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Dear Indian Valley Elementary Parent,

You may have heard the buzz about our new school initiative…

PBIS!

Positive Behavior Implementation Support is a program supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Mifflin County Schools to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. It is a school-wide strategy for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning. The schools in Mifflin County area are proud to be a part of this exciting initiative.

As part of the PBIS program, we will establish several clear rules for the behavior we expect in all areas of our school. We will explicitly teach those expectations to the students and reward them frequently with positive notes and prizes for their great behavior. The expectations for all student behavior will be clear throughout our building and playground areas, cafeteria, gymnasium, and classrooms. You will be able to ask your student, "What are the rules in your school?" "How do you follow those rules?" "What happens when a teacher sees you following the rules?"

Our school rules will specifically address bullying behaviors, provide for a safer school environment and give more time for instruction. We will apply consistent consequences and positive reinforcement for all kids. By detailing every expected behavior and teaching to kids in a positive way, we will provide a common language for everyone in our building, including students, teachers, front office staff and our paraprofessionals.

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

We would like your input and your involvement. Please contact us at school if you have any questions or need further information. As the year progresses, keep your eyes and ears open for positive news about your child from our school. Thank you for your support!

Stay "Paws-itive,"
Indian Valley Elementary Faculty and Staff