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# Whitefish Bay Middle School

Grounded in the Whitefish Bay Focus Plan, our goal is to engage students in an appropriately challenging and supportive academic experience while fostering an inclusive, caring environment that attends to the social, emotional, and intellectual well-being of kids ages 11-14. During three of the most formative, memorable and exciting years in a student's life, we work hard to help kids feel positively connected to their school in order to achieve their potential as both students and young adults. Our curriculum exposes students to a variety of exploratory, hands-on experiences in addition the core academic subjects, both designed to develop students' innate curiosity, creativity, and critical-thinking. Our hard-working staff does an outstanding job meeting the individual needs of every learner. We are dedicated to a home, school, and community partnership, knowing that every child benefits from many advocates in their lives. We are proud of our wonderful, hard-working students and the unrivaled commitment of our staff and families!

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# WFBMS Lion PRIDE

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## Lion PRIDE



- P:** Perseverance
- R:** Respect & Responsibility
- I:** Integrity
- D:** Demonstrated
- E:** Every Day

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## Self Assessment of GWJHS

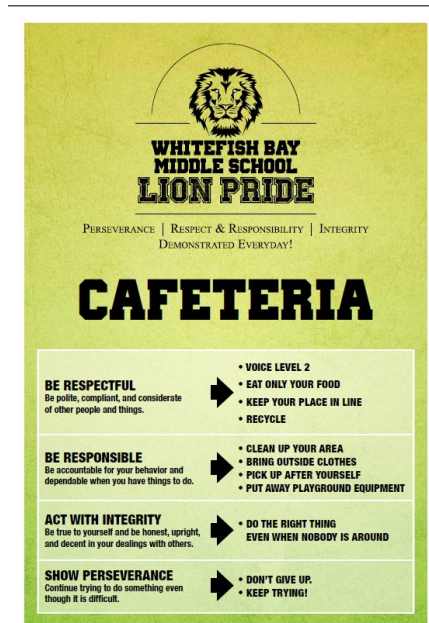
During the 2013-14 school year, we partnered with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Initiative to learn strategies for how we can make WFBMS even better for our students. PBIS School Wide Positive Behavior Support is not just another initiative. It is a lifelong change in how schools build and enhance a positive school climate as well as plan consistent responses for behaviors that require a disciplinary response. Over a thousand schools across the country have been successfully using PBIS to reduce occurrences of discipline and problem behaviors and many have seen dramatic improvements in overall discipline and behavior problems as a result of using this approach.

Our first step was to pull together a team of educators that represents a cross section of our staff. We attended PBIS Tier I training over the course of two days. Secondly, we completed a self assessment of our needs. Our self-assessment included staff, student and parent surveys, and a review of our school's conduct data. From this assessment we learned that we can do a better job of providing consistent expectations for behavior.

## Lion PRIDE

Learning how to respect others, be responsible for your actions, show perseverance and demonstrate integrity are important skills for our students to learn. As a result, we have created a common language that everyone can use when talking to students about expected social behaviors at WFBMS. This will help us to reach our goal of being more consistent in what is expected of students and how we talk to them about these behaviors. Throughout the year we will be providing instruction about how students can be successful in many different areas of the school.

This is an example of a poster that explains to students what is expected of them in the classroom. Posters like this one will be around the building reminding students of what is expected.



## Celebrating Our Students

The first phase of PBIS is to spend time teaching students what we expect of them. Equally important is providing students with positive feedback for making good choices and meeting expectations.

When students are “caught doing the right thing”, staff will provide them with a compliment and a **PRIDE Ticket**. **PRIDE Tickets** are our way of celebrating students and providing them with extra encouragement to make good choices. Students can enter their **PRIDE Tickets** into weekly raffles to win prizes. Most importantly though, **PRIDE Tickets** are our way of saying ‘Great job!’ and encouraging students to continue to make good choices.

Throughout the year we will share with you updates about how **Lion PRIDE** is going at WFBMS and how you can encourage your child to make good choices. Ask your child if they have earned a **PRIDE Ticket** recently! And stay tuned for more information about how you can encourage your child to demonstrate **Lion PRIDE!**