

MTSS NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter to keep you informed. MTSS at work in Goff Junior High

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MTSS Rollout to Staff on April 17th

Our Goff Pride Matrix is FINISHED! We are planning on rolling out the Behavior Matrix that we collectively developed as a Goff Staff during our PD day on April 17th. Half of the PD Day will be dedicated to MTSS. Be ready to have fun, play games and win prizes! We have activities scheduled and will be able to answer any questions you may have... Oh, and lunch will be provided!



Getting Goff Students Involved

Once the Behavior Matrix is in place, we will be looking for students to help decorate the school with posters and murals

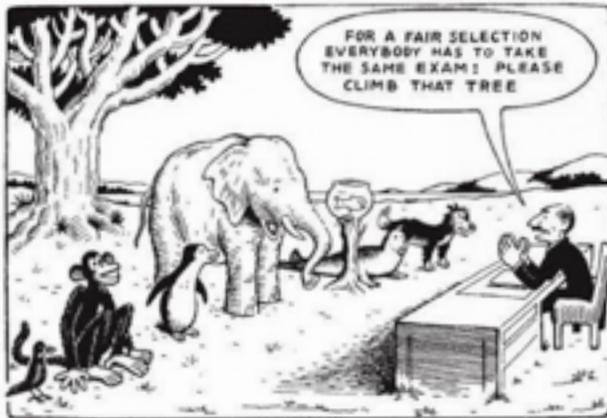
Personal Responsibility

Respect

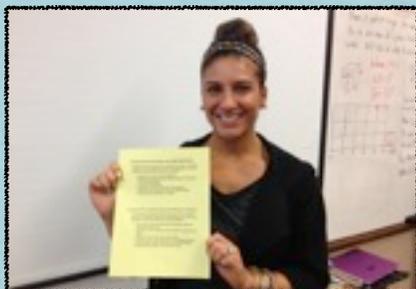
Invovement

Determination

Excellence



POSITIVE EFFECTS OF MTSS AT WORK



Mrs. Gravel should have come to your classroom to hand out a sheet explaining what the protocol is for handing out Goff Stickers and Good Behavior Tickets. If she has not made it to your classroom... she will be there soon!



GOFF STUDENT STICKERS

RECIPIENTS THIS MONTH RECEIVED:
PAWSOX TICKETS



GOFF GOOD BEHAVIOR RAFFLE TICKET WINNER:

6TH GRADER STEPHEN R. WON A KINDLE

“Stickahs” and Raffle Tickets...?

by **Melanie Moe**

Art Teacher

I am sure many of you are wondering, why the stickers? Do they work as an incentive? Should I even bother? Why reward the students for good behavior and doing the right thing? Maybe there are some of you are wondering, how can I get more stickers?

I decided to do a random polling of students today of two very different classroom groupings of students. I asked each class the same questions:

1. How many of you have stickers?

2. Who likes the idea of receiving tickets for doing the “right thing”?

3. Who likes that stickers can earn you a “prize”?

4. Who does not like the stickers; think the stickers are useless.

I was very shocked to see that even though the classes were full of two very different groupings of students, their answers were shockingly similar.

When students were asked- How many of you have stickers? There were on average 8 students who raised their hands... then the comments started: “Miss, my teachers don’t handout stickers.”, “Only the 6th graders get stickers.”, “I do the right things and never get a sticker.”, “Only the bad students get stickers when they are acting good...”.

SUCCESS CAN BE FOUND...



* Who would of thought these little stickers could generate such a buzz? Stickers are used as a reward for doing the “right thing”. Good Behavior Tickets are used to recognize behaviors that go above and beyond...



An overwhelming majority of students in the two classes polled like the idea behind earning stickers; they are excited to earn stickers and prizes.

Every hand, minus 2 per class went up when I asked the classes- Who likes receiving stickers for doing the “right thing” & Who likes that stickers can earn you a “prize”. Only 2 students in each class felt that the stickers where useless.

I guess a great analogy for the reasoning behind rewarding students for displaying good behavior, the student who is always doing the “right thing” and for the student who finally is doing what is asked of them is this: We get rewarded for doing the “right thing”. We show up, come to work, teach (somedays it’s “try to teach”) and we are rewarded for doing the “right thing “... with our paycheck.

In short, I guess what I am trying to say, is try and give the stickers a shot. I gave a student a ticket last week who was encouraging another student to finish his work. She was helping him come up with ideas on how to creatively finish his building design. I told her I was proud of her and that she is displaying Goff Pride through her actions. When I gave her a sticker her jaw dropped, she was in shock. She said, “Thank you so much Miss, this is the first sticker I have ever got”. She was shocked, proud and elated... all over one sticker... and I have to say, that look of sheer joy on her face... was pretty cool.

PS **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:**
STUDENTS-JUNE 19TH!
TEACHERS-JUNE 20TH :)