



Fall 2005 PBIS Kudos

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Message from the PBIS Facilitator:

Please mark you calendars

The AACPS Annual Spring Regional is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at Anne Arundel Community College, C alt Building Room 100. Secondary Teams 8-11 a.m. and Elementary Teams 12-3 p.m. Each team is allowed two half day subs. Please use sub code 3285.

Challenging behaviors escalate during these weeks. Some ideas to use as a PBIS Booster:

- Keep the data visible for all staff to analyze.
- Consider adding booster lessons on Bullying. Contact Guidance, the School Psychologist or Social Worker for assistance
- Add an extra event, incentives, or extra lottery drawing for 0 referrals or perfect attendance per grade, IDT teams, classes.

If you like to share your school's accomplishments, please contact your PBIS Facilitator, Ginny Dolan at vdolan@aacps.org or 410-222-321/5285 for publication in the Winter Newsletter. Many good examples of implementation and practical interventions are imbedded in school's kudos.

Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work on behalf of the students of AACPS.
Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season

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Did you know?

☺ **Rolling Knolls** has only had one discipline referral to the office as of November 23, 2005. PBIS is very motivating to students here at RKE!
-Laura Cooke, Guidance Counselor



☺ **Lindale Middle School** is seeing positive results with the current LYNX Program. This program is targeting their high flyers from past years and from the elementary school. Parents and students agree to participate. The program involves daily check-ins by the student with their administrator, counselor or student advocate. These students receive a daily point sheet that teacher's complete regarding how well they follow the four LYNX To Success Rules. Students check out with the same adult and take their point sheets home for parent signature. The LYNX Program allows us to quickly target interventions for specific behaviors, especially with 6th graders.
-Linda Kinnamon, Teacher



☺ **Annapolis Elementary** is rewarding students with respectful behavior at lunch. At each lunch shift, teachers look for respectful tables. Each table has a number. An Annapolis Alligator cut out is moved forward on a huge graph with each table compliment. By Thursday, the table who moved their alligator the furthest gets to be STARS ON STAGE. On Friday, the STARS ON STAGE sit at a special table set up on stage decorated with shiny stars and background music. The big prize is free ice cream for all STARS ON STAGE!
-Traci Burns, Teacher; Donna Usewick, Teacher



☺ **Jessup Elementary** is using Chick-Fil-A as a partner for PBIS. Jessup Night at Chick-Fil-A was held in October and the school earned money for their school store. Jessup ES was told that they had the highest participation Chick-Fil-A ever had for a school night. Jessup's data indicated that

they had decreased office discipline referrals by 13% from last year. Bus referrals have also decreased because of their breakfast with Chick-Fil-A reward system. Every week each bus that does not have any referrals receives a ticket to put in a lottery for the end of the month. At that time, one ticket is drawn and every student on the bus receives a free breakfast from Chick-Fil-A which is delivered to the school and the students eat together in the media center.
-Carolyn Boarts, Teacher



☺ **Phoenix Center** is happy to report that at the end of their 1st quarter as a PBIS school, students are enthusiastically responding to the program. Our "Phoenix Feathers" are a big hit with ALL ages-elementary through high school and are used to purchase items from a cart and to participate in drawings to win a MacDonald's lunch every week (at each level: elementary, middle and high school). They estimate that 90% of their students are fully engaged in PBIS. Referrals for both major and minor incidents were decreased by 150 between September and October. The majority of the staff feels that PBIS is making a major contribution to a more positive environment. They are working hard to increase their "Green Zone" above 80%. Their administrator is extremely active in and supportive of PBIS.
-Carolyn Moyer, Teacher



☺ **Germantown Elementary** school handed out over 14,000 Golden Eagle tickets during the month of September and over 11,000 Golden Eagle tickets during October.
-Mary Stuart Kempton, School Psychologist



☺ **Marley Middle** issued over 4600 Buckaroos in the first marking period. Buckaroos are redeemed for monthly incentives, such as "Marley Idol" and Ice Cream Socials. Thanks to Ms Cathy Gistedt, the Media Specialist, who

suggested the concept of TEAM MARLEY to build team spirit, their theme song is "I Can Play Centerfield". Each staff member will play a certain position with props and uniforms forthcoming. As an ongoing team morale booster, the theme song is sung at each faculty meeting. Kudos to Ms. Gistedt for her enthusiasm. -Eddie Scott, Assistant Principal



😊 **MacArthur Middle School's** PBIS Fall Festival was an overwhelming success. With a greater turnout than ever before, 350 of MacArthur's 6th, 7th, and 8th graders were able to socialize, eat, drink, and dance with peers. Students and teachers participated in this event. Based on outstanding behavior and adhering to MacArthur's Eagle Code, students earned "Eagle Tickets" throughout the first marking and were able to trade in 25 tickets to attend the dance. The DJ did an outstanding job of entertaining students with fog lights and special lighting. The students had a great time. -Jolyn Davis Assistant Principal



😊 **Old Mill High School's 9th Grade Academy** teachers have been superstars in recognizing positive behavior and by remembering to hand out their Gotcha's. The total number of STARS turned in for the 7 different prize drawings for the months of September and October was 1089. And those were only the ones turned in so far! -Angela Bernholz, School Psychologist



😊 **George Fox's 8th Grade Students** are being rewarded for exemplary performance by attending a social once per month. As a result, 8th grade interest in PBIS has significantly increased. Students must complete all homework, class work, have perfect attendance for the month and not have any discipline referrals. 50 of 270 students have been GREAT EIGHTS each month to date. Faculty and staff are now rewarding each other for positive behavior by handing out Gold Fox Tickets. Ledo Pizza, among other businesses, has donated incentives to the school. According to

Mrs. Millie Beall, Assistant Principal, "This is great fun and keeps people smiling. We all like acknowledgement." -Millie Beall, Assistant Principal



😊 **North County High School** Assistant Principal, Kim King writes: "I am getting so many *daily toot* from kids and some teachers that it is overwhelming the morning announcements. North County is really celebrating the good things that are happening and the good people that are responsible." Daily Toots are positive messages about a staff member or student who made your day, had a positive attitude toward you, or just helped you out. About 10-15 per day are read during the morning announcements. Forms are available through teachers and the media center and placed in the main office. -Kim King, Assistant Principal

😊 **Severn River Middle School's** Safe School Team meets once a month along with the PBIS Team. Sid Molofsky, Assistant Principal writes that these combined teams review the monthly discipline referral data and share all of the major data points from SWIS. This information is next discussed at their IDT meetings to develop SOLUTIONS! Severn River's SIT plan includes a goal to reduce referrals by 20% per month. They HAVE REACHED THAT GOAL THIS YEAR. They have also applied for a grant from Hollywood Video to receive coupons that students can purchase in their Shark Shop. Students can redeem their shark bucks for various items in the Shark Shop. The best news is that their referral rate has reduced significantly since we have instituted PBIS. -Sid Molofsky, Assistant Principal



😊 **Corkran Middle School**, with the help of their PTSO, had a Cardinal Cash Drawing after the first month of school and gave away three bikes, one per grade. In October, Cardinal Cash was used for attendance at a twenty minute ice cream social. Students were also given a day to use their Cardinal Cash in the School Store to purchase items before the Thanksgiving Break. -Andre Bohanan, Assistant Principal



☺ **Maryland City** received a grant from Wal-Mart for their PBIS assembly in December. Todd Heap, from the Ravens, will read to the

students who have signed the principal's golden book. About 15 names will be drawn to receive a free Christmas shopping trip to Wal-Mart with breakfast and gift wrapping afterwards. –Sharon Atkinson, Guidance Counselor



The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has received an 18-month federal grant designed to strengthen access for to mental health services in schools students and their families. Anne Arundel County PBIS Schools will receive \$10,000 which includes training and focus on a full continuum of mental health promotion, prevention, early intervention, treatment and crisis intervention in schools. It is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills related to making appropriate referrals, and will improve the links among school teams, families, youths, health care

providers and the larger public mental health system.

Using the existing structure of the PBIS teams and the “zone” concept of categorizing kids (green, yellow, and red zones) as a starting point, the program will work to better integrate mental health systems into the PBIS structure for students with more intensive mental health needs (red and yellow zone kids).

We will hear more about this grant from MSDE and U of MD in the near future.