

## PBIS at MANILA ELEMENTARY

**Question: What is PBIS?** PBIS is short for Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support. Manila Elementary first started the program in 2008. PBIS is a program that teaches children what the expectations are for behavior while in different areas of the school and different times of day...Arrival/Dismissal, Hallway, Classroom, Bathroom, Recess, Bus, and Cafeteria. The primary goal of PBIS is to teach (and reteach) students how to behave and give them the opportunity to see behaviors modeled, model the behavior themselves, and have their behavior positively reinforced.

Manila Elementary uses celebrations to positively reward students who model positive behavior. At the beginning of the year, there is a “Kick Off” celebration everyone attends to encourage positive behavior for the whole year. We tell the students at the “Kick Off” celebration that if they have No Majors/Minors for the entire year, there will be another BIG celebration at the end they will be able to attend. We also use Lion Loot whenever the student is “caught” behaving respectfully, responsibly, and ready in the above mentioned areas of the school. Lion Loot is used to attend ticketed events at the end of each quarter.

The types of celebrations we have are 1) No Major/Minor: These monthly celebrations reward those students who have behaved positively and have no Majors/Minors; and 2) Ticketed Events: Students can attend these celebrations for a set amount of their Lion Loot they have earned. The students know all the activities planned at the beginning of the year.

Please check our website for monthly planned PBIS events and also on the Manila Elementary Parent page on Facebook.