

# TOGETHER WE THRIVE

Creating a Positive School Culture for Students, Staff, & Community

GERALD ELEMENTARY



### SESSION OUTCOMES



#### **PBiS**

Attendees will examine how
PBIS can serve as a
foundation for fostering a
positive school culture and
discuss ways to implement
PBIS strategies effectively to
support both behavior and
academic success.

#### **Specific Initiatives**

Attendees will gain an understanding of how specific initiatives can build a positive culture within a school setting.

#### **Community**

Attendees will gain insight into how partnerships with community organizations can strengthen school culture and extend learning beyond the classroom.

### A LITTLE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

- Located in Gerald, Missouri
- Population around 1,300
- 30% of household income falls between \$10-25K
- Gasconade County R2 School District
- 50 staff members
- 300ish students (Pre-K through 5th Grade)
- 50+% of students are free/reduced lunches









### SCALE 1-4



On a scale of 1 to 4, how would you rate your school's ability to create a positive culture for your students, staff, & community?

### PBIS MATRIX

	All Settings	Classroom	Cafeteria	Hallway	Restroom	Playground	Assemblies	Technology	Bus	<b>Bus Line</b>
Voice Levels		0.13	4.3	0	4	0.4.2.7	0.1.3	0.1	0.1	0.4
Voice Levels  afe	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Walk inside the building at all times	O, 1, 2  Materials and equipment should be used and stored properly	1, 2 Leave when an adult dismisses you or gives you permission	Stay to the right hand side of the hall	Wash hands with soap and water Use restroom facilities appropriately	O, 1, 2, 3 Stay in approved areas Use equipment properly Freeze when whistle is blown	O, 1, 2 Go to your spot quickly Put your hands in your lap Wait for dismissal signals	O, 1  Carry device with two hands  Sit while using device  Keep personal information secure	O, 1 Stay seated while the bus is moving Sit facing forward	O, 1 Sit quietly in your bus line Keep yourself, materials and belongings out of walkways
esponsible	Make smart choices Listen and follow directions quickly	Complete work on time Participate	Place your trash in trash cans	Return to class promptly	Put paper towels in the trash can Return to class promptly	Return playground equipment  Report incidents to recess duty teacher	Know and follow the signals	Use only approved apps and websites Report problems to teacher Use/store device properly	Put all trash in trash cans Keep food and drink packed away	Promptly get of bus line following hallway expectations Be prepared to load busses
onest	Tell the truth despite consequences  Accept responsibility for your own actions									
	Treat others kindly	Raise hand to walk or talk	Eat only your food	Treat student work in the hallway as your	One child in stall or urinal at a time	Enter and exit building using expectations	Listen and think about what the speaker is saying	Keep device on silent or wear headphones	Listen and follow directions	Raise your har to get teacher attention



### PBIS AT GES



Dutch Dollars
Dutch Bucks
Buddy Bucks

Dutch Time
Spin the Wheel
Wow Boards

Classroom Rewards
Gym Class Heroes
Dutch Camp
Peer Mediation

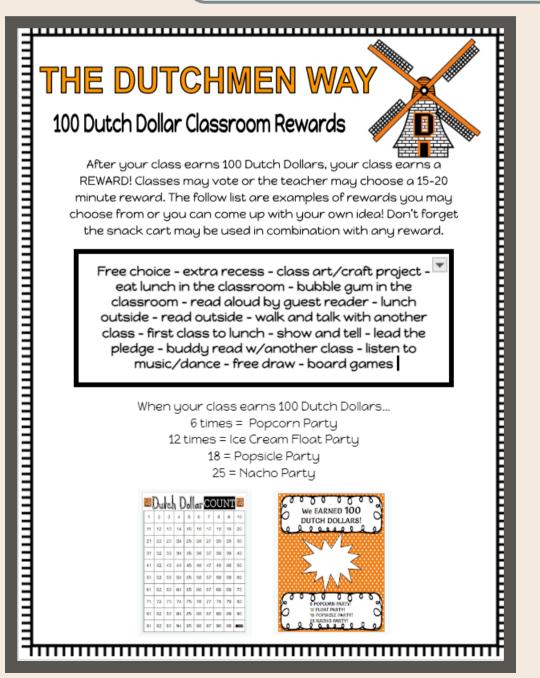


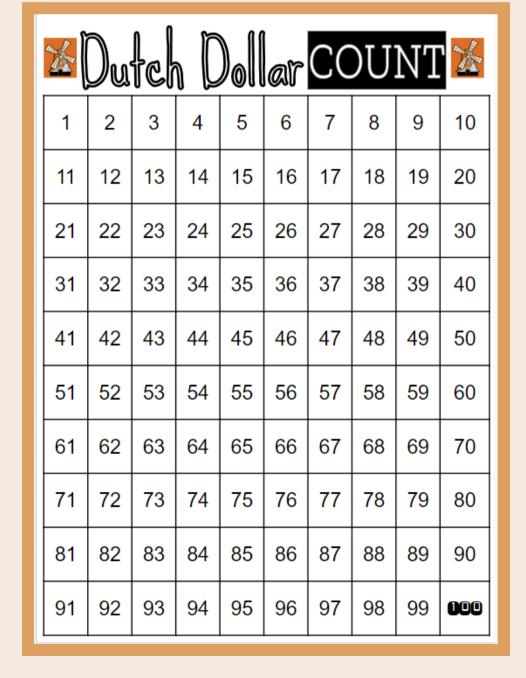




### DUTCH DOLLARS & CLASSROOM REWARDS

- Tangibles received for following The Dutchmen Way
- Students work as a class to earn 100
- Class chooses a way to celebrate (ie. extra recess, board games, stinky feet, etc.)







Thanks for being:	The Dutchmen Way	Name:	Date:
□ Safe		How were they sho	wing the Dutchmen way?
□ Responsible			
□ Honest			
□ Respectful	Gerald Elementary School		

# DUTCH BUCKS (STAFF) BUDDY BUCKS (STUDENTS)



#### **Dutch Bucks**

- Given from staff to staff
- Weekly drawing at Morning Assembly
- Staff member gets to spin our biggest prize wheel

### **Buddy Bucks**

- Given to students for following expectations
   ABOVE & BEYOND
- Weekly drawing at Morning Assembly
- Student gets to spin our student prize wheel
- Photo featured on school Facebook page



### GYM CLASS HEROES

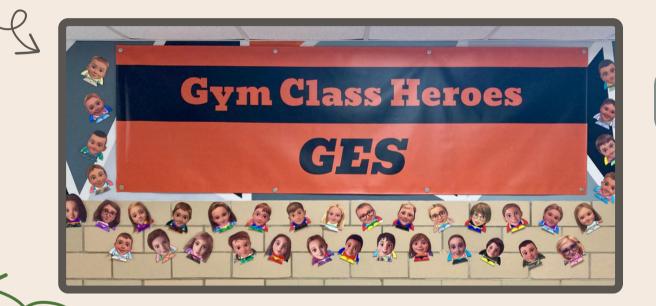
- Earned during Gym class
- 2 chances per week
- Weekly drawing at Morning Assembly



#### **WOW BOARDS**

- Students recognized for showing good character (respect, responsibility, etc.)
- Add their name to a square on the board
- Drawing held when board is FULL





#### 2ND SEMESTER DUTCH CAMP

- 5th grade students lead stations on our first day back from Winter Break.
- At each station, classes will review expectations in all settings of the school.

#### **QUARTERLY PBS CELEBRATIONS**

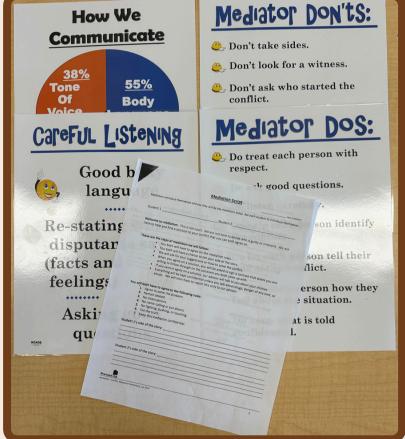
- Each quarter we have a PBS party
- Students w/out NOC's or ODR's earn the whole party
- Students with Notices of Concern (minor) and Office Referrals (major) will lose part or all of the party.
- Staff v. Students Game











### PEER MEDIATION

PreventEd's Peer Mediation program trains students, to become peer mediators, facilitating conflict resolution between their peers by teaching them problem-solving skills to address issues before they escalate. Essentially, using peer mediation as a tool to promote positive choices and healthy relationships within a school environment.

Key points about PreventEd peer mediation:

**Focus on Prevention:** The primary goal is to prevent potential conflicts by empowering students to resolve issues peacefully through mediation.

Age-Appropriate Training: PreventEd provides tailored training programs for elementary, middle, and high school students.

Skills Development: Peer mediators learn active listening, communication, conflict resolution techniques, and neutral facilitation to effectively guide discussions between disputing students.

**Community Impact:** By equipping students with mediation skills, PreventEd aims to create a more positive and supportive school climate.



### STARTING THE DAY OFF RIGHT



Morning Assemblies

Morning Meeting **WIN Time** 

What I Need

Family Groups

Check In/Check Out L.E.A.P.

Learning Through
Exploration and Play



### MORNING ASSEMBLY



- Every morning students start off in the gym with their class for school-wide announcements, shout-outs, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- This is also when we do our student and staff recognitions every week.
   Staff and students who are drawn get to spin a prize wheel.

- Fosters a Sense of Community: brings all students and staff together, creating a sense of unity and belonging.
- Sets a Positive Tone: a well-structured assembly can inspire students and staff, setting a positive and focused mood for the day.
- Encourages School Spirit: announcements and celebrations that build excitement and pride in being part of the school community.
- **Promotes Routine**: starting the day with an assembly creates a consistent routine, which helps students mentally prepare for the day ahead.
- Provides Important Information: an efficient way to communicate important announcements or updates that everyone needs to hear.





### CLASSROOM MEETING

#### Strengthens, Connects and Builds Relationship Skills

Students practice communication skills and learn how to be active listeners, cooperate with others and form relationships with peers and teachers.

#### **Increases Self-Confidence**

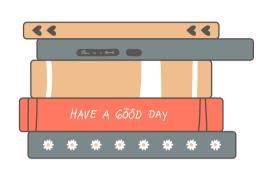
The class meeting provides a safe and caring environment that encourages students to open and build trust in others, which in turn increases their confidence.

#### **Promotes Social Awareness**

Circles promote the four central areas of social awareness in the CASEL standards: perspective-taking, empathy, appreciating diversity, and respect for others.

#### **Encourages Positive Behavior Towards Others**

Circles promote a positive school culture where everyone's voice and opinion matters.



### FAMILY GROUPS

- Create a sense of family and belonging within our school
- Placed in multi-age families
- Students remain in the same family while a student at GES
- Meet on Friday mornings for 30 minutes
- Families participate in a variety of lessons and activities:
  - PBiS (determined by Tier 1 Team each month)
  - Community Service projects
  - Buddy Reading, Board Games
  - Character and SEL Lessons





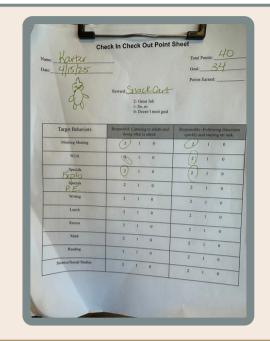


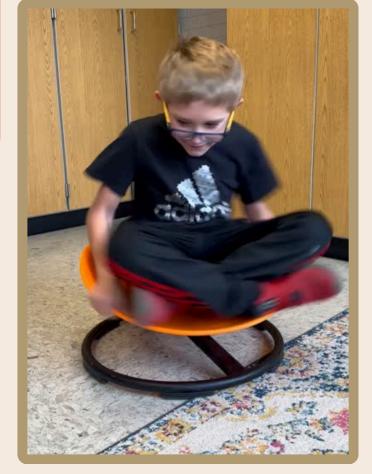


## CHECK IN/CHECK OUT



Date: 4-10-75				NOTES:
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Morning Work	<b>(()</b>	<b>⊕</b>	(3)	
W.I.N.	<b>③</b>	<b>(1)</b>	8	27
Math	<b>③</b>	<b>(2)</b>	8	Good morning. Going to work harder at listening in the oftennoon
Lunch/Recess	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	8	
Science -OR- Social Studies		<b>(1)</b>	8	WOW! Way to go. of
Specials: Espla Library Art Music Reading Room PR	0	<b>(1)</b>	8	
Specials: (if two)  Reading Room Music Explo	0	⊕	8	
Reading/Writing	<b>(i)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	8	
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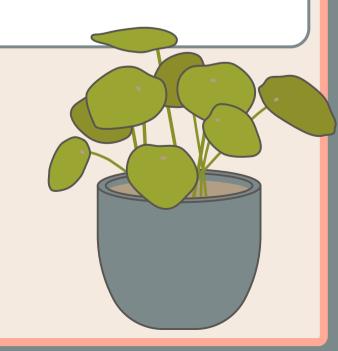


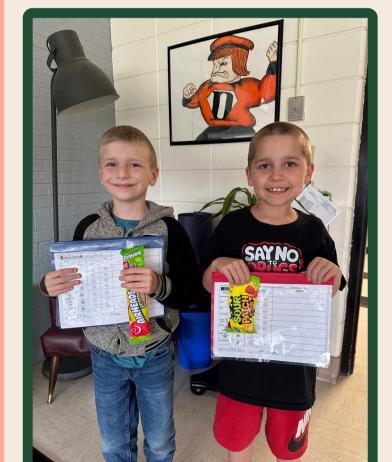


If students meet their daily behavior goals, they get to choose a reward. Examples include:

- Spending time with a favorite teacher or staff member (all hands on deck...even the nurse)
- Extra Chromebook time
- A small snack
- Additional recess
- A classroom job or privilege

The key is that the reward is something motivating to the student, which helps encourage positive behavior!













### L.E.A.P.

Learning through Exploration and Play



- Encourages children to actively engage with their environment, use their creativity, and develop critical thinking skills through hands-on activities and imaginative play. L.E.A.P. also encourages emotional growth through play. Children learn how to manage emotions, cope with challenges, and develop social skills, such as cooperation, sharing, and empathy.
- Monday-Thursday from 8:00-8:15.
- It's a great way to start the morning with hands-on activities, teamwork, and exploration.



### W.I.N. TIME

#### "What I Need"

- Designated period each morning (8:45-9:30), where students receive targeted support based on their individual needs...intervention or enrichment.
- Building-wide time involving all staff.
- Math M/W, ELA T/Th, Progress Monitoring F
- Classroom teachers keep students with the highest needs for intervention.
- Specials Teachers/Building Aides take the "high fliers" for enrichment.
- W.I.N. time helps ensure that every student gets the individualized attention they need to succeed, whether it's targeted instruction in an area of need or being challenged in areas where they excel.













### SERVICE & PARTNERSHIPS



**Family Events** 

Community
Service Projects

**Community Events** 



**Partnerships** 





### FAMILY EVENTS







- Future Dutchmen Fun Night
- Breakfast with Buddies
- Breakfast with Grandparents
- Family Reading Night
- Penny Fair
- School Carnival



### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Fill the Boot

Hometown Hero/First Responder Baskets

**Valentines for Veterans** 

**Nursing Home Gifts** 

**Meals on Wheels Place Mats** 

**Coffee Koozies** 

**PB&J Drive** 

**Shoe Drive** 

**Teddy Bear Drive** 

**Spring Hygiene Drive** 

**Winter Food Drive** 







### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

#### **Food Pantry**

Weekly backpack program

#### **Local Churches and Businesses**

- School supplies
- Books
- Adopt a family for Christmas
- Monetary donations
- Treats for staff

#### **Masonic Lodge**

• Partners with Walmart for coats

#### Women of the Moose

• Quarterly Recognition for students with good behavior

#### **VFW**

• Veterans' Day coloring contest

#### **Outside Services**

- Prevent Ed.
- JFCAC
- Compass
- Preferred Health
- Health Dept.
- Lions Club: KidSight













### BUILDING STAFF CULTURE







- Randee Schalz—Morris
  EXPLO Teacher
  Homelown: Sullivan, MO
  High School: Sullivan High School
  Colleges: UMSL. SPU, MSU
  Birthplace: Sullivan, MO
  Significant Other: Ray Morris
  Children: Kohl and Tanner
  Pets: Possura, Buddy, LOTS of chickens
  Hobbies: Kayaking, crochel, chickens farming, gardening, canning, reading, being an auni

  Miku Lotter

  Mik
- Candy: Dark chocolate, Giggles (form of Skittles)

  Drinks: Alani Nu, Bubbl'r, Celsius, Zero Sugar Root Beer

  Snacks: Cashews, granola, protein bars

  Stores: Marshalls, Target, Amazon

  Shirt Size: Medium

  Love Language: #1-Acts of Service, #2-Words of Affirmation

  Hobbies: Working out, cooking, baking, candle-making

  Music: Beyonce, Ryan Bingham, Hamilton

  NOT Food Related: Plants, experiences, class coverage, vinyls

  Additional Ideas: Bistro, Thunder Alley, SF iced coffee from McDonalds

- Learning Walks
- Cork Strips
- Workouts

- Spending time outside of school
- Staff Egg Hunts/Struck by Cupid
- Appreciation Week
- Staff Celebrations
- Name Plates
- Interest Inventory





### TAKE-AWAY:



Please take a moment to share something you would like to implement at your school.



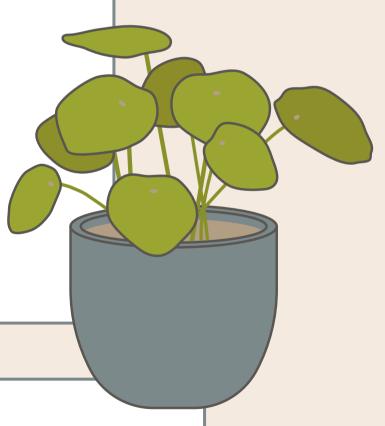
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