

## **PBIS at Rolling Terrace ES**

### **The Third Year – 2011-2012**

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports is a process for teaching children appropriate behavior and providing the supports necessary to sustain that behavior. It is the application of evidence-based strategies and systems to assist schools: to increase academic performance, increase safety, decrease problem behavior, and establish positive school cultures.

At Rolling Terrace, the PBIS committee and the staff have designed, developed, and deployed a number of initiatives over the past two years. We have been awarded Silver Level Recognition from Montgomery County for our achievements during our first year of implementation. The committee and staff will be further developing plans for the following years until we reach full implementation.

Here are the highlights of PBIS at Rolling Terrace.

1. Our students know the expectations and strategies necessary for positive behavior at Rolling Terrace. All staff has been part of teaching, modeling, and reinforcing our expectations. We use Tiger Paw Traits to encourage our students to be responsible, respectful, safe and prepared.
2. Tiger Paws and incentives are our way of recognizing students who are meeting and/or exceeding expectations daily. Children who receive a tiger paw

use them to earn individual, class, or grade level rewards. Reward options include: lunch with a teacher, sitting with a friend or in the teacher's chair, stickers, extra recess, and classroom parties.

Individual students and classes are recognized daily on the morning and afternoon announcements, an acknowledgement which has drawn a very positive response! All of the students at Rolling Terrace know the four Tiger Paw traits and are working toward their individual and group goals! Ask your child what "reward" they are working toward. Congratulations to all the students who have earned tiger paws so far this year!

3. RT Spirit and celebrations are another way we celebrate our successes! School wide events such as spirit week and assemblies are held throughout the year. During these events, we showcase students who have been demonstrating respect, responsibility, safety and preparedness.