

## In This Issue

This month we will focus on our school-wide behavior program. We want BRCS parents to have a clear understanding of what it is, how it works, and what it does for our school.

## From our school charter

Our charter document states that students, parents, teachers, and staff are entitled to a positive learning/working environment. This is one of our core values. To ensure that the school is a positive environment, we will use a management system based on the principles of applied behavior analysis and positive behavioral supports. This system allows us to build healthy attitudes and productive conduct through a positive approach. We invite all stakeholders to be active participants in building a positive educational and social experience at Bear River Charter School.

## What is PBIS?

- PBIS stands for **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support**. It is a set of evidence-based practices shown to foster appropriate school behavior and academic success.
- PBIS is a system of clear school-wide expectations with positive incentives for meeting expectations and consistent consequences for all students.
- Students are expected to be Safe, Responsible, Respectful, and Kind in all areas of the school and with all people in the school, adults and peers alike.
- Interventions are provided when students need additional support.
- Recognizing and celebrating all students when they are successful.



## What does PBIS do for our school?

- Students are explicitly taught what appropriate behavior looks like at school.
- Students are recognized and praised for positive behaviors.
- Some staff members use tickets to recognize positive behavior, and some prefer to use a stamp card.
- Students can spend their tickets/stamp cards at the school store for small prizes or reward coupons for various privileges.
- Data are collected on all student behavior to identify students who may benefit from additional supports.
- All school staff are trained in effective classroom management and instructional practices that are shown to prevent problem behavior and make appropriate behavior more likely.

***PBIS is really useful because teachers reward you for your good behavior and urge you to do it more and that helps you learn more easily.***

***--7<sup>th</sup> grader***