

Dear Parents,

We are proud to announce that during September of the 2009-2010 school year, we began school wide implementation of our positive behavior support program at Hopkins Hill School.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a process for creating safer and more effective schools by focusing on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. This is a state initiative sponsored by the Paul V. Sherlock Center at Rhode Island College.

For the past year, the PBIS Team of teachers and staff at Hopkins Hill have been involved in intensive trainings. The school is now ready for full implementation. Our school supports the following school-wide expectations:

"Hopkins Hill Huskies are Respectful, Responsible, and Safe"

Students will be provided with many opportunities to learn and practice these expectations. For example, behavioral expectations were modeled for students at a school-wide assembly on September 4th. To help students know exactly how to behave in all areas, specific examples are also posted throughout the school building. When teachers and staff members observe students demonstrating these behaviors they will be acknowledged in a variety of ways. Some of you may have heard about the Paw Bucks!

More information about the PBIS program will be made available to families this fall. Additional information may be found on the district and school's websites and at WWW.PBIS.ORG.

Sincerely,

Tracey Whitehead, Principal

HHPBIS Team