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Dear Laker Families,

PV Primary remains dedicated to the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Program for the 2023-24 school year, to build a respectful, productive and supportive atmosphere.

Our PBIS Program involves various important steps, and one of them is developing and teaching specific behavioral expectations to students. This ensures that everyone is on the same page regarding the desired behaviors and standards within the school community. By teaching and reinforcing these expectations, students can understand what is expected of them and how their actions contribute to a positive environment.

The positive reinforcement of these behaviors is a crucial aspect of PBIS. It encourages students to demonstrate the desired behaviors by recognizing and rewarding their efforts. This is done through various means such as praise, recognition, small rewards, or other incentives. By consistently acknowledging and reinforcing positive behaviors, we are creating a culture where students are motivated to exhibit respectful and responsible conduct.

As part of our PBIS program we have also begun the use of PAX, with our PreK-2nd grade students. PAX is an evidence-based intervention used by teachers as part of their daily management of the classroom. It consists of a set of strategies that help our students with; giving focused attention, working as part of a team, staying on task, limiting problematic behavior, transitioning from one task to another and increasing positive social behavior.

Our PBIS Program not only contributes to a positive environment during a student's time at PV Primary School, but also equips them with valuable life skills that extend beyond their primary-school career. These skills can have a positive impact on their future academic, personal, and professional endeavors.

We expect all of our students to follow the behavior matrix you will find on the back of this letter. The expectations include:

**L-Leader   A-Accountable   K-Kind   E-Engaged   R-Respectful**

Students will learn how to be a "LAKER" in every setting within the building and on the bus. We invite you to join us in continuing as partners in implementing a successful PBIS system. We encourage each family to have a discussion about the matrix so that our students can feel the teamwork between home and school.

Thank you for all of your support. We are looking forward to another amazing school year!