



"Reach for the stars."

Christa McAuliffe School

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Hello CMS families!

We are at the end of our first week of school (well three days anyway!). Your children are off to a great start, and I want to compliment them. Much time was spent by classroom teachers reviewing and teaching behavior expectations both in and out of the classroom, and your children showed responsibility and respect for these expectations.

As a PBIS school (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports), our mission is to promote, facilitate, and support a **Caring**, **Motivated**, and **Safe** (CMS) learning community by establishing positive behavior supports so that all students can achieve social, emotional, and academic success.

On Tuesday, September 6th, our entire school will participate in our very first PBIS roll out. We will focus on practicing and consistently exhibiting our Hallway expectations. We held an all-school assembly today to introduce this roll out. We talked about our new Caring Motivated Safe posters reminding us of behavior expectations throughout the school, and we also met our new Comet mascot! The Comet helps us all to remember to reach for the stars.

HALLWAY EXPECTATIONS

| Caring | Motivated | Safe |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 1. Use level 2 voice if necessary• Smile and wave• Follow adult directions• Help others | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep hallways and lockers neat• Walk directly to your destination | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Let an adult know your destination• Walk• Stay to the right, be polite• Use handrails and take one step at a time |

Over the next three weeks, staff members throughout the school will hand out small stars to individuals who are "caught in the act" of exhibiting our hallway expectations and procedures. Classes will collectively add their stars to our Reach for the Stars display on the glass wall on the second floor of the building. You can view this wall as soon as you walk through our front door. Our roll out will conclude when we've earned enough stars to fill our display. At that point, we will hold an all-school celebration to acknowledge our school community's success.

The PBIS team welcomes and encourages families and community members to become active members of our team. We value shared decision-making, and your feedback is important to fostering a positive school culture at CMS. Please consider joining our team!

Best regards,
Kris Gallo