

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am excited to announce that we will be continuing our work at Walker Mill Middle School under the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework. The program is titled the ***“Pathway to Success: Panther Pride Incentive Program.”***

The ***“Pathway to Success: Panther Pride Incentive Program,”*** is school-wide program that is designed to improve the overall academics and behavior of the school environment; therefore improving the success of all students. The purpose of the program is to promote positive success within the school environment and to reward students who do well both academically and behaviorally.

The Panther Pride Incentive Program focuses on five target behaviors for success: **Prepared, Respectful, Intelligent, Dependable and Excellent**. Examples of what those positive behaviors look like are below.

	Classroom	Cafeteria	Hallway	Bus/School Grounds	Bathroom	Library
Prepared	Bring appropriate materials Complete all class work and homework Wear uniform at all times	Have money and ID number ready for cashier Wear uniform at all times	Carry a pass and keep visible at all times Wear uniform at all times	Be on time Watch for your stop Wear uniform at all times	Carry a pass and keep it visible at all times Wear uniform at all times	Have appropriate materials Have ID # Wear uniform at all times
Respectful	Use positive, appropriate language Listen carefully Attend school/class daily and on time	Speak kindly to food service personnel and other staff Respond to silent countdown in a timely manner	Walk to the right Walk quietly Face forward in a straight line	Use appropriate language Talk quietly	Respect others privacy Speak kindly to others Use bathroom equipment and supplies appropriately	Speak kindly to the librarian, technology coordinator and other staff. Use equipment appropriately
Intelligent	Raise hand to speak Follow directions and rules	Wait for your turn	Walk to the right Attend lockers during assigned times only	Stay in your seat at all times	Return to class promptly when finished	Stay at your table or computer Visit appropriate sites when using the computer
Dependable	Be on task	Place all trash in trash cans Clean table and floor area	Get materials from locker before/after school quickly	Do not eat or drink on the bus Keep bus clean	Get permission Keep bathroom clean	Take care of borrowed books Keep the library clean

Excellent	Give your best effort Actively participate	Practice good manners	Maintain a clean hallway	Obey all bus rules Maintain a safe and orderly environment	Obey bathroom rules	Obey all library rules.
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As a part of the program, when students demonstrate the target behaviors, they are to be rewarded with “**Pride Points**” for doing so. (using the criteria above as a guide). Gotcha tickets are tickets that resemble “money” and are given to students when they are “caught” exhibiting targeted behaviors. Students turn in the tickets at the appropriate venue in order to have a chance to win weekly prizes and/or the chance to attend incentives. Monthly rewards are given to classes that collect the most group “Gotcha” tickets.

Students are expected to hold on to their tickets. The reward for earning Gotcha tickets will be weekly/monthly prizes and/or a chance to attend incentives. Information about incentives will be forthcoming.

It is my hope that we will all work together to ensure that the **Panther Pride Incentive Program** is successful. Parents/Guardians, please encourage your child(ren) to engage in positive behaviors and aim for success.

If you have questions or concern, see Ms. Crumpler or Mrs. McCoy. Let’s continue the “*Pathway to Success.*”

Sincerely,

Mr. Brown, Principal