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PBIS Newsletter

Unity West Elementary School

PBIS at Unity West

What is PBIS?

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive systems approach for creating and maintaining safe and effective learning environments in schools and ensuring that all students have the social and emotional skills needed to ensure their success at school and beyond.

So what does that mean? It means that at Unity West we teach our students the behaviors that are expected. Then we encourage and reward good behavior instead of con-

stantly pointing out behaviors that need to change. This allows the students to see and hear models of what to do. It also gives the students a sense of pride when they behave in an appropriate way. The purpose of school-wide PBIS is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.

Does It Work?

PBIS has been working amazingly well at Unity West. Behavior problems are not absent from the school, but they are definitely managed in a more professional and

positive way for both students and teachers.

What Can I Do to Help?

Go to the Unity West website and check out the behavior for each week. Discuss it with your child, and reward your child for displaying the appropriate behavior at home! Also, be sure to remind your child of our four school rules: Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect Property, and Be there; be ready. Thank you for your support!

Monthly Celebrations

Every month the students who have had excellent behavior at Unity West earn a celebration. Only students who have not had any office referrals for the given month are allowed to attend.

Students who do not attend the celebration take a short character education course with designated teachers during the celebration time. We hope these activities help teach them skills that will allow them to be successful the following month. We find that the monthly celebrations are something that both students and teachers look forward to. It is a great way to show the students how much we appreciate

their good behavior!

The first celebration, **Field Day**, will be held on **October 1st**. On Field Day students are given the opportunity to spend time enjoying outdoor activities such as playground time, an obstacle course, kickball, and more! The second celebration this year will be **Respect Bingo**. Students will be able to play a few rounds of Respect Bingo in their classrooms before the Halloween parade and party on **October 29th**.

Look for more information on the upcoming monthly celebration in future PBIS newsletters or on our website.

Attendance Olympics

The PBIS team is happy to announce that Attendance Olympics are back! Each month the class with the best attendance per grade level will win an extra recess with Mr. Hillman!

A bulletin board will keep track of the classroom ranks. We hope this encourages the students to do their best to be at school! Of course, if a child has had a fever within the past 24 hours, we do ask that they stay at home. We want the students to be at school, but we do not want to cause others to be sick!

We hope to see each classroom get an Attendance Olympics recess!

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