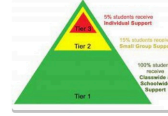


JFK Elementary Weekly Newsletter

September 10, 2021 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

PBIS

JFK is starting our 6th year as a PBIS school. PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an [evidence-based three-tiered framework](#) to improve and integrate all of the data, systems, and practices affecting student outcomes every day. PBIS creates schools where all students succeed.



Tier 1 is meant for all students. It encompasses teaching practices across all settings. This tier establishes the foundation for delivering regular, proactive instruction and support. Tier 1 emphasizes prosocial skills and expectations by teaching and acknowledging expected behavior.

Tier 2 practices and systems provide targeted support for students who are not successful with Tier 1 supports alone. The focus is on early interventions and support for students. Essentially, the support at this level is more focused than Tier 1 and less intensive than Tier 3. Tier 2 practices stem from a strong foundation of Tier 1 support. With school-wide systems in place, we are able to identify which students need additional support.

Tier 3 practices and systems provide support for students who are not successful with Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports. At Tier 3, students receive more intensive, individualized support to improve their behavioral and academic outcomes. Tier 3 practices stem from strong foundations in Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports. With both tiers in place, we are free to organize individualized teams to support students with more intense needs.

This summer, our JFK Leadership team participated in professional development around PBIS and Equity. As a team, we reviewed our expectations, handbook, and practices through an equity lens. During preservice, we spent time as a whole staff looking at and understanding the changes to our systems. Some of the changes are more subtle, such as language choices. Some are more apparent, such as class and all school celebration choices.

We have already had about 12 classes fill their classroom HEART jars, have a class celebration, and dump their HEARTS into the school HEART monitor. We are on our way to our first All School Celebration!



Drop Off and Pick Up

Each day, our Drop Off and Pick Up procedures are getting better and faster! It is important that families only drop off in the car loop in the morning and not in the parking lot. If you want to walk your student(s) to the door, please park and walk with them. Adults are not allowed in the building to walk students to their classrooms. Thank you for all your help with our new procedures.

Calendar/Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
12:15 Early Dismissal
Monday, September 20, 2021
Picture Day
Friday, October 15, 2021
No School
Thursday, October 21, 2021
11:00am Early Dismissal
Friday, October 22, 2021
11:00am Early Dismissal



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