

What Is PBIS?

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) is an ongoing initiative that is used to evaluate the effectiveness of the core curriculum for behavior. The PBIS Core team meets twice monthly to analyze behavior incident report (BIR) and office discipline referral (ODR) data in order to identify students or groups of students in need of additional support. The data is also utilized to identify teachers and/or classrooms in need of support beyond the core curriculum and determine the training needs of teachers and staff. The PBIS Core Team is educative and works collaboratively with teachers and support personnel to develop proactive strategies to increase desired behaviors while decreasing inappropriate behavior. The PBIS Core Team at West Gate K-8 is comprised of an administrator, dean, primary teachers, intermediate teachers, an ESE teacher, a school psychologist, and parents. Each team member is assigned role with specific responsibilities to further support the initiative. The team receives and provides on-going training on each component of PBIS. The team is responsible for the development the PBIS plan that is implemented school-wide. The PBS plan is presented to the School Advisory Council for their feedback and suggestions.

The goal of the PBIS team is to develop a system that facilitates positive behavior change in our students and staff. The goal of the initiative is to reduce the number of inappropriate behaviors occurring across campus by teaching and reinforcing the appropriate behaviors of both students and staff. The role of the PBIS team is to develop, review, and maintain a school-wide PBIS plan with clearly define behavioral expectations and rules. It further outlines a discipline process that is consistently implemented across settings. The use of school-wide expectations and setting specific rules are established to teach and reinforce appropriate behaviors. A reward system to encourage appropriate behavior and

effective consequences to discourage inappropriate behaviors is also in place.

Staff and students are surveyed for their input. This information is used to assist in developing effective interventions to decrease inappropriate behavior and increase desired behavior. West Gate K-8 school-wide PBIS plan ensures that children have the opportunity to develop the skills and behaviors that will enable them to realize success as responsible adults. The plan focuses on the **POWER** expectations: **P**romote Safety, **O**n Time, **W**illing to Learn, **E**ngaged, and **R**espectful.

Students are recognized for demonstrating the **POWER** expectations through behavior specific praise and awarding of Mustang Money. Mustang Money is used to purchase various tangible incentives from our school store and/or entrance to PBIS supported activities such as dances. Parents are updated about upcoming PBIS events through our monthly newsletter and are encouraged to participate by volunteering and reinforcing the expectations at home.

Since opening its doors in 2006, West Gate K-8 has been a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) school. Its faculty and staff continue to implement PBIS with a high level of fidelity, establishing rules and expectations that are reinforced consistently across campus. West Gate K-8 is a model school in the district, preparing our students to be successful both academically and behaviorally.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2013-14

Concession Stand at Digital Domain Park: August 31, 2013

*PBIS Core Team will sell refreshments at the St Lucie Mets Game. The PBIS initiative will receive 10% of the total sales to be used for faculty/staff incentives.

Fall Cookie Decorating for Grades K-5: October 21-30, 2013

*Students will pay \$2.00 to ice, decorate and eat a sugar cookie. The PBIS team will purchase the cookies and decorating supplies. Funds raised will go to the PBIS initiative for student incentives.

PBIS Yard Sale: Saturday, November 2013

*The PBIS Core team will host a Community Yard Sale, BBQ/Car Wash. Fun is planned for the entire family with the funds raised going to the PBIS initiative for student and staff incentives.

Holiday Store for Grades K-8: December 02 thru December 15, 2013

*The PBIS Holiday Store will be run by parent volunteers. The PBIS Initiative will receive 30% of the total sales and will use the money from this activity for student incentives.

Happy New Year Grams - January 13 thru January 17, 2014

*The PBIS Core Team will provide Happy New Year Grams that will be sold and delivered to the student body. Funds raised will go to the PBIS initiative for student incentives.

Concession Stand at Digital Domain Park: March 2014

*The PBIS Core Team will sell refreshments at the St Lucie Mets Game. The PBIS initiative will receive 10% of the total sales to be used for faculty and staff incentives.

K-5 Spring Fling - March 21, 2014 from 5:00-7:00pm

*The PBIS Core Team will be serving up food and fun in the Auditoria. Activities include face painting, hula-hooping, and dancing! The PBIS initiative will use 100% of the profits to provide student incentives.

K-5 Mother's Day Cakes - May 2014

*The PBIS Core Team will be working cooperatively with Publix to provide students an opportunity to decorate a cake especially for mom for Mother's Day! The PBIS initiative will use 100% of the profits to provide student incentives.

End of the Year Drawing - May 2014

*The PBIS Core Team will be sponsoring an end-of-the-year drawing! Students can exchange use their Mustang Bucks to "purchase" a chance to win great prizes!

***We need volunteers!! Parents are always welcome!
Please contact Ms. Schumacher at 807-7600 ext. 8132
if you are interested in volunteering for any or all of our
events!**



School-Wide Mustang Expectations

Promotes Safety

On Time

Willing to Learn

Engaged

Respectful



