



PBIS District Newsletter

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Meeting The Challenge of January 2021!

January is a time everyone celebrates the New Year! Wow! So many goals and resolutions that have been made! We all know this is will be the best year ever! For 2021 this is especially true as we leave a challenging 2020 behind!

It is a bit different for schools as January is usually a return of our students who we have been with since August! We have formed relationships, have established rituals and routines and are ready to pick up where we left off when we left for Christmas break! For schools, this is a time when we know the End of School will be here sooner than later and that there is still so much to cover! However, this year a new challenge will face us in January! Many of our Virtual Academy students will be returning to us! This is exciting for both teachers and students however, we do have several challenges we will face!

First Challenge? Many of these students have NEVER been in our building! It will be like the first day of school! Teachers will have to get to know their students who they may or may not have taught first semester. Maybe they will have to make adjustments as the dynamics of the class change! Students will need to develop an understanding of the daily schedule, learn the locations in the building of important places such as the restrooms, the media center, the nurse's office and the counselor's office.

Second Challenge? Are these students on track academically? Teachers and administrators have worked hard to make sure our virtual students have had every support needed to be successful! There are students who have successfully completed every single assignment given but we also have students who have not completed anything during that time. Moreover, do not forget we have just about everything in between. We have students who had everything working against them in trying to get schoolwork done: limited access to internet, limited support for learning, and other duties. And then we also have had those students who have pulled a fast one on their parents and said they were doing work when they were not. There are students who need grace and there are students who are counting on the eventual offering of grace as a strategy. Some have tried their best; some have tried their best to get out of doing work.

What is the solution to meeting these challenges? Our RCS teachers, faculties and staff! Educators who always go above and beyond and will all step up to the plate and do what is best for ALL students!



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WHAT IS PBIS?

- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports
- Encouragement of positive behaviors
- Teaching and promoting positive behaviors
- Positive school climate



RCS PBIS Teams Have Been Busy!

TFI and TFI Action Plans

RCS utilizes the Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI) survey to measure fidelity of PBIS implementation and to create school PBIS Action Plans. The TFI results in a single, valid, and reliable outcome to guide implementation and measure the extent to which school personnel apply the core features of PBIS at all three tiers. PBIS teams analyze Teams, Implementation and Evaluations as being fully implemented, partially implemented or not implemented. During October and November, RCS PBIS teams have reviewed school specific SAS results and Walkthrough reports to complete their TFI. Data driven decision making has then been utilized to develop an action plan specific to their school. Upon completion of the Action Plan, the plan is then shared with staff! Having a prioritized Action plan allows for updates of progress as the action plan is reviewed at each meeting and completion of action items can be acknowledged and celebrated!

PBIS Film Festival

The 12th Annual Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Film Festival will be held at the Association for Positive Behavior Supports Virtual Conference in March! The goal of the PBIS Film Festival is to collect and share videos from a wide range of schools, districts, and countries recognizing films that (a) demonstrate the core PBIS principles and (b) meet technical video production standards. Film categories focus on PBIS Instruction and PBIS School Engagement. Several Rome City Schools will have entries and we are excited to share RCS PBIS!

RCS PBIS Shout Out!

Excellent Job by RHS of recognizing
PBIS Parent of The Month
and
PBIS Students of the Week!



PBIS Behavior Management Tips!

1. Be Consistent!
2. Remind of Desired Behaviors!
3. Use a Calm Voice!
4. Focus on what a student should do, not what the student is not doing.
5. Acknowledge Student Improvement!

January Push

Talk to your PBIS teams about your SWIS data! What positive data are we seeing? What needs to be added to your actions plans?





PBIS Spotlight: West Central

West Central PBIS Goals

- Maintain a positive school climate as evidenced on school climate surveys
- Reduce the number of office referrals from previous years
- Provide CONSISTENT, positive behavior supports in every area of the school
- Further implement PBIS Tier 2 Team



Wolves of the Week DECEMBER 4, 2020



Congratulations to
ESTER PEREZ
FOURTH GRADE

Wolves of the Week NOVEMBER 20, 2020



Words of PBIS Wisdom from West Central!

Dr. Johnson, Principal, West Central

PBIS has helped transform our school climate into a positive, caring, learning environment that allows our students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Our teachers and staff work hard to establish consistent rituals and routines so that our students feel safe and learning can occur at high levels. Our students take pride in showing the RCS Way!

Mrs. Ulrick, Assistant Principal, West Central

PBIS is a wonderful means for showing appreciation to our students for the hard work they do each day, both behaviorally and academically. PBIS has helped to create a culture in which students strive to do their very best in all areas of the school, and our students love being recognized by teachers, custodians, cafeteria staff, and other students!

Mrs. Nation, PBIS Teacher Expert, West Central

Our students are highly motivated to meet their behavior goals each nine weeks and they are always excited to participate in the celebrations. I think our school does a phenomenal job with establishing the PBIS expectations that help our students successfully meet their goals.

Mrs. Huffman, PBIS Teacher Expert, West Central PBIS is a great way to motivate our students to not only meet their behavior goals each nine weeks, but to also show the RCS way (Ready to learn, Courteous and Safe) around the school. From day one, our teachers set and model the expectations for students to meet their goals, and the students know exactly what they need to do to meet their goals and get to attend the PBIS Celebrations at the end of the nine weeks!

Gracelynn Green, PBIS 5th Grade Student Expert, West Central

I like the Red Hat Achievers program because it is really fun. If you work really hard, you get rewarded. For the first goal you meet, you get a red hat. For additional goals, you get pins to add to the hat. My hat is almost full!



West Central PBIS Team



Sadie Knapp, PBIS 2nd Grade Student Expert, West Central

I like PBIS because it is fun and rewards you for earning DOJO points. Also, I loved getting to watch a movie and eating popcorn.

