



Wilson Creek's Rainbow Behavior System

Dear Parents,

Wilson Creek uses the "Rainbow Behavior System" as a school-wide positive behavior management system. It was implemented last year with great success.

The goal of a class-wide or building-wide system is to provide the teacher opportunities to **shape, model and cue** behavior, ultimately achieving rapid classroom behavior change. These behavior support systems for whole groups of students rely on three principles: drawing attention to rule-following behavior, enlisting students as providers of reinforcement for their peers, and utilizing naturally occurring classroom activities and/or privileges contingently. These methods rapidly help teachers achieve a positive classroom environment because they facilitate meeting the common needs of students of all ages: "**power, freedom, fun, and a sense of belonging.**" When these four needs are amply met, difficult behaviors become much less prevalent and individual behavior support plans much less likely to be needed.

All of our teachers do a terrific job targeting not only inappropriate behaviors, but rewarding positive ones. The Rainbow Behavior System is a terrific way to target both in a visual way. All classrooms will have a Rainbow chart in their classrooms. All students, everyday, will start with their card on green. Colors and their explanations are listed below.

PINK	OUTSTANDING	Repeatedly going above expectations or repeatedly exhibiting our Character Counts Traits
PURPLE	GREAT JOB	Not only ready to learn, but going above and beyond expectations
GREEN	READY TO LEARN	Meeting all expectations for behavior
YELLOW	THINK ABOUT IT	Warning
ORANGE	TEACHER CHOICE	Consequence appropriate for negative behavior
RED	PARENT CONTACT	Repeated negative behaviors or even one serious behavior (i.e. fighting) – Note Home or Phone Call

All students will have a monthly calendar that will be filled out daily with the color he/she ended the day on. This calendar will come home **daily** and **BE KEPT IN THE RED TAKE HOME FOLDER AT ALL TIMES.** At the end of the week, please sign this calendar in the space provided and keep it in the folder.

PLEASE DO NOT BE OVERALLY CONCERNED IF YOU SEE SOME DAYS THAT END ON YELLOW OR ORANGE UNLESS IT BECOMES A CONSISTENT PATTERN. IF THIS HAPPENS YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER WILL BE CONTACTING YOU. WE REALIZE THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE JUST LEARNING HOW TO BECOME LEARNERS AT SCHOOL AND MIGHT NEED OCCASSIONAL REMINDERS/WARNINGS.

If you would like any other information regarding this Rainbow Behavior System, feel free to contact me or your child's teacher. We look forward to a great year.

Sincerely – Kim Maher, Wilson Creek Elementary School Principal