THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

MONITOR, REINFORCE, AND RECOGNIZE BEHAVIOR

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SESSION OUTCOMES

- Understand the value and the pitfalls of using technology to enhance Data-based Decision Making and Recognition systems.
- Explore apps and technology tools that will assist with monitoring student behavior.
- Utilize a checklist to evaluate the app's alignment with PBIS components for monitoring and recognizing student behavior.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

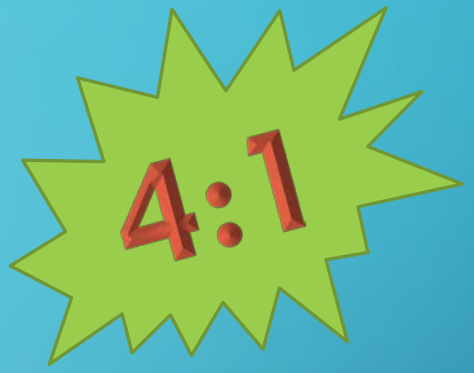
- VALUES
  - Saves time
  - Real-time feedback to students, parents, and between staff members
  - Appeals to the 21st century learner
  - Don't have to keep track of paper forms & tickets
  - Portable throughout the building/day
- PITFALLS
  - Not always reliable
  - Limited access to devices
  - Feedback is not always specific enough with some apps/tools
  - Have to take time to log in
  - Looks can be deceiving!

DATA-BASED DECISION MAKING

- Critical component of effective implementation of PBIS
- Shifts the work of school teams from a reactive, crisis-driven process to a pro-active, outcomes-driven process.
- Sets the stage for continuous improvement.

Gilbert, 1978; McIntosh, Horner & Sugai, 2009

RECOGNITION



- Teacher praise has been supported as among one of the most empirically sound teacher competencies (Maag, 2001).
- When we focus our praise on positive actions, we support a sense of competence and autonomy that helps students develop real self-esteem (Davis, 2007).
- Specific Positive Feedback (SPF) is the most powerful behavior change tool teachers have in their repertoire.

Evaluate
Explore

EVALUATING & SELECTING APPS/SOFTWARE

- App and software developers work very hard to make their product look appealing, but looks can be deceiving!
- Important to critically evaluating apps/software in ensure alignment with
  - research-based practices
  - your school's needs

*Handout-PBIS App/Software Evaluation Checklist

EXPLORE WITH SYMBALOO

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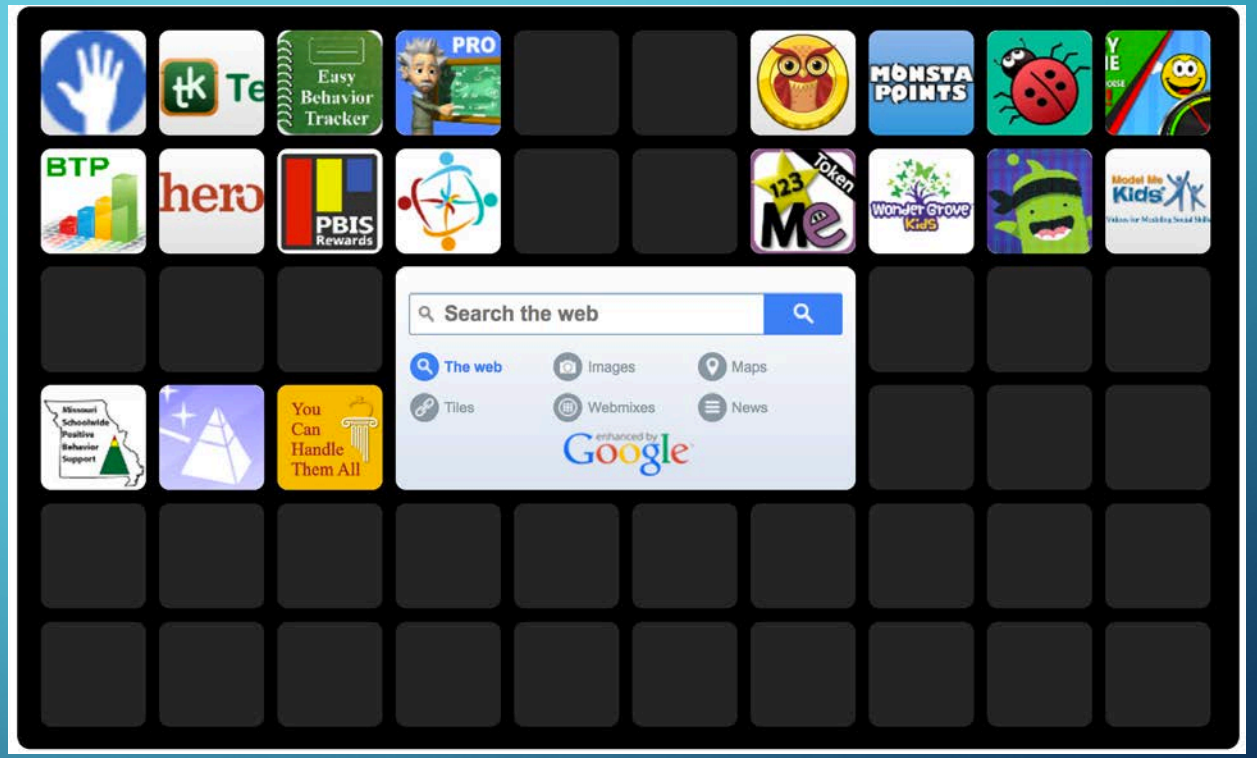

KICKBOARD (not on Symbaloo board)

https://www.kickboardforschools.com/product-features

EVALUATION CHECKLIST: CLASS DOJO

- Creates a positive culture & provides immediate feedback builds confidence
- Supports PBIS (if used correctly!) and is fully customizable
- Share information and moments with parents—photos, videos, student work, class notes
- Schoolwide feedback/data to PBIS team
- Character trait lessons
- Compatible with any device (computer, android & Apple devices)
- Free

CLASS DOJO
HOW TO USE IT EFFECTIVELY

- Align with schoolwide matrix
- Award points to recognize appropriate behaviors
- Never take away points! A poor choice later does not negate the first choice.
- Neutral consequences—yellow mark documents behavior that needs improvement. Doesn't take away points. KEEP THIS PRIVATE!
- Best if utilized schoolwide so that correct usage can be established and monitored.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS?

- What PBIS apps/software have you and/or your school used?
  - Recommend or steer clear?

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Using an app is NOT an intervention or a strategy. It is simply a tool.
- FIRST establish your school's PBIS systems and practices, and THEN select the tool that will best support those systems and practices.
- Critically evaluate before committing to any tech tool
- Always provide training.
- Establish & monitor expectations for usage.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

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