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Dear Northwood Families,

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It is a systematic approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research based, school-wide, and classroom behavior supports systems. We have established behavior expectations for all areas of our school (Please see the Behavior Matrix on the back of this letter). We are explicitly teaching these expectations to students and are beginning our classroom/school-wide behavior reward system.

Mighty OAKS Reward Tickets in the Classroom
At times throughout the day, classroom teachers will pass out “Mighty OAKS” reward tickets to students who are modeling appropriate OAKS behavior (similar to when Bucket Fillers were used). In recognition of students demonstrating the specific behaviors outlined on the OAKS matrix, we increase the likelihood that those behaviors will be strengthened in all students. We are hoping to create a positive climate for the classroom and the school at large. Positive actions are contagious!

Classroom Recognition
Every Thursday, your child’s teacher will randomly pick one “Mighty OAK” ticket from their classroom container. This child will be rewarded in the classroom with a small token or treat. Their name will also be featured on a “Mighty OAK” sign outside each classroom.

School-Wide Recognition
Every Friday morning, all OAKS tickets from classroom buckets will be placed in the appropriate grade level baskets. One ticket per grade level will be chosen during the live NBS broadcast on Friday morning. Each student in the school has a leaf/acorn with their name and picture on it. Students will be recognized by having their leaf/acorn displayed on our large Northwood “Mighty OAK” tree outside of the Media Center, as well as receive a “Northwood Mighty OAKS” wristband.

We believe that by helping students practice good behavior, we will build a school community where all students have an environment in which they can learn and succeed.

Positively Yours,

The Northwood PBIS Committee