



Shell Elementary School

Weekly News for Families

March 5-12, 2021

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Strategies are used to teach and reinforce expected behaviors at Shell Elementary, but they are also amazing strategies for parents to use at home. *This week's examples:*

"5 to 1" positives and reinforce steps in the right direction

- Give attention to the behavior you want to see, not the behavior you don't.
- Genuine, specific praise has a powerful effect on your children's behavior. This includes their efforts to work hard at following your directions and small steps in the right direction.
- Use positive reinforcement as often as possible. Focus on activities that support your child's strengths and reinforce feelings of self-esteem, accomplishment and cooperation.
- Do something special with your child so the "reward" also strengthens your relationship.
- If your child needs a more structured reinforcement system, remember the simpler, the easier it is to implement and the most likely you will be consistent.

Set up for success with positive language of the behavior you want to see.

- Communicate clearly what behavior you want your child to demonstrate. Phrase directions in the positive, telling your child what you want them to do, not what you don't want them to do.
- Sometimes the most appropriate response is simply redirecting your child's behavior.
- Setting boundaries reinforce our expectations and sends a clear message we believe they can do what we ask.



3/22-3/26

Spring Break

Week of 4/5

Grades 4/5 FSA Writing

Week of 4/12

Grade 3 FSA ELA (Reading)

Fri., 4/16

Student Holiday/ Teacher Workday

Week of 5/3

Grades 4-5 FSA ELA (Reading)

Week of 5/10

Grades 4/5 FSA Math

Week of 5/17

Grade 5 FSA Science

Happy Birthday!

Mrs. Ratliff 3/19

Ms. Walker 3/20

Mrs. Ankney 3/20

Ms. Bach 3/20

Ms. Hanley 3/23

Mrs. Gomes 3/28

Ms. Goodman 3/31

Please be sure to take advantage of the Shell Elementary food pantry if you need a little boost from time to time. Our pantry is supported by Bread of the Mighty and is intended to support any family attending Hawthorne schools. Email Mrs. Mitchell, Shell Elementary counselor, at mitchesp@gm.sbac.edu or call our front desk (481-1901) if you would like to stop by and pick up some items.