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# PBIS Newsletter

## Unity West Elementary School

### Upcoming Celebrations

Students who do not have any office referrals each month have the opportunity to take part in our Monthly Behavior Celebrations. Here is a sneak peak at the fun we have planned for the rest of the year.

The March behavior celebration is a classroom paper airplane contest. For this contest, each student designs a paper airplane that will compete to win in a flying or design competition. The winners from each classroom are put on display in the main hallway for all the students to see and enjoy. This celebration is a great opportunity to see our students' creativity and engineering skills!

Our April celebration has been changed from the usual 30 minute extra recess, to a more exciting event. In April, students who have earned their celebration will get to take part in a reptile zoo! "Serengeti Steve" will join us to give a presentation on alligators, anacondas, lizards, snakes, tarantulas and more! He has given presentations not only to schools, but to famous people like Torry Holt, a Pro Bowl receiver from the Rams, and Albert Pujols from the St. Louis Cardinals! Encourage your student to make good choices so they can join in on the "Reptile Experience!"

Finally, in May, we will have Fun Day to celebrate not only great behavior for the month, but also the end of the school year. For more information about how you can help with Fun Day, contact Mr. Hillman during school hours. We will need volunteers, donations, and much more to put on the end of the year extravaganza!



Above: Serengeti Steve during a presentation

### Picking Up our Car Pick Up

At every PBIS meeting, there is a discussion about what we can improve. Recently, the PBIS team members found that our car pick up area efficiency and safety has been lacking. Therefore, we put together a cool tool to help the students learn the correct way to behave at the car pick up area. Since parents are also involved in car pick up, it would be helpful for parents to reinforce the car pick up rules. If we can make the process faster and safer, everyone wins!

At car pick up, the students are to be outside in a line facing the line of cars. They are to watch for their car so when it is their turn they know which

cone to go to in order to be picked up. Students were reminded to keep their hands to themselves, and to always look at who is driving the car, just in case a different family member is picking them up.

Not only do the students have a job at car pick up, adults do too. Please remember that everyone is to wait in line to pick up his or her child. If you park your car and leave your vehicle, you are creating an unsafe environment. People walking between cars creates a distraction to drivers as well as the students waiting. This makes the pick up process slower. Teachers are also trying to en-

sure that the correct students get in the correct vehicle. It is hard for us to monitor where the students are going if there are various adults taking children from the area. We want to keep things secure, so please stay in your car and wait for your turn. Another way parents can help is to try to tell your child who will be picking them up each day. Also, please be sure to pull up as far as you can. We would love to be able to load at least three cars at a time.

Thank you for your patience and support as we try to perfect this area of our school!

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