

OFFICE OF CLIMATE AND SAFETY BULLETIN

Introduction and Welcome!

Welcome to the January 2019 edition of the Office of Climate and Safety Bulletin. This edition, the first of its kind, highlights various schools doing amazing work to ensure the development of a safe and supportive school environment throughout the School District of Philadelphia. Our aim as an office is to share the good news happening within our district and help build a base of useful practices being implemented within the district.



School Shout Outs

The following sections highlight some of the great practices taking place in the School District of Philadelphia. The Office of Climate and Safety is committed to sharing the good news happening within our district.

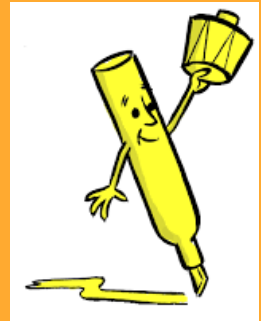
RESOURCE CORNER: OVER 60 SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT ARE CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS (PBIS). TO LEARN MORE, VISIT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

Overview of SDP PBIS: <https://www.philasd.org/schoolclimate/programs-services/pbis/>

PBIS Implementation resources: <https://www.pbis.org/>

Usable PBIS resources for teachers, staff, and family: <http://www.pbisworld.com>

Want to be highlighted?



Would you like to highlight an Office of Climate and Safety related piece of good news? Please e-mail your good news to Kristina Popkin or Steven Rufe at kzameito@philasd.org or rufe@philasd.org.



Want more information?

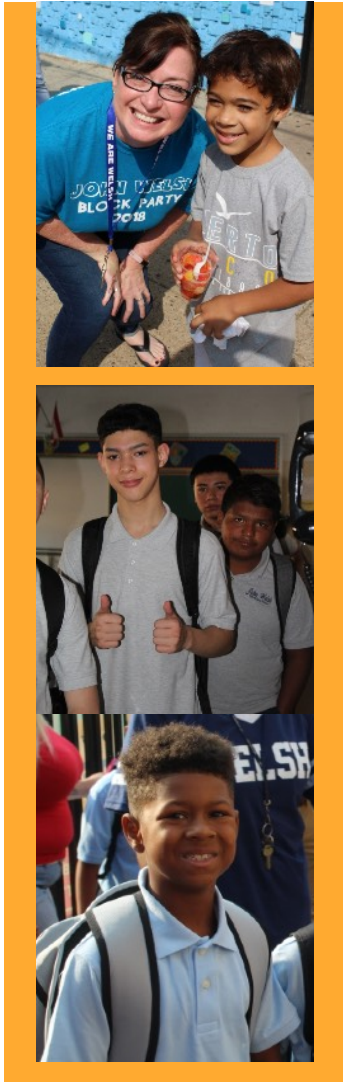
Please [click here](#) to visit the Office of Climate and Safety's website for more information on current practices and supports within the district.

John Welsh Elementary School

On August 22, 2018 John Welsh Elementary School celebrated the opening of a new school year with a Community Block Party. During this celebration and kickoff to the new school year, our staff at John Welsh worked in conjunction with the School District of Philadelphia’s “Ring the Bell” initiative to spread the word about the first day of school on August 27, 2018. At the party, our staff volunteered from 4-6PM to play games with students, their families, and other community members. In addition to the various games, a bouncy house, and other fun activities, our staff of John Welsh were able to provide water ice, soft pretzels, and drinks to those who attended. The Block Party was an excellent way for John Welsh and our community partners to engage in a meaningful and fun way to start off a new year!



The celebration continued at John Welsh on the very first day of school on August 27th, 2018 when students were welcomed with a red carpet, pompoms cheering them on, and an opening Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) assembly. During this kickoff assembly, students were introduced to school-wide expectations, the Bulldog Pride system of positive recognition, and even listened to a PBIS rap performed by John Welsh’s very own Assistant Principal, Ms. Burrell.



James Logan Elementary School

Welcome to Logan! As one of the City’s community schools, Logan has much to offer its families and students. In partnership with DHS and the CUA, Turning Points, Logan staff host a Parent Cafe twice per year.

Their first was on Thursday September 13th. The Parent Cafe offers parents a time to come to the school early morning to

receive important school updates related to attendance, climate, enrichment opportunities for students, and adult services available at the school. The meeting offers a full hot breakfast. In addition to the Parent Cafe, parent meetings occur monthly at the school. These meetings offer continental breakfast.



Kirkbride Elementary School

Kirkbride Elementary had an innovative and fun Back to School Night success! They had a carnival-like experience for students and families to celebrate kicking off the new school year and unveiling their new playground. They joined with various community partners (Sunrise and SEAMAAC - hip hop heritage program) to provide entertainment and information to a number of families who attended. Families were then invited into the school to learn about a new partnership with WestEd to bring Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTTs) to Kirkbride this year. Below is the flyer for more information.



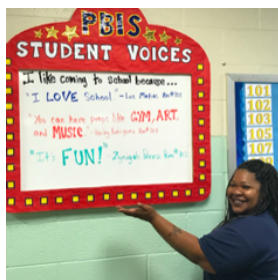
Henry H. Houston Elementary School



This year Houston’s climate staff have created a room for students that are in need of reflection on behavior. They believe that it is important to keep students in school as much as possible.

This room is a reflective space for students that have received an in school suspension. It is also a space for students that need a temporary break away from their classroom. Students are asked to complete assigned classroom work

during their visit and complete grade appropriate reflection sheets. Students also receive the help of supportive climate staff to assist them in navigating their school challenges.



Hartranft Elementary School

Shout out to Hartranft staff, their climate manager, and Dr. William Swain for the new PBIS Student Voices display in the lobby.

INTERESTING READS: ARTICLES FOR CONSIDERATION

[Juvenile Law Center "Price of Justice"](#): Nearly one million youth appear in juvenile court every year. The costs for families can be astronomical, yet many states require families to pay for court fees despite their inability. This article digs deep into the statutes of all 50 days regarding their juvenile justice courts.

National Convention on Social Emotional and Academic Development released [case study](#) on the correlation between school culture and student development

Warren G. Harding Middle School

Warren G. Harding kicks off their PBIS campaign with community support from Fox News. Students are awarded scholar dollars that can be used to purchase a myriad of prizes, included coveted bluetooth speakers. These scholar dollars are awarded to students who illustrate one of the three school-wide expectations: being safe, on task, and respectful (SOAR). To view this video, visit: <http://www.fox29.com/358839334-video>

Edwin Forest Elementary School



Edwin Forest rolled-out their PBIS framework in August and doing an excellent job. The school has demonstrated evidence of teaching students the expectations and the overall climate in the building has shifted dramatically from last year! Specifically, new lunchroom/recess procedures are already becoming a natural transition for students. At week two of school, students were observed sitting in the recess yard awaiting instructions prior to free play. It was truly awesome to hear staff and students "Show their Stripes" reciting the expectations as one school, one sound, one voice in the yard. Way to go Mr. Spina, principal, and the Forrest PBIS Team and staff. We at Forest are looking forward to a great year.

Lewis Elkin Elementary School

After a Rocky theme song introduction, Ed Braswell, climate manager, SOARed into the auditorium to get students pumped about being Safe, Orderly, Attentive and Respectful. Notice in the background are students seated in desks on the stage, this is because part of the presentation was skits that involved adults pretending to be silly students not following the rules and Elkin Scholars in turn demonstrating how to follow the expectations in school. Way to go Lewis Elkin Elementary School!



EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND WORKSHOPS

Free Admission to the Franklin Institute Community Nights on January 28, February 25, March 18, and May 20 from 5:00-8:00pm. For more information, visit: <https://www.fi.edu/special-events/community-nights>.

BHHEN is offering a mental health first aid training on February 7th and 8th from 8:30-1:00PM. For more information visit: <https://www.bhten.com/calendar>.