
WELCOME TO
MIDDLE SCHOOL!
Ordean East


THANK YOU
FOR BEING
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MY NAME IS MS. COSTLEY

6th Grade Counselor

- Mental health support
- Schedule questions
- Feel free to reach out about any concerns!



OUR ADMINISTRATORS

- Ms. Kristen Kennedy-Anderson, Building Principal
- Ms. Jodi Stacken, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Jody Geissler, Assistant Principal



OUR AGENDA

Today's schedule will be as follows:

- 12:00-12:15 (Cafe) - Intros and What to Expect
- 12:30 - 1:00 - Rotation 1
- 1:10 - 1:40 - Rotation 2
- 1:50 - 2:20 - Rotation 3

ROTATIONS - CAFETERIA

- Adolescent Development - what makes middle schoolers special
- PBIS and Behavior Expectations
- Ordean East PTA
- Transportation and Enrollment



ROTATIONS - MEDIA CENTER



- Getting connected - ParentSquare, IC Parent Portal, and Canvas, oh my!
- Attendance Procedures
- Communication is key! OEMS Newsletters and the best way to stay connected with your child's middle school life

ROTATIONS - AUDITORIUM

- A Day in the Life of an OEMS student
  - Reading a schedule (A/B day classes, block days, etc)
  - Using a planner



IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS AT THE END...

Please reach out!

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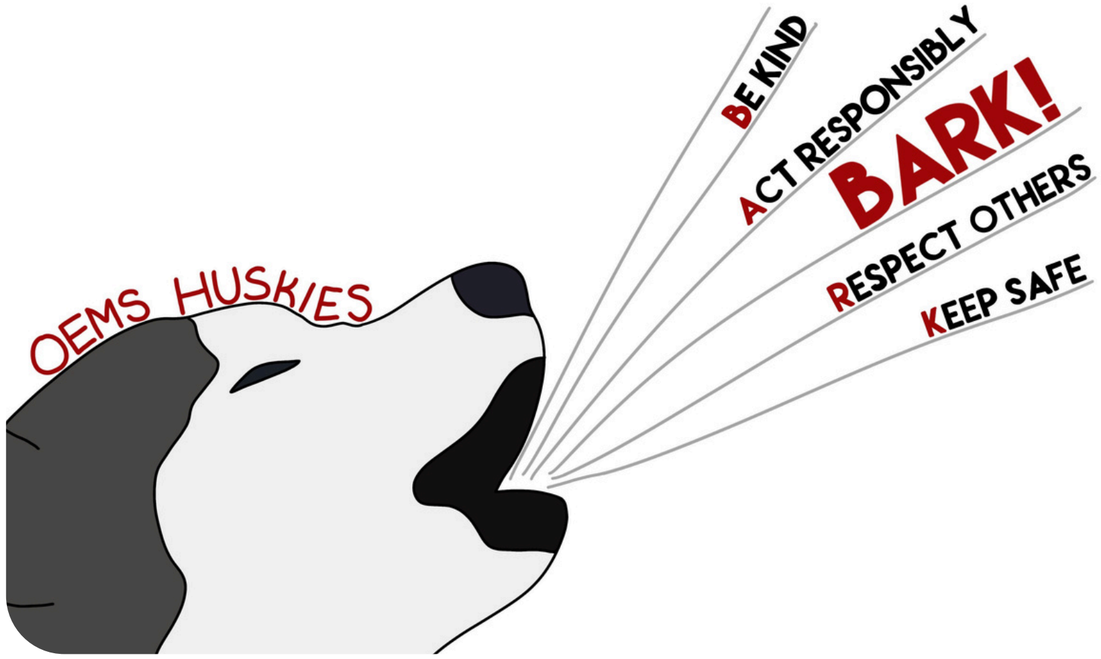
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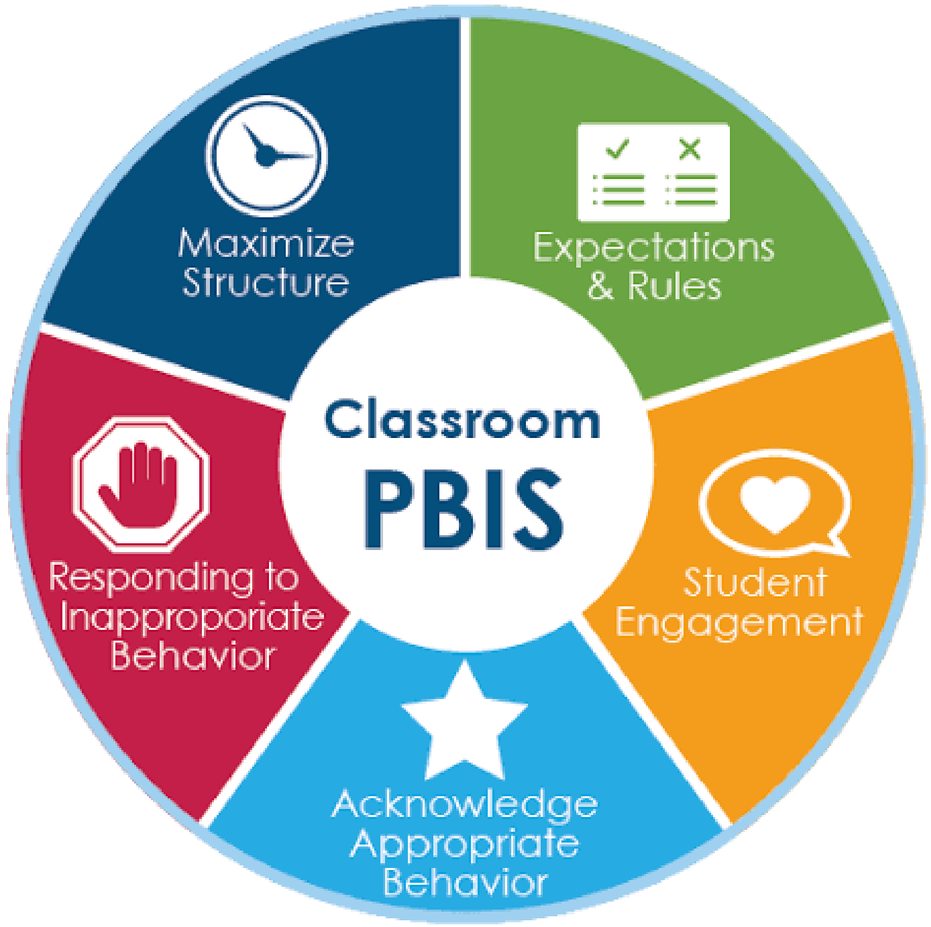
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WELCOME TO ORDEAN!



Be Kind
Act Responsibly
Respect Others
Keep Safe



WHAT IS PBIS?

PBIS stands for **P**ositive **B**ehavior **I**nterventions and **S**upports

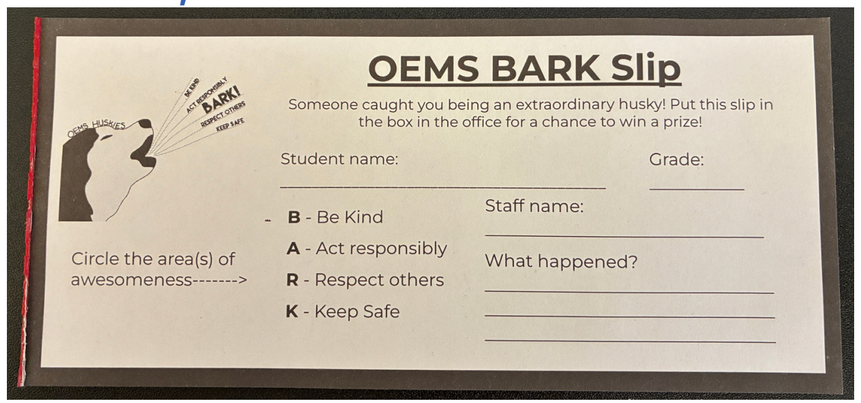
- Universal Expectations
- Positive Recognition
- Proactive vs. Reactive approach
- Data driven

RECOGNITION @ ORDEAN

There are several ways students get acknowledged for positive behavior at school:

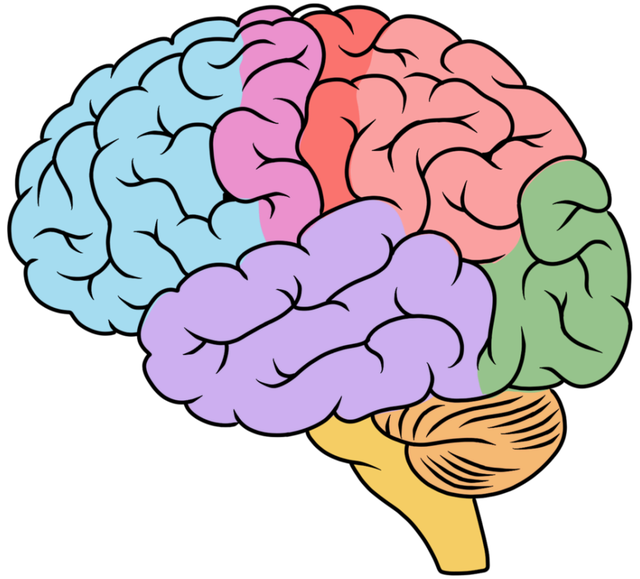
- Words of appreciation and encouragement
- Pink Tickets – quick and easy
- BARK Slips – Consistency, Improvement, Above & Beyond





THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BRAIN

- **Physiological** - No other time of life besides infancy sees more growth and change in the human brain. This can affect decision-making,impulsivity, and emotional control for some kids.
- **Prioritization** - Independence from adults and acceptance from peers can become a TOP priority
- **Identity Building** - Testing limits is normal and can be expected. Kids are trying out different identities to see what aligns with their values.

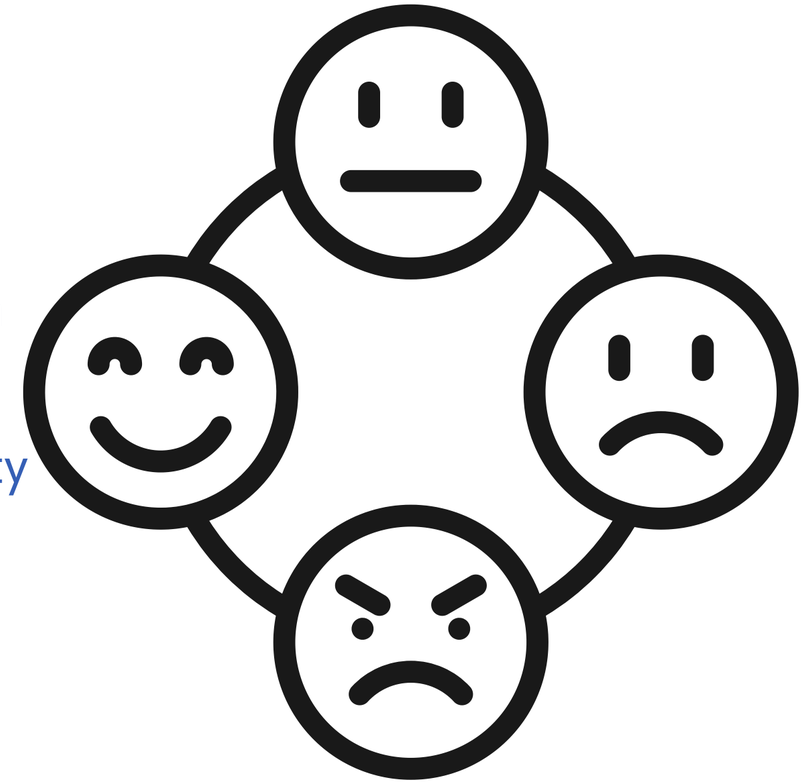


BEHAVIOR - WHAT TO EXPECT

Inappropriate or unwanted behavior might happen.

What matters most is how they learn from it.

- **Restorative Response** - While a consequence may happen, the focus will be on repairing the harm done in any situation and practicing a new response for the future.
- **Ownership instead of Excuses** - Leading with curiosity can help give a middle school student an avenue to owning their role in any situation.
- **It Takes a Village** - When home and school work together and use common language, trust is built and outcomes are better for the student.



OUR GOAL

To help students take ownership of their actions and understand their impact on others.

Behavior Response at Ordean East

Incidental Behavior – Very minor, classroom managed and not documented

Minor Behavior – Doesn't violate the rights of others or put them at risk, but has become chronic – home contact from staff

Major Behavior – Does violate the rights of others and/or put them at risk or has become chronic – home contact from administrator

BUILDING A CULTURE OF BELONGING

Advisory, AREA, and getting involved

Advisory – meets twice per week and is focused on SEL, building connection, and setting goals

AREA – A time for academic enrichment and re-teaching when kids can explore new topics in a low stakes environment

After-School Activities – Encourage your child to get involved! We have Garden Crew, Knowledge Bowl, History Day, Intramurals, Homework Room, Drama Club, and more!







JOIN THE OEMS PTA!

- **Introductions –** Josh Price, PTA President
- **Membership** – How you can get involved
- **Upcoming Meeting** – visit from Superintendent John Magas to discuss the upcoming referendum

Some of the awesome PTA sponsored or supported events throughout the year:

- Grade Level Parties
- Last Day of School
- BARK Store volunteer events and donations
- All-school assemblies
- Spirit Wear campaign

Contact PTA president Josh Price for membership information: ptaordeaneast@gmail.com

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THANK YOU!
Q & A