

# PBIS @ Forest Knolls Elementary

The staff at FKES are focused on working with students and their families to promote positive behavior in all school settings.

Forest Knolls Mustangs are :



**Respectful**

**Responsible**

**Safe**

We have established our expectations based on the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) initiative. PBIS is a framework that is supported by the Montgomery County Public Schools and the Maryland Department of Education. It focuses on explicitly teaching the expectations in all areas of the school and recognizing students when they meet those expectations. It includes procedures and processes for ALL students, ALL staff in ALL settings. The expectations are on posters which are displayed throughout the school.

Establishing clear expectations includes establishing a process for responding to undesirable behaviors and clear consequences. If a student exhibits a minor behavior, such as disrespectful language, lying, work refusal, teasing, spreading rumors, or cursing, a Student Action Report may be completed and sent home for your review.

A Student Action Report is a summary of the student's behavior and the actions taken by the teacher. Teachers may request a conference, ask the student to reflect on his/her behavior, refer the student to the school counselor or nurse or send the student to another classroom for a brief break. The focus is on student learning. We want to partner with you and your child so ALL students meet expectations and have a safe and productive learning environment.

Major behaviors, such as physical aggression, threats, possession or use of a weapon or look-alike weapon, abusive language, bullying, theft, or cheating, will be referred to the office. You will receive a call from administration to discuss the situation.

**Throughout the day, students are recognized for behaviors that are respectful, responsible, and safe. What are we working for?**

**Recess:** Students are working on earning bronze hula-hoops to have a special recess bonus.

**Lunch:** Students work hard at being responsible to they can earn a silver spoon to enjoy a special lunchtime bonus.

**Clean Classroom:** Each class has a chance to earn a golden plunger from building services for having the cleanest classroom at the end of the day.

**Mustang Tickets:** When staff members see a student who is being respectful, responsible, or safe, they are encouraged to give them a Mustang Ticket. Students write their name on it then the ticket goes into their classroom container.

**Mustang of the Week:** Each Thursday teachers draw one Mustang Ticker out of the container. The child who is chosen becomes the Mustang of the Week! This includes acknowledgment from Mr. Bernstein, a special treat, award, and a group photo.

**Monthly Mustang Clubs:** For students that do not receive any Office Referrals or Student Action Reports during the month, they will get to choose a "club" that they would like to be at for 30 minutes. Clubs include, dance, weaving, board games, and extra recess just to name a few.