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WEST MINICO MIDDLE SCHOOL WAYS WE'RE BUILDING BELONGING IN 2026-27 *You Belong Here.* ♥

1 YOU BELONG HERE



Belonging is at the center of our work—creating a school where every Warrior feels known, valued, connected, and supported.

2 WARRIORS AT RECESS



Students build leadership through the *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, then put it into action—creating games for our 6th graders and connecting through play with elementary students who may need a friend.

3 RESET, THEN RETURN



We're strengthening our Reset Room processes to provide intentional support, improve communication, track patterns, and help students successfully return to learning.

4 CREATING THROUGH ART



Our new Art Club gives students another opportunity to discover interests, build relationships, and find their place at West.

5 A NEW APPROACH TO SCIENCE



Our science program has changed to give students intentional learning experiences in Life, Earth, and Physical Science.

6 ADVISORY WITH PURPOSE



We're creating greater consistency in Advisory with time dedicated to belonging, relationships, organization, resilience, academic progress, and connection.

7 MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



STEM Club, Strategy Games, tutoring, athletics, and other after-school opportunities give Warriors more ways to connect beyond the classroom.

8 PRESENT AND READY TO LEARN



Strengthened phone-free expectations are helping us protect instructional time and encourage face-to-face interaction.

9 A STRONG START FOR OUR NEWEST WARRIORS



Our sixth-grade orientation helps students learn the building, expectations, lockers, routines, and people before beginning middle school.

10 BUILDING A CULTURE OF CARE

Through our continued partnership with the Jae Foundation, staff are strengthening connection and belonging, while Student Council is bringing *It's Cool to Care* to our students—helping Warriors turn kindness, connection, and care into action.

It's Cool to CARE ♥



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