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PBIS Newsletter

Unity West Elementary School

May Celebration: FUN DAY!!!

The best PBIS celebration of the year is quickly approaching. Fun Day will take place on Tuesday June 2nd at Unity West Elementary. Planning for this event has already begun, but it is not too late for you to help! The students will spend time outside, enjoying the weather and time with friends and teachers one last time before the school year ends. This is an all day event, and as many students will tell you, Fun Day is a *blast!*

This year the event is going to be full of dazzling activities including:

- Plinko
- Face Painting
- Karaoke

- Live D.J.
- Inflatables
- 3 on 3 basketball tournaments
- Kick Ball
- Clowns with balloons
- A Fire Truck
- Relay Games
- Ice Cream
- AND MORE!!!

We can't wait for the fun to begin, and we hope that the students work extra hard so they can attend the Fun Day activities. As always, our celebrations are only for students who have earned a reward due to good behavior. Students who have been sent to the office and receive discipline will

have the following consequences as set up by the PBIS Committee:

1st Offense = Miss the first 30 minutes of Fun Day activities

2nd Offense = Miss one hour of Fun day Activities

3rd Offense = Miss half to the whole day, depending on administrative decisions.

We know that all the students will do their best so they can take part in Fun Day. We hope to see some of you there as well! For information on how you can donate or volunteer, please call the school office at (217)485-3918. Thank you in advance for your support!

PBIS Committee

Members

Joshua Didier, Administrator
 Katy Yeazel, Kindergarten
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School Climate Survey Results and Actions

Earlier this year, all the students at Unity West took a survey on our school climate. After much data analysis, we have a clearer picture of what it is like to be a student at Unity West.

As expected, the survey showed that we are doing some things very well, and it also gave us areas in which we can improve. One of our school's strengths is that 96% of our students feel that doing well in school is important to them. We are excited that

students are able to see the value of education, and we feel that this also stems from our supportive community.

We also found some problems that students face at Unity West including: being picked on, teased, or called names by other students. The PBIS Team is looking at different options to address these concerns. We will change weekly cool tools to address these issues in the classroom. We may also introduce a life skills curriculum into the

classrooms to teach students to stop these behaviors, and give them concrete ways to deal with situations when they are the victim. We hope to see parental support as we begin some new programs to deal with these issues. The PBIS Team believes if we all work together, Unity West will continue to flourish as an outstanding school in our community.