

Unity West Elementary School

2010-2011
P.B.I.S. Calendar



**Working together to build
better schools - better citizens**

Unity West Expectations

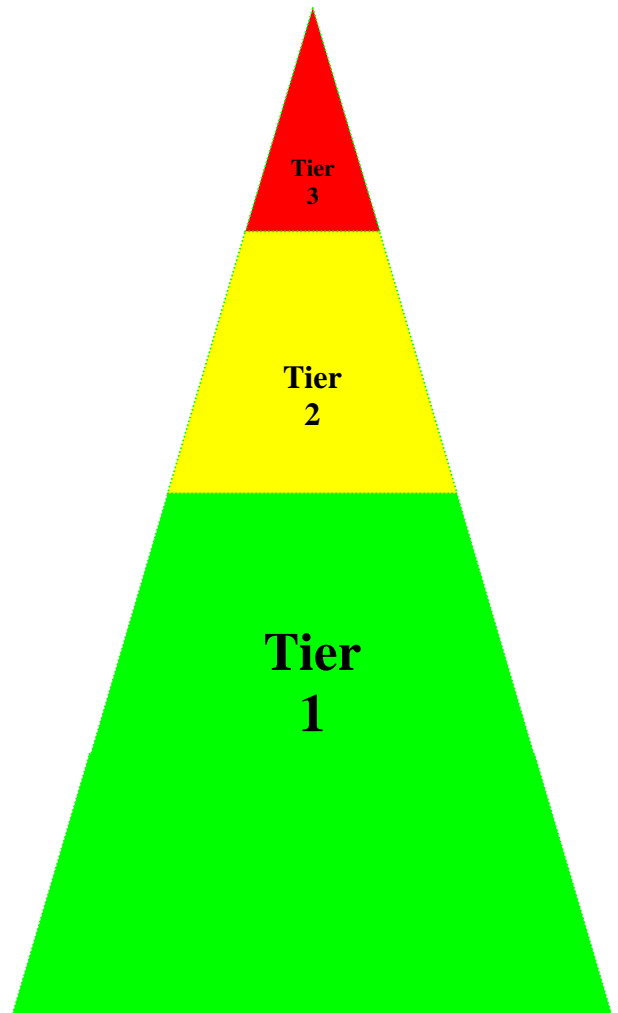
	Respect Self	Respect Others	Respect Property	Be There; Be Ready
Classroom (includes library, art, & music)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Do your best work. * Be on task. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use kind words. * Keep hands/feet/objects to self. * Let others do their best. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pick up after self. * Treat materials with care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Have pencils sharpened. * Bring book and homework to class. * Listen and follow directions.
Hallway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Walk. * Use safe hands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use inside voices. * Walk on the right side. * Allow others to pass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Keep hands off the walls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Walk in single file. * Face forward.
Restroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Wash hands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use inside voice. * Give others privacy. * Wait patiently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use what you need. * Keep water in sink. * Throw towels in garbage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use restroom and wash hands quickly. * Return to class immediately after use.
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Eat your own lunch. * Sit on seat, not on feet. * Chew with mouth closed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use inside voices. * Keep hands/feet/objects to self. * Pass bottles politely. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Throw away milk, napkin, straw, and wrappers. * Pick up garbage on floor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Walk at all times. * Face forward.
Recess <i>Inside</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Have a plan. * Be aware of others around you. * Walk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Include everyone. * Keep hands/feet/objects to self. * Inside Voices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use equipment correctly. * Play in designated areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Walk to line when whistle blows. * Sit for the emergency whistle. * Stay in boundaries.
Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sit on seat, not on feet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use appropriate applause. * Keep hands/feet/objects to self. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Keep feet on gray and not on the bleacher seats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be quiet. * Keep eyes on speaker. * Listen.
Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Walk to and from bus. * Sit on seat, no on feet. * Face forward. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use quiet voices * Use kind words * Keep Hands / Feet/objects to self. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Keep materials in your book bag. * Pick up garbage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Wait 3 giant steps away. * Line up quickly and safely.
Arrival and Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Walk. * Use safe hands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use inside voices. * Walk on right side. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Keep hands off walls. * Keep materials in book bag. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Face forward. * Be in the right place for arrival and departure.

P.B.I.S. Overview

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports emphasizes:

- optimizing academic instruction.
- teaching expected behaviors.
- modeling and practicing expected behaviors.
- reinforcing expected behaviors.
- pre-correcting to ensure expected behaviors are displayed.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tier 3</u></p> <p>Red area—1-5% of school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual students• Assessment base• Intense interventions and durable procedures• 6 or more office referrals
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tier 2</u></p> <p>Yellow area— 5-15% of school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some students (at-risk)• Target group interventions• Rapid response• Small group interventions• Some individualizing• 2-5 office referrals
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tier 1</u></p> <p>Green area—80-90% of school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whole-school interventions• All settings• All students• Preventive & proactive• 0-1 office referrals



Teach behaviors like we teach academics!

Students will not understand what is expected unless we teach them.

First teachers must have a clear expectation in mind before teaching students the school rules, expected behaviors, and procedures.

Learning Unity West Expectations.

In order for students to learn our expectations, we must teach them. The following is a 5 step guideline to Teaching Expectations.

- 1. Define the Expectations:** Clearly explain what the expectations mean and what the expectations look like in all settings.
- 2. Teach, Model, and Practice the Expectations:** Have students practice, and practice following the expectations in all settings. It is important to point out what each student did well and what each student can improve upon.
- 3. Remind Students of the Expectations:** Remind the students of the expectation by verbally giving pre-corrections or modeling the expected behavior in each setting.
- 4. Celebrate the Students following the Expectations:** Continually and consistently praise the students for following through on what you taught them.
- 5. Re-teach the Expectations:** Continually go over the expectations to begin the day and before activities.

Cool Tools

P.B.I.S. is based on the belief that behaviors must be taught just like academics. We will be teaching a specific behavior or expectation each week. In order to be consistent, every teacher will get a “cool tool” or lesson plan each Friday to teach on the following Monday.

Each month will have a theme, and cool tools will vary from week to week.

Cool Tools only take a short time to teach (approximately 15 minutes). Everyone is expected to teach the lesson on Monday unless otherwise stated on the P.B.I.S. calendar. It would be great if the lesson could be taught before lunch time.

Thank you for all your help!

Unity West Expectations

**Respect yourself.
Respect others.
Respect property.
Be there; be ready.**

August 2010

Expectations

Classroom Expectations: All teachers will teach their classroom expectations and procedures on August 18th-20th.

School-Wide Expectations: On August 23rd and 24th, the staff will be working together to teach students the established school-wide expectations throughout the different settings at Unity West.

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Tips for Better Parent Communication

1. Parental involvement is so important in assisting children in academic and social growth. The best way to get your parents involved is to let them know about your classroom through letter and phone calls.
2. Be sure that your parents know the school expectations.
3. Teach and remind parents of your homework expectations from the start.
4. Address any questions or concerns early and often.

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Registration at Unity Junior High from 12:00-7:00pm	<i>5</i> Registration at Unity Junior High from 12:00-7:00pm	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 5th Grade Parent Meeting for Mrs. Robbins and Ms. Berbaum	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Teacher Institute - No School 1st Grade Parent Meeting @5:30pm	<i>17</i> Teacher Institute - No School 2nd Grade Parent Meeting @6:00pm	<i>18</i> 10:20am Dismissal First Day of School for 1st - 5th Grades Parent Conferences with Kindergarten Teachers	<i>19</i> Parent Conferences with Kindergarten Teachers	<i>20</i> First Day of School for Kindergarten	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Student Kickoff Stations from 1:50-2:30pm Cool Tool: Tornado, Fire, and Code Red Procedures PBIS Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm. Announcement for August and September Celebration	<i>24</i> Student Kickoff Stations from 1:50-2:30pm	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Cool Tool: Respect Yourself	<i>31</i>				

Classroom Expectations:

All students will continue to be taught classroom expectations each week through the month of September and as often as teachers see needed.

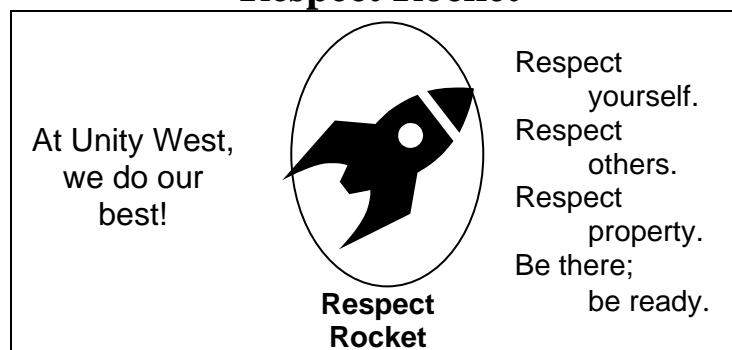
Your classroom sign should be clearly posted in your classroom. The expectations of the signs are clear and unified. If you need a new classroom poster please let the PBIS Committee know.

Clearly and positively define and reinforce the classroom expectations.

School-Wide Expectations:

Staff will continue to review and model school-wide expectations throughout September. Each class can expect to see their teacher and support staff model what kind of behavior is expected in each setting. If we continue to teach and re-teach expectations, we will see the results.

Respect Rocket



Respect Rocket slips will be used in all grade levels this year at Unity West. Respect Rocket slips should be used to positively reinforce the school-wide expectations. When you hand one out do it loud and proud so that all know why it was given.

Monthly Celebrations

Each month all students will be working towards a monthly goal, based on the expectations. Monthly celebrations will be conducted at the end of a month to reinforce the students following the expectations. The P.B.I.S. Committee will set up the monthly target and celebration themes.

September 2010.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Faculty Meeting @3pm	<i>2</i> PTO Open House 5:30pm Hotdogs served Classrooms open at 6:30pm 3rd Grade Parent Meeting @6:00pm 4th Grade Parent Meeting @6:30pm 5th Grade Parent Meeting @6:30pm for Mrs. Grodsky and Ms. Redeker	<i>3</i> Bus Driver Kickoff Breakfast served by Student Council in the Library PTO Fundraiser Beginning Date	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Labor Day No School	<i>7</i> Cool Tool: Respect Others	<i>8</i> School Improvement Leadership Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>9</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Cool Tool: Respect Property	<i>14</i> PTO Meeting @6:30pm	<i>15</i> PTO Fundraiser Ending Date	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Cool Tool: Be there; be ready Week of 1st Qt. Progress Reports	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>24</i> School Improvement Day Dismissal @11:20am Homecoming Parade @12:00 noon 1st Qt. Progress Reports Sent Home	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Cool Tool: How to Identify a Bully PBIS Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Picture Day	<i>30</i> PBIS Store for 4th Grade		

At Unity West, we treat other with respect by:

- accepting differences.
- using good manners.
- using good language.
- being considerate of others' feelings.
- dealing with anger, insults, and disagreements peacefully.

By respecting ourselves and others at Unity West we will do our best to be a Bully-Free School and Fight-Free School. It is important that everyone works together to achieve this goal.

Respect is an important character quality that we want our students to exhibit toward themselves, others, and property. The month of October is about respect. During the lessons, the students will be discussing what it looks like to respect themselves, what it looks like to respect everyone around them, and what it looks like to respect all adults at school.

“Be beautiful if you can, wise if you want to...but be respected-that is essential.”

Author Unknown

Share with your students and parents stories related to respect.

1. You are Special by Max Lucado
2. I Like Me by Nancy Carlson
3. Two of Them by Alike
4. Pocket Full of Cricket by R. Caudill
5. Andy (That's My Name) by T. DePaola
6. The Doll Lady by H. Elizabeth Collins
7. Tiger Turcotte Takes On the Know-It-All by Pansie Hart Flood
8. The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle
9. Mr. Mischief by Roger Hargreaves
10. Larryboy In the Attack of Outback Jack by Doug Peterson

There are many other titles, if you would like to search at the Unity West Media Center.

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> PBIS Store for 5th Grade August and September Celebration: Field Day	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Announcement about October Celebration Cool Tool: Good Manners and Language	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Faculty Meeting @3pm	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> No School Teacher Institute	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Columbus Day No School	<i>12</i> PTO Meeting @6:30pm	<i>13</i> School Improvement Leadership Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>14</i> Rtl Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>15</i> End of the 1st Qt.	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Cool Tool: Accepting Differences	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> PTO Fall Book Fair 8:00am-8:00pm	<i>21</i> School Improvement Day Dismissal @11:20am 1st Qt. Report Cards Sent Home Parent-Teacher Conf. From 3:00-9:30pm PTO Fall Book Fair 8:00am-8:00pm	<i>22</i> No School	<i>23</i> PTO Fall Book Fair 8:00am-8:00pm
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Cool Tool: Dealing with Anger PBIS Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Rtl Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm. PBIS Store for 4th Grade	<i>29</i> Halloween parade @1:45pm with classroom parties to follow October Celebration: Respect Bingo PBIS Store for 5th Grade	<i>30</i>
<i>31</i>						

At Unity West, we do what we are supposed to by:

- **always trying to do our best.**
- **using self-control.**
- **being self-disciplined.**
- **being accountable for our choices.**
- **thinking before acting.**
- **considering the consequences.**

Share with your students and parents stories about responsibility.

1. Marvin Redpost: Alone In His Teacher's House by L. Sachar
2. Biggest Bear by L. Ward
3. Henry and the Paper Route by Beverly Cleary
4. Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary
5. I'm In Charge by Joan E. Drescher
6. You Can Depend On Me by Margaret Reuter
7. The Floor That Said "No More" by Stephen A. Timm
8. Franklin Forgets by Phyllis Reynolds
9. Who Stole Alligator's Shoe? by Jacquelyn Reinach
10. Pet Boy by Keith Graves

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Sometimes it is hard for students to get into the groove of taking responsibility for their school work. During this month we are going to teach our students how to be responsible in the classroom, at home and anywhere they might venture.

Parents can help children at home by setting time frames when school work must be done and giving them assistance with their homework.

Together we can positively teach children how to be responsible, and they will begin to see the rewards in themselves, their grades, and their overall life.

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Cool Tool: Study Skills Announcement about November Celebration	<i>2</i> Election Day	<i>3</i> Faculty Meeting @3pm	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Cool Tool: How to Stop a Bully	<i>9</i> PTO Meeting @6:30pm	<i>10</i> School Improvement Leadership Meeting @3pm	<i>11</i> Veterans Day No School	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Cool Tool: Transitions Week of 2nd Qt. Progress Reports	<i>16</i> 4th and 5th Grade Concert in the Gymnasium @7pm	<i>17</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 2nd Qt. Progress Reports Sent Home	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Cool Tool: Accepting Ownership of a Problem PBIS Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>23</i> PBIS Store for 4th Grade	<i>24</i> November Celebration: Turkey Bowling PBIS Store for 5th Grade Dismissal @2:05pm	<i>25</i> Thanksgiving No School	<i>26</i> No School	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Cool Tool: Taking Care of Materials Announcement about December Celebration	<i>30</i>				

December 2010 Caring and Kindness

At Unity West, we care because we:

- are kind.
- are compassionate.
- show we care by expressing gratitude.
- forgive others.
- help people in need.

Share with your students and parents stories about caring and kindness.

1. Freckles by Ellen Bryant Lloyd
2. When I Care About Others by Cornelia Spelman
3. I Am Caring by Mary Elizabeth Salzmann
4. Christmas Makes Me Think by Tony Medina
5. Three Good Blankets by Ida Luttrell
6. The Secret Society of the Left Hand by Dandi Daley Mackall
7. City Angel by Eileen Spinelli
8. Tico and the Golden Wings by L. Lionni
9. Little Miss Spider at Sunny Patch School by David Kirk
10. Eddie Longpants by Mireille Levert

There are many other titles, if you would like to search at the Unity West Media Center.

December is a great time to talk about caring and kindness. It is a month of many holidays and cultural celebrations. Caring can involve being sensitive toward others about their celebrations and sensitively teaching about your celebrations. Remember, it will also be important to consider that some do not celebrate certain holidays. Caring about their desires is important too.

Caring also involves the practical acts of kindness, like making new students feel welcome in our school and forgiving others when they hurt you. As the snow comes and the cold days settle in, we should be ready to help others in times of need. Being there to help is a great way to show Unity West cares.

Show that you are kind and that you care by working together, listening to everyone's ideas, sharing materials, helping each other, and respecting other's differences. Show your students that this is how we do things at Unity West.

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Faculty Meeting @3pm	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Cool Tool: Getting Along with Others	<i>7</i> 3rd Grade Concert @7pm in the Gymnasium	<i>8</i> School Leadership Improvement Meeting @3pm	<i>9</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Cool Tool: Advice from Kids on Bullying	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Unity High School Band and Chorus Tour	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> PBIS Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm. PBIS Store for 4th Grade	<i>21</i> End of the 2nd Qt. December Celebration: Bubble Gum Blowing Contest PBIS Store for 5th Grade Christmas Parties @1:00pm Dismissal @2:05pm	<i>22</i> No School - Winter Break	<i>23</i> No School	<i>24</i> No School	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> No School	<i>28</i> No School	<i>29</i> No School	<i>30</i> No School	<i>31</i> No School	

January 2011

Expectations

We can not assume children remember. We have had a long break from school, and we need to re-teach what we expect.

One of our guidelines for teaching expectations is to re-teach the Expectations and there's no better time to do that than after the long Winter Break. We will revisit the stations just as we did in August. The only difference is that we will know what additional information to add to the stations because of our time in school already.

This will refresh the student's minds, and everyone will begin the new year on the same page.

School-Wide Expectations:

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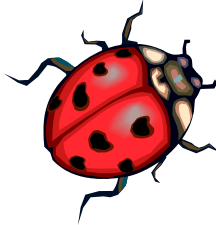
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2	3 School Resumes - Students in Attendance Full Day Announcement about January Celebration Stations 1:50-2:30pm	4 Stations 1:50-2:30pm 2nd Qt. Report Cards Sent Home	5 Faculty Meeting @3pm	6	7	8
9	10 Cool Tool: Lend a Hand in Bullying Prevention	11 PTO Meeting @6:30pm	12 School Leadership Improvement Team Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	13 RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School	18 Cool Tool: Diversity	19	20	21	22
23	24 PBIS Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm. Cool Tool: TBA	25	26	27 RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm. PBIS Store for 4th Grade	28 January Celebration: Movie in the Gymnasium PBIS Store for 5th Grade	29
30	31 Announcement about February Celebration Cool Tool: Understanding Conflict					

February 2011

Conflict Resolution

The choices we make in resolving conflicts determine whether the outcome is positive or negative. Even when you think your way is better or the right way, work to resolve conflict peacefully.

At Unity West, one way to resolve conflict is to De Bug:



1. Ignore.
2. Move away.
3. Talk friendly.
4. Talk firmly.
5. Get adult help.

Conflict is inevitable throughout our lives. We need to learn how to positively deal with conflict. One of the key principles of conflict resolution is communicating and understanding each person's point of view, perceptions, and feelings.

Share with your students and parents stories related to conflict resolution.

1. Why is Everybody Always Picking On Me? by Terrance Webster-Doyle
2. Two Fine Ladies Have a Tiff by Antonia Zehler
3. Don't Hit Me! by Bernette G. Ford
4. Lila the Fair by Laura Discoll
5. Conflict Resolution by Robin S. Doak
6. Talk and Work It Out by Cheri J. Meiners
7. Working With Others by Robin Nelson
8. Angel Child Dragon Child by M. Surat Surat, and M. Maria Surat
9. No Dessert Forever! by George Ella Lyon
10. Peacefulness by Lucia Rattma
11. The Kids Guide to Working Out Conflicts by Naomi Drew

There are many other titles, if you would like to search at the Unity West Media Center.

February 2011

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		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Faculty Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Week of 3rd Qt. Progress Reports Cool Tool: How to De Bug	<i>8</i> PTO Meeting @6:30pm	<i>9</i> School Improvement Leadership Meeting @3pm	<i>10</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>11</i> Send home 3rd Qt. Progress Reports	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Valentine's Day Valentine's Day Parties @1:45pm Cool Tool: The Story of Bully	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 5th and 6th Grade Band Concert at Unity High School Auditorium @7pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Presidents' Day No School	<i>22</i> Cool Tool: ISAT Expectations	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm. PBIS Store for 4th Grade	<i>25</i> February Celebration: Pig Races PBIS Store for 5th Grade	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Week of ISAT Announcement about March Celebration No Cool Tool due to ISAT PBIS Meeting @3pm					

At Unity West, being trustworthy means:

- being honest.
- not deceiving, cheating, or stealing.
- doing what you say you will do.
- having the courage to do the right thing.
- building a good reputation.
- being loyal.

Share with you students and parents stories related to trustworthiness

1. Berenstein Bears and the Truth by S. Berenstain
2. Pelle's New Suit by E. Beskow
3. A Bargain for Frances by R. Hoban
4. Swimmy by L. Lionni
5. Big Fat Enormous Lie by M. Sharmat
6. Never Trust a Squirrel by Patrick Cooper
7. Billy and the Attic Adventure by Daryl Worley
8. It's Springtime in my Backyard by Kathy Mazur
9. A Bargain for Frances by Russell Hoban
10. Gingerbread Heart by Anne E. Schraff

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February 28th – March 4th is ISAT week. Please remind students that it is important to be on time, get plenty of sleep, and eat a healthy, nutritious breakfast. This will help our students display excellence on the assessment.

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Week of ISAT	<i>2</i> Week of ISAT Faculty Meeting @3pm	<i>3</i> Week of ISAT	<i>4</i> Week of ISAT	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> No School	<i>8</i> PTO Meeting @6:30pm Cool Tool: Honesty	<i>9</i> Unity Junior High School Band and Chorus Tour School Improvement Leadership Team Meeting @3pm in the Conf. Rm.	<i>10</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in the Conf. Rm.	<i>11</i> End of the 3rd Qt.	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Cool Tool: Dealing with Gossip	<i>15</i> 2nd Grade Concert @7pm in the Gymnasium	<i>16</i> PTO Spring Book Fair from 8:00am-8:00pm	<i>17</i> St. Patrick's Day School Improvement Day 3rd Qt. Report Cards Sent Home 11:20am Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conf. from 3:00-9:30pm PTO Spring Book Fair from 8:00am-8:00pm	<i>18</i> No School	<i>19</i> PTO Spring Book Fair from 8:00am-12:00pm
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> No School Spring Break	<i>22</i> No School Spring Break	<i>23</i> No School Spring Break	<i>24</i> No School Spring Break	<i>25</i> No School Spring Break	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> School Resumes Students in Attendance Full Day Cool Tool: TBA PBIS Meeting @3pm	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in the Conf. Rm. PBIS Store for 4th Grade		

At Unity West, we show that we are fair by:

- **playing by the rules.**
- **taking turns and sharing.**
- **being open minded.**
- **listening to others.**
- **not taking advantage of others.**
- **not placing blame on others carelessly.**

Share with you students and parents stories related to fairness.

1. Thank you, Jackie Robinson by B. Cohen
2. Teammates by Peter Golenbock
3. No Fair! by Caren Holtman and Marilyn Burns
4. The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
5. Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by V. Burton
6. School Isn't Fair by Patricia Goehner Baehr
7. Jim Henson's Muppets in What's Fair is Fair by Louise Gikow
8. The Cow of No Color: Riddle Stories and Justice by Nin Jaffe
9. Who's the Boss? by Michelle Foerder
10. The Lemonade Standoff by Aboff

There are many other titles, if you would like to search at the Unity West Media Center.



One of the best places to see fairness at Unity West is on the playground. Fairness is demonstrated by including everyone who wants to play, playing by the rules in a game, and taking turns while outside at recess time.

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> March Celebration: Paper Air Plane Contest PBIS Store for 5th Grade	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Announcement about April Celebration Cool Tool: Field Trip Expectations	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Faculty Meeting @3pm	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Unity West Family Fun Night from 6:00-8:00pm	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Cool Tool: Neat and Tidy Week of 4th Qt. Progress Reports	<i>12</i> PTO Meeting @6:30pm	<i>13</i> School Improvement Leadership Team Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>14</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm. 1st Grade Spring Concert in Gymnasium @7pm	<i>15</i> Send Home 4th Qt. Progress Reports	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Cool Tool: Personal Space	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> No School Holiday Break	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> No School Holiday Break	<i>26</i> School Resumes Students in Attendance Full Day Cool Tool: School Climate Survey	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm. PBIS Store for 4th Grade	<i>29</i> PBIS Store for 5th Grade April Celebration: 30 Minute Recess	<i>30</i>

At Unity West, we display good citizenship by:

- **doing things to make our school and community better.**
- **cooperating with others.**
- **staying informed.**
- **being a good neighbor.**
- **obeying laws and rules.**
- **respecting authority.**
- **protecting the environment.**

Share with your students and parents stories related to citizenship.

1. She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head by K. Lasky
2. Just a Dream by Chris Van Allsburg
3. The Mailbox Trick by Scott Corbett
4. A Very Important Day by Maggie Rugg Herold
5. So What is Citizenship Anyway? by Chelsea Luthringer
6. Good Citizens, Good Neighbors by Ruth H. Dudley
7. I Am a Good Citizen by Mary Elizabeth Salzmann
8. Being A Good Citizen by Mary Small
9. Good Citizenship Counts by Marie Bender
10. Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold

There are many other titles, if you would like to search at the Unity West Media Center.

Here is something you can share with your students...

Top Ten Ways to Spend Your Summer

1. Join an organized activity.
2. Go to a museum.
3. Take lessons from a park district such as swimming, sports, music, or art.
4. Look for ways to be involved in your neighborhood.
5. Stop by the library, and get a book.
6. Plant something, and write about and chart the growth.
7. Go on a picnic.
8. Get involved in a summer camp or summer program.
9. Combine activities with books such as reading aloud a story related to a family activity.
10. Write in a journal about your thoughts.

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Announcement about May Celebration Cool Tool: Being a Good Citizen 5th-8th Grade Chorus Concert in the Unity High School Auditorium @7pm	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Faculty Meeting @3pm	<i>5</i> Unity Junior High Blast Off at Rocket Center @6:30pm RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm.	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Cool Tool: Respect in the Community 5th-8th Grade Band Concert in the Unity High School Auditorium @7pm	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> School Improvement Leadership Team Meeting @3pm	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Cool Tool: School Climate Survey Results and Fun Day Schedule and Expectations	<i>17</i> Kindergarten Concert in Gymnasium @7pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> RtI Meeting @3pm in Conf. Rm. PBIS Store for 4th Grade Unity West Fine Arts Festival @6:00-8:00pm	<i>20</i> PBIS Store for 5th Grade	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Awards Assembly in Unity West Gymnasium @8:30-9:30am May Celebration: Fun Day (all day)	<i>24</i> Teacher Institute Day No School	<i>25</i> End of the 4th Qt. Last Day of School Report Card Pick-up	<i>26</i> Attendance days if snow days are used	<i>27</i> Attendance days if snow days are used	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Memorial Day No School: If school is still in session due to snow days	<i>31</i> Attendance days if snow days are used	<i>June 1</i> Attendance days if snow days are used			