

# WEB

Where Everyone Belongs

WEB, which stands for “Where Everybody Belongs” is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th/7th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains mentors from your 8th grade class to be WEB Leaders. As positive role models, WEB Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the 6th/7th graders to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to middle school and help facilitate 6th/7th grade success.

More and more studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in middle school, their chances for success increase dramatically. WEB provides the structure for 6th/7th graders to receive support and guidance from 8th graders who have been through the challenges that middle school poses and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming.

WEB also acts as an anti-bullying program for your school by providing it with a cadre of student leaders who look for bullying behavior and help stop it. WEB gives older students permission to be aware of and report any negative behavior they see, creating a safer school for everybody.

The goal of WEB, Boomerang Project's middle school orientation and transition program, is to provide schools with a structure in which students make real connections with each other thus increasing school safety and reducing incidence of bullying. Through this program, students learn that people at school care about them and their success. WEB is the middle school transition program that will increase student achievement, enhance character development efforts and create an anti-bullying environment at your school.

West Salem Middle School has been apart of WEB for the past 5 years. We kick off our program in the fall, right before school starts, and continue to build the WEB program throughout the year. WEB leaders are around at 6th grade open house to assist and show 6th grade students around. This next school year is essential for WEB because we will be in a newly remodeled school and students will most likely need tour guides. For more information on the WEB program, and to see if this program would be a good fit for your school check out The Boomerang Project online.