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Dear Westview Families,

We welcome our new and returning students to a wonderful school year at Westview. We'd love to take this time to share about our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports - referred to as PBIS. What is PBIS you might ask? PBIS is an approach schools can use to improve school safety and promote positive behavior. It also helps us decide how to respond to a child's unexpected behavior. At its heart, PBIS calls on us to teach students about behavior, just like we teach reading and math. PBIS recognizes that kids can only meet behavior expectations if they know what the expectations are.

A hallmark of a school using PBIS is that everyone knows what's appropriate behavior. Throughout the school day -- in class, at lunch, and on the bus -- kids understand what is expected of them. PBIS has a few important guiding principles:

- Every child can learn proper behavior
- Stepping in early can prevent more serious behavior problems
- Every child is different, and we provide many kinds of behavior supports
- Data is used to make decisions about behavior problems

At Westview, our school behavior expectations are: AT WESTVIEW...I SHOW P.R.I.D.E IN MYSELF, IN MY CLASS, AND IN MY SCHOOL. P.R.I.D.E stands for Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. As a staff and learning community, we pride ourselves in developing the whole child. A couple of times during the school year the entire school learns and reviews the behavior expectations for all our common areas such as the bus line, morning lineup, playground, office, lunchroom, bathrooms, and hallways. We encourage you to ask your student what some of these expectations are.

We have great confidence that as we help students focus on our Wildcats expectations, we will continue to grow and succeed as a learning community.

Sincerely,  
Your Westview PBIS Team

