



What is the Positive Behavior Program (PBP)?

The PBP was designed by Counselor Brian Castle to address the social and emotional needs of West University Elementary School (WUES) students. This program promotes nine positive behavior traits including Respect, Empathy, Courage, Inclusion, Forgiveness, Cooperation, Perseverance, Compassion, and Integrity. Each month, the program focuses on one trait through an interactive bulletin board in the cafeteria and morning announcements introducing the trait. This year, teachers will incorporate positive behavior themes into their curriculum to enhance the program's goals. Each week, teachers may nominate students who demonstrate the month's positive behavior trait for recognition. Students can also engage with the program by describing or illustrating what the month's trait means to them. Each month, eight students will be chosen to have their illustrations displayed in the cafeteria.

Program Benefits

The PBP encourages students to use our character traits to build healthy peer relationships and to contribute to improving our school culture. The program's primary goal is for all students to achieve social, emotional, and academic success. Similar programs in other schools have demonstrated a reduction in office discipline referrals, an increase in valuable instructional time, and improved school safety and classroom management.

What Happens if My Student is Nominated?

Congratulations! Someone caught your student being positive! Nominated students will receive a certificate describing what they did to be recognized. They will also receive a coupon for a cookie at Milk and Cookies and a coupon for an ICEE from Little Matts, as well as a laser-cut wood backpack charm that features the program's positive traits. Your student will also be recognized on the announcements and will be entered into a monthly raffle for a gift certificate to Fundamentally Toys. All nominated students will be celebrated at the End of Year Positive Behavior Reception, where each student will be individually recognized for demonstrating our school's positive values.

How Can I Help?

Talk to your student about the Positive Behavior Trait of the Month and what it means to you. Help them with examples of how to demonstrate the traits and encourage them to participate in the program's interactive events for students. We are currently exploring how we can involve more parents in the program through volunteer opportunities at the school. Additionally, we are always looking for artists to create a canvas depicting one of our positive behavior traits. If you are interested in helping with the program or have any questions, please email: wuespbp@westupto.org

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