-30. All members are invited to help set up and pack beginning at 8:15 a.m.
- We wrote a Kindness Pledge to be introduced to students at a Spirit Day in January:
I pledge to use nice words
Each and every day.
I promise to be kind
In my work and in my play.

We considered adding a stanza to the first grade pledge once the first part is learned.

- We tentatively decided on a title for a Parent Book Club related to our theme. The title is: The Me, Me, Me Epidemic: A Step by Step Guide to Raising Capable, Grateful Kids in an Over-Entitled World by Amy McCreedy. Please read about the book and send in your thoughts. We will let parents know about the book in December and schedule our meetings in January.
- We began brainstorming ideas for the **Kindness Day** of Workshops---the tentative date is Wednesday, March 28th – half day of school. We would invite parents and staff members to conduct workshops related to the theme of kindness. Ideas included: healthy eating (Be kind to your body), yoga or meditation (Be kind to your mind), gardening (Be kind to the Earth), Kind words (in another language?), A workshop on disabilities (be kind to others who may be different), Sportsmanship (Be a kind teammate), etc.
- We discussed a book drive to support Book Fairies, a Long-Island based charity that facilitates the collection and distribution of books to schools and children in the area. We may connect it to Earth Week Activities.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, December 11th at 3:15.**