



Chino Valley Unified School District

# Gerald F. Litel Elementary School



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Greetings Parents,

The school year is marching right along. As we head into Spring Break, I want to update you on our progress regarding our parent's understanding of PBIS and the Second Step curriculum that we incorporate to teach a common language related to our positive school-wide behavioral expectations, **The ROAR**. Based on the Parent Survey that I conducted earlier in the school year, our parents' understanding of PBIS, and the Second Step curriculum increased. According to the survey, 67.9% of our parents knew why their children received a Leader of the Pride ticket. This was a huge increase from last year. Next, 97.6% of all parents surveyed indicated that they knew that **Responsibility** was one of the four positive school-wide expectations of the school. Also, 89.3% of all respondents surveyed knew that **Optimism** was one of the four positive school-wide expectations, and 94% knew that **Accountability** was one of the four positive school-side expectations, and 100% of all parents surveyed reflected that **Respect** was one of the four positive behavioral expectations. Further, 58.3% of parent respondents had heard of the *Second Step curriculum*, and 35.7% of all parents surveyed indicated that they knew what PBIS represented. This is great progress for our families and community, and I want to thank all parents who took the time to participate within our **PBIS Parent Survey**. Parents, I have attached a brief narrative of our PBIS program and Second Step curriculum.

Based on research, the **Second Step program** connects the development of social-emotional competence and self-regulation skills to success in school and life, it helps students develop skills for social and academic success, and it helps reduce classroom behavior. In addition, social-emotional competence and self-regulation skills directly transfer to school and life success. The Second Step curriculum that we employ at Litel is a curriculum developed whereby the skills and lessons build on one another. For example, skills are grouped into thematic lessons and teach self-regulation, empathy, emotion management, and problem solving. Further, the **Second Step** program increases students' school success, and it decreases problem behaviors. Another way of looking at this is that the Second Step curriculum maximizes academic learning time and reduces the time that students are out of class on behavior-related matters. There is a component of the program which allows parents to work with their children for additional practice and support. If you would like more information,

please contact your child's teacher. PBIS is an acronym that stands for **Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports**. Essentially, PBIS is a set of ideas and tools that Litel Elementary School utilizes to improve school-wide behavior.

There are a few notable dates to calendar that include the following dates:

- **Dress Day (March 23rd)** – Grade level class colors: 6th grade will wear dark blue, 5th grade will wear yellow, 4th grade will wear green, 3rd grade will wear orange, 2nd grade will wear red, 1st grade will wear white, and kindergarten will wear purple
- **Student of the Month- March 23rd (11:00 – 12:00) Students only**
- Extra minimum day has been scheduled on **Friday, March 25th** for our students
- Spring Break is scheduled from Monday, March 28, 2022, thru April 1, 2022. School will resume on **Monday, April 4th**
- April 13th at 6:00 PM (**FUTURE COYOTE NIGHT**) – *Canyon Hills Junior High School*
- *School Site Council Meeting* (April 19th; from 3:40 – 4:30). Items to be discussed include an update regarding our Essential Standards Assessment 3 (Progress toward our School-wide School SMART Goal) and a synopsis of our School's Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- **April 20th: FUN RUN (TBA)**
- **April 25th: State Testing will begin for grades 3-6**
- **May 25, 2022 – 6th grade promotion (Time to be announced)**
- We will continue to recognize our **Leaders of the Pride** on our school website and Aeries Parent Square
- We will continue to recognize our **Students of the Month** on our school website and Aeries Parent Square

I want to wish all our students a Happy Spring Break!

Sincerely,



Joe Durkin

Principal, Litel Elementary School