



The CI Star

Principal's Insight

Our kiddos this school year have been truly great. The learning, the engagement, and the behavior we've seen has truly been superb. One of the things we changed this school year is how we discipline students in the school day. The structure of it all is too lengthy to explain here, but we will be sharing further information through other means.

Restorative practices build community and promote healthy relationships among educators and students in order to teach the social-emotional and conflict-resolution skills necessary to reduce conflict. RP gets from punitive measures and helps us develop ways to really teach students expected behaviors, while instilling school pride and positive culture. The measures we've used thus far have truly been beneficial!

Just like with instruction, students have different needs when it comes to discipline. Individual circumstances call for individualized

discipline. With RP, our first level of discipline begins with the teacher. A student may receive a mid-day reflection where they lose recess time to sit and visit with the teacher about the issue and how to best make the situation right. In most cases, this corrects the behavior. However, if a next-level is necessary, a student may have to Walk the Fence during recess. Rather than having social time with friends, the student will walk the fence line on the playground alone, and eat alone at the middle table at lunch. If a next level is required, then a student may receive before or after school detention. The student will spend an hour "giving back" to the school the time that was taken. Students might spend that time cleaning, or they might spend that time working on a character building project. It is not a time for work completion or studying - it is a time of giving back to the school.

After detention, the next level is IHP, or In House Placement. This looks differently than before. If a student has IHP, they will go to class, but they will be on "Structured Day." This means they will not participate in any social opportunities throughout the day. They will exit class either five minutes before or five minutes after their peers so they are not changing classes with peers. They will eat lunch alone, and they will not participate in any activities in Specials, rather, they will have an alternate assignment for the day. If the student complies during IHP, then they can earn time back depending on the length of the consequence.

Our goal is to keep students in class, learning from their teacher, and following directions. Throughout this process, parents are contacted at every level. This is only a snapshot of the practices we've implemented and further information will be sent home

soon. We always appreciate your support, and after receiving the information please feel free to contact me with any other questions. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

- Thanksgiving Break 11/27 - 29
- Dental Screenings 12/5
- Jingle Bell Jam 12/20
- End of First Semester 12/20
- Winter Break 12/23 to 1/3
- Classes Resume 1/6

Central Intermediate

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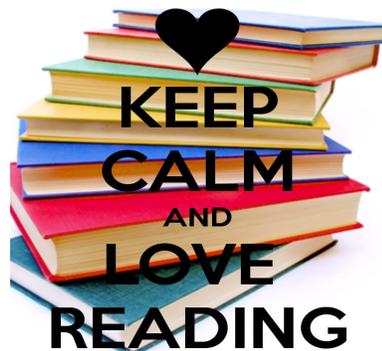
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Central Intermediate PTO

If you haven't already, we'd love for you to join our CI PTO. The cost is only \$7 and the money raised goes to the direct benefit of your children. The members of our PTO do so many great things for us throughout the school year, and we truly appreciate the many folks who step up to assist and to volunteer! If you'd like to join, it is not too late!! If you do not have a form, just send a check to the CI office and we will get your information!

We appreciate your support!! We are also calling for volunteers! The CI Book Fair is October 7th through October 12th and our librarian needs help! If you are available, please contact our librarian, Mrs. Jones at pjones@bixbyps.org. Thank you!

Jingle Bell Jam

Our annual Jingle Bell Jam is planned for our final day of the semester, December 20th. Parents are welcome to attend and to participate! Each year we have a giant dodgeball tournament and it is a great way to end the semester!

We will be asking for donations soon, as well as volunteers. Much like Monster Mash, our PTO volunteers run the show! It is truly a blast for the kids and we hope you'll save the date and join us! More info will be sent home soon!