What is PBIS?

PBIS is a school-wide system support that includes proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors.

The purpose of PBIS is to improve the overall school climate, decrease reactive management, and maximize academic achievement for all students.
It is an approach to create a safe and productive learning environment where all children can learn.

What does PBIS look like at Whittier?

At Whittier, we have developed specific school-wide expectations for behavior in the areas of classroom, hallway, bathroom, lunchroom, playground, and bus. These expectations are posted throughout the building for students to see. Throughout the year, we teach, model, practice, and reinforce our expectations of *Being Responsible, Respectful, and Safe*

Students who follow these expectations are recognized and rewarded in a variety of ways. There may also be consequences to students who do not follow the school's expectations.

Whittier Way Pledge

Responsible,

Respectful,

And Safe!

We help!

We share!

We always care!

That is the Whittier Way!

We recite the pledge every morning after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Whittier Elementary School's Mission is to ensure that all students learn at high levels. We are committed to creating a positive learning environment that fosters responsibility, respect, and safety.



Whittier Elementary School PBIS

Positive
Behavior
Interventions
and
Supports

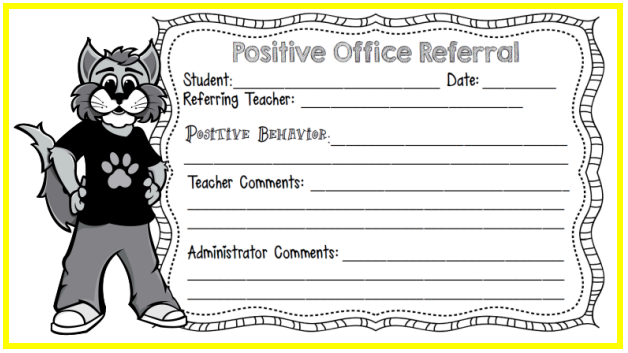
ATTAPAWS

Students will receive an "AttaPaw" when displaying a positive behavior in any of our areas. AttaPaws are kept by the students and can be cashed in for a variety of rewards throughout the year. Some examples of rewards include:

- School Store Items (school supplies, stickers, trading cards, fun toys, candy, etc.
- Pop-up food days (popcorn, donuts, popsicles, pizza)
- Choice Board Items like, sit in the teacher's chair, treasure box, help with announcements, be the line leader, eat lunch with a friend, etc.

Classes can also earn class AttaPaws if they work together and display positive behaviors. After a class earns 7 and spells ATTAPAW, they can choose a class reward like, 10 minutes extra recess, extra gym, stuffed animal day, show and tell day, etc.





Students can also receive a special note called a "Positive Office Referral." This happens when a student goes above and beyond what was asked of them or consistently and independently follows classroom and/or school expectations. When a student receives a Positive Office Referral, they get to show it off to the principal and the principal will call home to share the great news!

Character Traits

Each month, we will be focusing on a different character trait. During these months, we will teach the students about the word and how they can apply it to their school and community. Here are our monthly character traits:

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Caring
- Cooperation
- Perseverance
- Teamwork

What Can Families Do to Support PBIS at Home?



Home and school have a shared responsibility to help our students grow into good citizens. Parents, teachers, and students must work together to maintain a positive learning environment for all children. To support this work at home, families can:

- ★ Review school expectations with your child.
- ★ Ask your child about his/her day. Did they earn any AttaPaws?
- ★ Keep in touch with your child's teacher.
- ★ Make sure your child is ready for school with all their materials and arrive on time.
- ★ Encourage positive language and tone at home, such as "Excuse Me" and "I'm sorry."
- ★ Establish predictable routines for homework and bedtime.
- ★ Be active and involved in school activities at Whittier.