

# **MBI @ THREE FORKS ELEMENTARY**

## **The Program**

MBI (Montana Behavior Initiative) is a behavioral program geared towards the enhancement of student behavior through the teaching of three principles; respect, responsibility, and safety. The program is a school based program, but can have great success when implemented in the home as well. The goal of MBI is to teach students appropriate actions through redirection of undesired behaviors, teaching and re-teaching of desired behaviors, and positive feedback for desired behaviors. The program is designed to promote positive relationships between students and staff while teaching students necessary citizenship skills. Respect responsibility and safety are the cornerstones of all expectations throughout the school, the classroom and the common areas alike.

## **Our Expectations**

MBI revolves around 3 very important expectations, We are Respectful, We are Safe, and We are Responsible. Expectations for all school common areas were introduced last year and are continually reviewed and reinforced as needed. Please talk to your child about the school wide expectations and do not hesitate to use the expectations of responsibility, respect, and safety at home. It is amazing how the simple phrase, "Are you being respectful?" can help change a child's actions. We look forward to sharing more about MBI with you as we navigate through this amazing process. MBI can help your child be successful in the school, at home, and in the community.

## **Positive Recognition**

A great component of the MBI philosophy is the positive recognition. This process started last year and has continued into this school year. Students have the opportunity daily to earn Positive Paws. These small red tickets are given out every day by staff members who catch students following our "Big 3" expectation, We are Respectful, We are Safe, and We are Responsible! Each week a drawing is held in every classroom and 13 lucky winners earn their prize and a picture on the wall. Another program the Three Forks team uses to recognize our great students is the Wolves 100 Club. This is a type of low-frequency incentive, with only 3-5 students chosen daily to receive special recognition. When students earn a Wolves 100 Club ticket they draw a random spot on the 100 board and the first row of ten to fill up wins. Our first winners were announced already and we know there will be more to come!