



Office of Mrs. Rotonda, Principal #5 School

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another exciting year in Belleville Public Schools. Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, all elementary schools in Belleville will be implementing a new district-wide behavior system called *Belleville's BANK: Rewarding Behaviors All Need to Know*. The goal of *Belleville's BANK* is to create a positive learning environment that is supported by positive reinforcement for displaying targeted and appropriate behaviors. By creating a rewarding atmosphere, all students, staff, and parents will contribute to an atmosphere that will foster greater learning opportunities and positive peer interactions. Throughout the district, all planned events and activities will be designed to encourage positive behaviors and instill a supportive culture within all schools.

At the beginning of the school year, the school community will teach our students the target behaviors that are expected in all areas of the building. This will be done at the school level during assemblies and announcements. In addition, for a more individualized approach, the expectations will be taught within each classroom on a daily basis. Students will continually be recognized and rewarded for displaying target behaviors. Immediate rewards will involve Belleville BUCKS - school dollars that will be earned for displayed target behaviors. Students will be able to cash in Belleville BUCKS for age-appropriate rewards such as various activities, privileges, and in some cases, tangible rewards. The process for storing Belleville BUCKS will vary depending on grade levels, as will the schedule for cashing them in. A goal of the rewards is to create a common language among all staff and students that reflects the positive behaviors and reinforcing consequences that will be made available. Establishing this common language throughout our schools will help everyone focus on positive behaviors as the common expectations for all students. As opposed to implementing punitive measures for minor infractions, Belleville BUCKS will be used systematically to shape behaviors.

Throughout the year, you will hear more about the Belleville's BANK reward program as well as school-based activities associated with it. We welcome your input and involvement in the BANK program. Please contact your student's teacher or building administrator if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support with this districtwide initiative.

All parents/guardians are invited to a brief meeting, to learn more about the "BANKS" initiative. There WILL BE a slide presentation, also.

Please come on January 18th, at 6:30 p.m. immediately before our 7:00 p.m. PTA meeting. The presentation will be held in the gym. Thank you! Mrs. Rotonda