

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We wanted to take this opportunity to inform or remind families about our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program. The focus of the PBIS program at Boonsboro Elementary is to set behavioral expectations for students, teach students the importance of good behavior, support students as they work to develop good behavior, and acknowledge when great choices are being made!

When it comes to behavior, Boonsboro Elementary has expectations for each and every student from Pre-K through 5th grade. All students are expected to **LEARN**:

- Listen
- Enter and exit school prepared
- Always try your best
- Respectful and responsible
- No excuses, be accountable

On the reverse side/second page of this document, you can find our school-wide behavioral matrix. This document lists specific respectful, responsible, and ready behaviors that are expected of students in the Boonsboro Elementary community. Teachers have spent time reading over and discussing this matrix with students so that they have a clear understanding of the expectations we have for them. We ask that you review the matrix at home, as well, so that you can support students. *Following these expectations will support your student in earning and saving the **20 B Bucks** needed each Marking Period for our PBIS Incentive activities.*

We encourage you to acknowledge similar positive behaviors in your home, as well. If you see your child show **L.E.A.R.N.** behaviors in your home, praise them for it! When children know that the positive things they do will be acknowledged, they may be more willing to repeat those behaviors. We know that our families hold their students to high standards already and we have fabulous students here at Boonsboro Elementary. We've even included a few suggestions of how you can encourage your child to listen, try their best, be respectful, responsible, and accountable!

Listening and Respect at Home	Responsibility at Home	Readiness at Home and No Excuses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage your child to, "treat others the way they would like to be treated." - Remind students to use kind words when speaking to others. - Support students' use of manners when speaking at home and in the community. - Discuss the importance of obeying those in authority. - Remind your child to consider the feelings of others before they speak or act. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remind students that keeping track of homework and important papers is their responsibility. - Encourage students to take responsibility for actions even if they were accidental. - Discuss the importance of doing what you've promised to do. - Allow students the opportunity to take responsibility for jobs or tasks at home and keep them accountable to complete those jobs. - Remind your child to meet expectations for independent work during work time at school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remind your child to collect their supplies and prepare their backpack for the next day of school.. - Encourage students to make lists of things they need to do or accomplish by a certain date. - Consider having students choose and lay-out clothing for the next day prior to going to bed at night. - Display a family calendar and discuss how to prepare for appointments or activities. - Remind your child to be on time (or five minutes early) for activities they're involved in.

Thanks so much for your interest and cooperation!

~ Boonsboro Elementary PBIS Committee