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BHSD Voices - PBIS

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Hello, this is Sean Gallagher — Superintendent of Brookings-Harbor School District here to talk about the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program at Kalmiopsis Elementary School.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports is a way for schools to encourage good behavior. With PBIS, kids learn about behavior expectations, just as they learn other subjects like math or science. The key to PBIS is prevention, not punishment.

Our elementary school has had a PBIS program in place for more than 10 years. Our goal is to teach universal behaviors in the school to be safe, respectful and responsible. By teaching this “CORE” behavior curriculum and positively enforcing these behaviors in every area of our school, we are able to manage 750 elementary students with a focus on academic success.

All staff members are asked to “catch students being good” or exhibiting examples of being safe, respectful and responsible. Students can “save up” these small recognitions to put tickets in for a special end-of-the-year prize drawing.

Each time a student collects a total of 10 tickets they can put that bundle of tickets in one of the boxes on display in the school library for the opportunity to win one of the grand prizes prizes. Each year, the grand prizes vary, this year they include large stuffed animals, a robot, and lego sets.

It's not really about the prizes though. The real reward is celebrating another year of a strong PBIS program that maintains a safe school learning environment and instills the CORE values at an early age, so that "Every Student Can Succeed."