

What is Peer Mediation?



The goal of the peer mediation program is to have children help other children work through conflicts. Peer Mediators are 4th and 5th graders who have been specially trained to help peers work through conflicts by utilizing effective communication tools. The Peer Mediators, identified by their bright orange vests, work in teams and are assigned weekly recess shifts. The mediators work closely with Mrs. Plati and meet with her on a regular basis. Trained parent volunteers help monitor peer mediation at recess.

The benefits are:

- Students are empowered to become active problem solvers.
- Students learn to communicate feelings and emotions in a positive way.
- Students recognize adult intervention is not always necessary.
- Students have opportunities to help and collaborate with others.
- Students practice making ethical, constructive choices about personal and social behavior.

Family Involvement



The PTA supports CORE and Peer Mediation at Central School in a variety of ways. Over the years, the PTA has provided each classroom with books and guided discussion points to enhance the CORE themes of community, respect, communication, cooperation, and conflict-resolution. CORE books and activities are also available in the library for families to enjoy. Parent volunteers support the peer mediation program by participating in training, working at recess, and attending meetings.

CORE information can also be found on the Central School web page. www.mamkschools.org

CORE & Peer Mediation

GENERAL SCHOOL



**Central School
Larchmont, NY**

What is CORE?



It is the goal of CORE to nurture a community where students come to school feeling positive and eager to learn, diversity is celebrated, all community members feel welcome and respected, and everyone has the communication and problem-solving skills to resolve conflict in a positive way. The themes of community, respect, communication, cooperation and conflict resolution are examined each year through guided reading and discussion, school-wide assemblies, and buddy activities to promote a common language of respectful communication and behavior.



The Themes of CORE



- **Community** – family, friends, and all the people in our lives



- **Respect** – treating each other and the environment thoughtfully



- **Communication** – expressing ourselves in a clear and respectful manner



- **Cooperation** – working together



- **Conflict Resolution** – learning how to solve problems and get along with others

CORE and CENTRAL SCHOOL



The CORE program positively impacts Central School's culture. Through the exploration of themes of community, respect, communication, cooperation, and conflict-resolution students have learned a "common language". The result is a greater sense of school community, more respect and inclusion, and increased cooperation, all enhancing the learning experience in classrooms. The CORE committee meets monthly to support and update these initiatives.

