Students
- value community
- appreciate and celebrate differences (beyond tolerance)
- act as leaders and mentors
- big and little buddies

Staff
- tie academics into school philosophy
- maintain balance, act as advisors, provide direction for passions of parents
- collaborate with parents
- support a whole-child approach
- facilitate the journey of the uniqueness of each child
- facilitate the development of "enlightened" students (*thoughtful, lifelong learners*)
- model tolerance, celebrate differences, value diversity
- develop effective in-school communication
- use and update "nature lens"

Making Connections

Parents
- partnership/collaboration
- open door policy
- good communication
- involvement thru PAC
- direct classroom involvement (not thru PAC)
- collaborate with staff
- staff representation at PAC meetings
- responsiveness to the passions of the parents
- formal appreciation of parents every year

Community (both physical and human)
- Open House in Sept.
- community volunteers
- connection with service groups
- Artists in the Classroom
- consider south-end resources
- use environment to inspire us
- use and update "nature lens"