



Highland Park PBIS/School Climate Update:

Hello Parents, Guardians and Families of Highland Park School. We would like to inform you of a change being made to the way we recognize our students' achievements this year. In the past we would offer Thank You Fun Days for the select students who were excelling at our PBIS expectations of being safe, responsible and respectful. While these were great events, we want to try something new this year. At times it was challenging to get parent volunteers for the date needed and teacher coverage could also be a challenge. Using student feedback, we also learned that sometimes the selected students would be absent and miss the event or they would have preferred a different month's activity.

We hope this new plan will acknowledge all of the students' achievements and successes. As discussed at our last PTA meeting and the Board of Ed meeting, we will attempt to reach more of our student population by using spirit sticks to recognize our students. All students will be given a custom made Highland Park key chain provided by our school PTA. Students will be able to earn exclusive spirit sticks and a certificate, as well as be recognized at our school wide pep rallies. Our school PTA will also have fun spirit sticks at certain events available for a small fee.

Another change we are making this year is we are replacing the small plastic paws that the students could earn for positive behaviors. Teachers/other staff members will offer a chance to earn other types of paw items like pencils, erasers, etc.

One final announcement is that we are in the process of reviewing and updating our Student Ambassador Program. There will be more information coming soon!