

Take Charge of Your Behavior!!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Edison Elementary School has always strived to create a safe and positive learning environment for all students. In an effort to continue to improve our school climate so that all students can learn, the staff at EES has worked together to develop a positive behavior plan. This plan is based on the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support) program. The purpose of this plan is to establish clear expectations to students and to maintain consistency within all areas of the school. This school-wide program utilizes proactive strategies in defining, modeling, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school environment.

Edison Elementary will have school wide expectations and a system of positive reinforcement to be implemented throughout the school including the classrooms, cafeteria, bathrooms, gym, hallways, playgrounds, and the bus. The foundation of PBIS at Edison Elementary School includes three school-wide rules: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe. Within each rule there are behavioral expectations for each area of our school. You will receive a Behavior Matrix that defines these expectations and you may keep this at home to refer to with your child.

The EES staff has developed this program with a Superhero theme. The main idea is: “Be a Super Charger! Take Charge of your Behavior.....Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe!”

All students will have opportunities to earn positive reinforcement which will be in the form of “Charger Bucks”. These will be given to students when they are caught following a school rule. Teachers will use the Charger Bucks within their individual classrooms in a variety of positive ways. Each week, there will also be two Charger Bucks chosen from each grade level for these students to have the chance to be “Super Charger of the Week”. These students will get the chance to wear a superhero cape or superhero button during school if they choose.

The students will be learning about this new behavioral program the first few weeks of school through their teachers and at a school assembly. We believe that by helping students engage in appropriate behavior, we will form a school community where all students have the opportunity to grow and succeed.

Please take time to review with your family the positive behavior expectations described on the Behavior Matrix. Ask your child if they understand the expectations in different locations around the school or on the bus. Practice the school-wide expectations at home and encourage your child to be responsible, respectful, and safe. Also, please have your child take the “Super Charger Pledge” and complete the behavior contract and return to school.

Working together to promote positive behavior helps increase student achievement and high self-esteem. Research shows that when the home and school work together, student learning is more successful. We look forward to an exciting school year full of new learning. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your child’s teacher or Mr. Hermes.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Mr. Hermes
EES Staff

