

# PBIS COOL TOOL

**School-Wide Expectation:** Respect yourself and respect others

**Name of the Skill:** Honesty

**PURPOSE:** Introduce the Rule/Why It's Important

“Today we are going to talk about **Honesty**. According to the dictionary *honesty* means being truthful, straightforward and genuine. Being an honest person is one of the best qualities a human being can have. People that are honest can be counted on to make the right decision more times than not. Pay close attention to this “cool tool” and learn the different ways to become a more honest student.”

**TEACHING EXAMPLES:** Demonstrate the Rule

(expected behavior vs. problem behavior—Good vs. Bad)

Everyday we are all faced with tough decisions about honesty. It is hard to tell the truth because often it is not what others or we want to hear, but we still need to do it.

Use the following Good vs. Bad examples and talk about the consequences of each action:

1. Doing your own work vs. Cheating (homework, quizzes, tests)
2. Being happy with your own possessions vs. Stealing
3. Lying (to teachers, parents, friends) vs. Telling the truth from the beginning

## KID ACTIVITIES/ROLE PLAY

1. Have the students do a journal entry or picture about a time that they lied or told the truth and what happened.
2. Split your students into two groups (honest and not honest). Have each group do a skit about a particular situation.

## FOLLOW-UP/REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

1. Remind your students that the celebration for the month of March is the paper airplane contest. If students get sent down to the office for not being honest, they will not attend or participate in the event.
2. Make a point the whole week to reward specific cases of honesty. Give out your Respect Rockets so that all around know why.

It's always better to be honest; here's why...

- You will earn a **reputation** that you can be trusted (remember “The Boy Who Cried Wolf?”)
- You will have more **friends**, because no one wants to hang out with someone who lies.
- You will have more **self-esteem**, because you will have more **respect** from others.



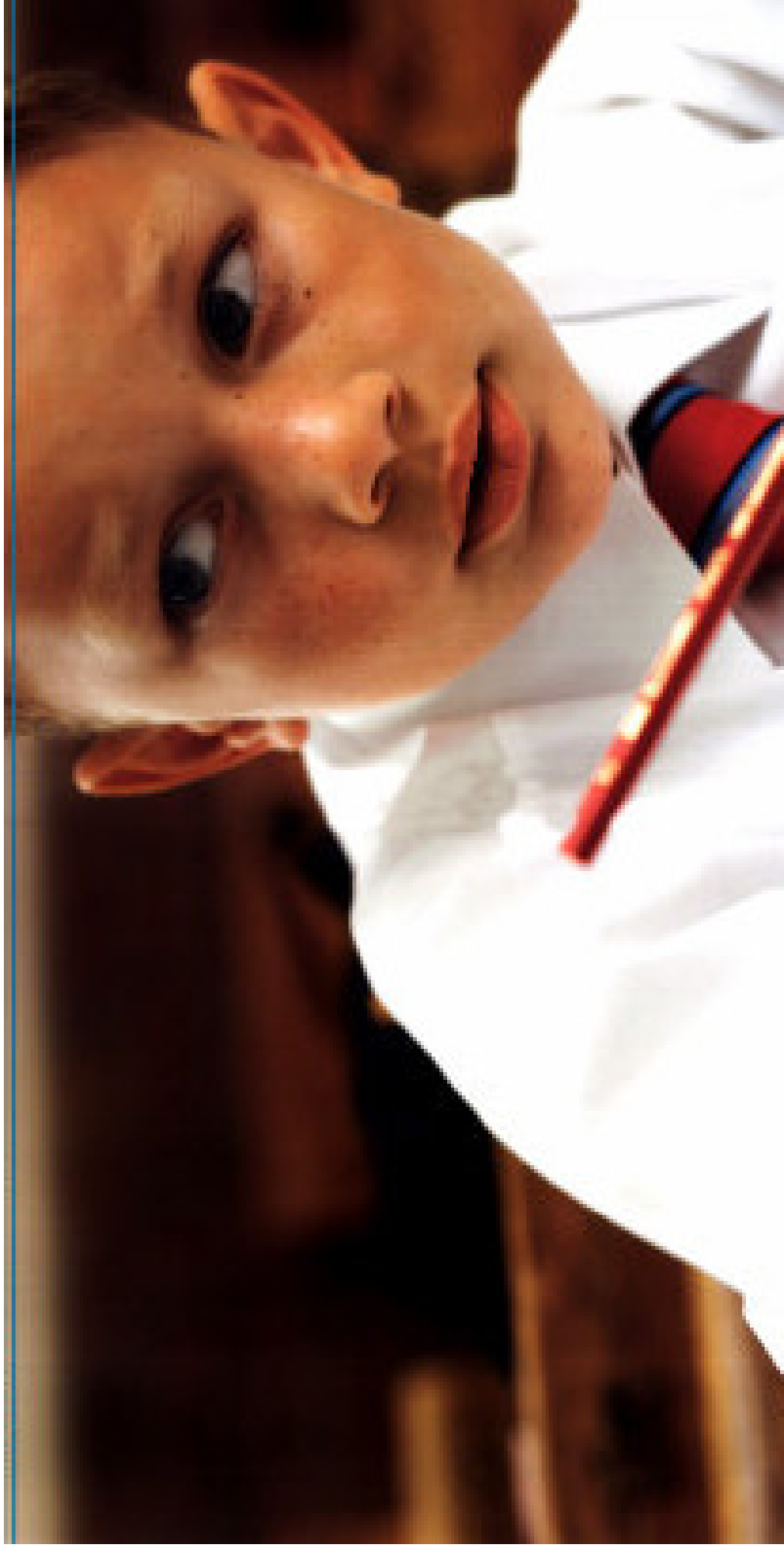
EQUALS

Remember,

*Even if you are facing a consequence for telling the truth, you are always better off being honest, because of the pride you will have in yourself, and how others will feel about you – it's a big part of having “integrity”, one of the most valuable traits you can possess!*



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## **HONESTY...**

- *Don't Cheat or help others cheat.*
- *Keep your promises.*
  - *Don't lie.*
- *Admit when you've done something wrong.*