

## Chisago Lakes School District Anti-Bullying Program

All schools in the Chisago Lakes School District support anti-bullying education through our PBIS programs. PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) is a program that teaches and highlights positive behavior in our schools. Students are taught and practice the correct and positive behaviors and expectations for all areas of our school; classroom, hallways, playground and recess. This program has been a part of our school's cultures since 2007.

Each building has adopted a building theme. At the Primary School you'll frequently hear us refer to it as "The Wildcat Way."

We teach our students the characteristics of:

**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Cooperative**

**Be Safe**



As part of our effort to decrease bullying in our schools, our staff has been trained in and uses the *Olweus Bullying Prevention Program* - published by Hazelden. We teach children several skills to help them address bullying - what to do instead of bullying, how to handle it when they see bullying, and how to handle it when they are bullied.

## **Definition of Bullying:**

*When someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself*

## **Primary School Rules about Bullying**

1. We will not bully others.
2. We will try to help students who are bullied.
3. We will try to include students who are left out.
4. If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult.

We also recognize that the bus can be a challenging place for students, so our K-5 students participate in a program called the "Peaceful Bus." *The Peaceful Bus Program* is a whole-school program designed to decrease inappropriate behavior on the school busses while creating a climate of respect and cooperation. The adults in school take the primary responsibility of educating and training students in the program so students can, in turn, act responsibly on school buses when staff members are not present. Three times a year, our students meet with their bus driver, the other students on their bus and a Primary School Staff member. Students, staff and bus drivers participate in activities to enhance a peaceful bus experience.

Through the supports of these frameworks and programs, our schools have the tools and resources to create safe school experiences for all our students.