

J.F. Burns Students



Are: Responsible, Respectful, Safe, and Problem Solvers

Dear Parents,

Welcome to JF Burns Elementary School! We are excited to have you and your children as part of our school community. Our building is implementing Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) to promote positive behavior school-wide. This is a proactive systems approach to improve student behavior and discourage or reduce challenging behaviors. We have four expectations which are reinforced across all settings in the school.

“Be Respectful. Be responsible. Be Safe. Be a Problem Solver.”

You will see posters in each setting throughout our building reinforcing the expectations in that particular setting. When the expectations are followed, students have the opportunity to be recognized for their efforts by receiving Acknowledgement slips or by participating in classroom celebrations. In addition, our students will have the chance to earn Spirit Sticks. These awards are given by teachers and staff for positive acknowledgements. Special attention is given to monthly character traits learned and practiced. Students who receive the award will earn a spirit stick, and have their pictures displayed on the Character bulletin board. Please help reinforce these acknowledgements at home as well.

If you have any questions about PBIS, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher. We look forward to having a wonderful year!

Thank you,

Cheryl Montag
Principal

School to Home to Community Connections

The four expectations we follow at school can also be applied to many other situations

BE RESPECTFUL . . .

- *School* Use positive language.
- *Home* Do what you are told, the first time.
- *Community* Be kind to your neighbors.

BE RESPONSIBLE . . .

- *School* Have pencils sharp, papers and books ready.
- *Home* Help keep your room clean, do chores
- *Community* Keep the neighborhood clean.

BE SAFE . . .

- *School* Walk, push in chairs
- *Home* Walk in the house, ask before using anything in cabinets.
- *Community* Stay with parents, be sure they know where you are.

BE A PROBLEM SOLVER and S.T.A.R.

- *School* Stop, Think, Act, Reflect
- *Home* Stop, Think, Act, Reflect.
- *Community* Stop, Think, Act, Reflect

Encouraging Appropriate Behavior Acknowledgement slips

What is an acknowledgement slip?

An acknowledgement slip is an incentive for students who demonstrate Responsible, Respectful, Safe or Problem Solving behavior. The purpose of the slip is to acknowledge appropriate behavior and promote positive interaction with students by every staff member.

How do students earn an acknowledgement slip?

Staff members will give out several slips throughout the school day to students they observe demonstrating Responsible, Respectful, Safe or Problem solving behavior.

What incentives do students earn for an acknowledgement slip?

Students receive praise by a staff member and an additional opportunity to be recognized in the classroom.

How do students work collaboratively to earn incentives?

Students will work together as a class to earn a specific number of acknowledgement slips for a class incentive.

Why are we doing this?

To acknowledge and reinforce behaviors that are Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Problem solving.

What does an acknowledgement slip look like?





CHARACTER TRAITS



August.....



September.....



October.....



November



December



January



February.....



March.....



April.....



May.....

