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Here at Western Rockingham Middle School, you may have heard the term PBIS mentioned. You may be thinking Public Broadcasting System, but no, PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention & Support, which is a school wide initiative here. PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. Through PBIS, schools teach and support positive behavior for all students and all staff everywhere in the school. We are now in our 5th year of implementing PBIS. Our plan is to include something about our PBIS efforts in all of our school newsletters from this point forward.

So what's new with our PBIS efforts? So far, we've created and taught our School-wide Expectations (SWExp), called **WRMS**. Our School-wide Encouragement Plan, called WRMS, gives our students recognition for exhibiting these appropriate behaviors. Students may be given **WRMS Reward** tickets when their behaviors demonstrate our School wide Expectations; these **WRMS Reward** tickets can then be turned in for a later drawing. Prizes and other types of recognition follow when a student's name is drawn. Our goal is to increase our recognition of students when they are doing something well or right. We've also created Behavior Matrices, which you may have seen posted in our hallways. These matrices list our SWExp and our rules for different common areas here at Western Rockingham Middle School. This list helps us all to remember the rules and helps us adults remember to reinforce those expectations and rules. If you are a volunteer here at Western Rockingham and have not yet participated in WRMS (*School-wide Encouragement Plan*), please see Kim Green for some of our **WRMS tickets**. The more we all reinforce our expectations and rules, the more our children will know that we think this is really important.

Stay tuned for more info on PBIS in future newsletters. In the meantime, if you want additional information, please contact Kim Green (*school contact person for PBIS info*) at 548-2168. The more we are all involved with PBIS, the more results we see!



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