

PBIS at Washington Elementary

Has your child come home from school and said they "earned a ticket" today? Have they come home with a prize for demonstrating the "Eagle Expectations?" Explicit instruction of school expectations along with recognizing students for demonstrating positive behaviors are examples of how Washington Elementary scholars learn behaviors that will help them as they grow and develop into young adults.

What is PBIS?

PBIS is the school wide behavior system that we use at Washington Elementary School. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. The philosophy of this program is that behavior standards are explicitly taught and reviewed throughout the year. By rewarding students for demonstrating positive behavior through tickets, positive praise, and rewards, students will begin to build intrinsic motivation to behave in a positive way which will help create a safe, productive learning environment in all areas of our school. Through the PBIS program, Washington Elementary has developed a common language for behavior expectations in each area of the school. Students become familiar with the Eagle Expectations, "**Show Respect,**" "**Make Good Decisions,**" and "**Solve Problems.**" Students receive incentives and recognition when they demonstrate one of these qualities. When students fall short on these 3 skills, teachers developed a re-teaching sequence, (corrective feedback), to ensure that students understand and reflect on these 3 skills. This school-wide framework is especially valuable for the school community as students move throughout the school and experience the same three Eagle Expectations, no matter who their instructor is and where they are learning in the building. At Washington Elementary, students receive a Golden Eagle Ticket when they demonstrate one of these qualities. From these tickets, names are drawn from each class and they receive recognition and a prize. Students may even receive a "High Flying Eagle Award" which is a special award where the student receives recognition from the principal!

Parents can use this language of the Eagle Expectations to help reinforce these concepts and support their student's learning.