PBIS HAS GONE TO THE DOGS

Maplecrest Elementary Lebanon, MO

Our Dog Story.....

Whimsey is a 2 year old Bernese Mountain Dog.

She was bred, selected and trained for her job.

Maplecrest LOVES Whimsey!



Professional Therapy Dogs Are.....

- 1. Certified with their owners/handlers as Certified Assistance Dog Teams to provide emotional and physical support in the educational setting. These highly trained dogs model good behavior, tolerance, and acceptance.
- 2. They work to support and positively influence student behavior
- 3. They are trained and tested to provide specific physical or therapeutic functions under the direction and control of a qualified handler who works with the dog as a team, and as part of the handler's occupation.



Professional Therapy Dogs are NOT.....

A family pet that has been obedience trained.



Whimsey's Training



What Does Research Say?

1. Studies show that caring for a Professional Therapy Dog can improve school attendance and teach children about responsibility.



What Does Research Say?

Nobody likes to be treated roughly. Kids soon learn that if they want to be liked and trusted by animals, they need to treat them carefully. Studies show that practicing nurturing behaviors is especially important to small boys who don't often get the chance to practice these skills at home.



What Does Research Say?

Studies show that dogs in school help:

- 1. Build self-esteem.
- 2. Reduce anxiety
- 3. Students, staff and parents calm themselves when angry.
- 4. Lower heart rate, slow breathing rates and lower blood pressure.



Uses in PBIS

Tier I:

- 1. Culture
- 2. Classroom Visits
- 3. Classroom Rewards
- 4. You are only limited by your imagination



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Tier II

1. Buzz In Buzz Out (CICO)



2. Social Skills Training



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Tier III

- 1. The Out-of-Control Student
- 2. The Out-of-Control Parent
- 3. The Out-of-Control Teacher



What's the Verdict?

1. What is the benefit to Teachers?

2. What is the benefit to Administrators?

3. What do parents have to say?



Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Cost
- 2. Fundraising
- 3. Allergies
- 4. Liability
- 5. Board Policy
- 6. Who owns the dog?



Video



Questions?



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