

January 18, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Moreland Ridge students and staff members participate in Positive Behavior Support (PBS). The purpose of PBS is to help schools create positive learning environments that lead to increased opportunities for all students to learn and decreased discipline problems.

As part of our program, we have established the “Blue Springs **BEST**” that identifies our school district’s expectations: **B**e Responsible Students; **E**xpect Your Best; **S**how Safe Behavior; and **T**reat Others Respectfully. Further, we have defined what it means to behave in ways that exemplify those expectations in all areas of the school, including the hallways, cafeteria, classroom and restrooms. Students learn and discuss these expectations during weekly class meetings with their PACK.

Throughout the day, students are recognized for displaying appropriate behavior. Teachers and staff members are on the lookout for students following Blue Springs **BEST** expectations. When they catch a student displaying the appropriate behavior, students receive a “Way To Go!” ticket. We hold monthly drawings for those students who have received one or more “Way To Go!” tickets. They also may use their “Way To Go!” tickets to “buy” various items at any time.

At the end of each semester, MRMS sponsors a field trip during the school day for students who achieve certain criteria. Students who earned the 1st semester field trip will soon enjoy a movie during the school day at Blue Springs 8 Cinema. The criteria for the 2nd semester field trip is listed below. The 2nd semester field trip is to Worlds of Fun in May!!! All students learned about the 2nd semester field trip requirements during PACK last week. The MRMS extracurricular activities are listed on the reverse side with the teacher sponsors in case you’d like to directly contact them to learn more information.

Please call or email your child’s assistant principal (Mrs. Spencer or Mr. Lyon) if you have questions or seek further information. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Moreland Ridge Husky Student Wellness Committee

Worlds of Fun Field Trip Requirements:

1. **Attendance** – Students is present at school 95% of the days 2nd semester OR has a 95% cumulative attendance for the 2016-17 school year. The cut-off date to learn the 2nd semester attendance percentage will be announced at the beginning of 4th quarter (March 20ish).
2. **Academic Achievement** – Student earns a grade of C- or higher in each class during 2nd semester.
3. **School Discipline** – Student receives no office referrals during 2nd semester.
4. **Reading** – Student is prepared with book and reads silently during every 2nd semester Tuesday PACK.
5. **School Activities** – Student participates in extracurricular activities and qualifies by meeting ONE of the following (see reverse side for complete list) during 2nd semester:
 - a. 1 MSHAA recognized sport **OR** 2 school-sponsored activities
 - b. **OR** 1 school-sponsored activity plus 15 “Way to Go” tickets

2nd Semester MSHAA Approved Activities: MSHAA activities count of TWO activities for the PBS field trip.

Basketball (try-outs) — 8th grade boys & girls (Coaches Allen & Middleton)

Track & Field — 8th grade boys & girls (Coaches Lewis & Fansher)

Special Olympics Track & Field – 6th, 7th, & 8th grade boys & girls participants only (BSSD)

Debate & Forensics (try-outs) – 7th & 8th grade (Mr. Leith & Mrs. Small)

Scholar Bowl – 7th & 8th grade (Mr. Day)

2nd Semester Approved MRMS Activities: Each activity listed below counts as ONE activity for the PBS field trip.

Year-Long Activities:

Student Council (elected) – Mrs. Straka

NJHS (invite only) – Mrs. Twombly

Patriots Club (must qualify) – Mrs. Kennedy

Yearbook (invite only) – Mr. & Mrs. Kerr

Thespians/Drama Club – Mr. Leith & Mrs. Small

Jazz Band (auditions) – Ms. Cameron

Husky Vision – Mrs. Pennington & Mrs. White

FCCLA – Mrs. Perrin

Honors Choir (auditions) – Mrs. Finch

Show Choir (auditions) – Mrs. Finch

FCA – Ms. Love

Math Club (7th & 8th grade) – Ms. Turner

TAB “Teen Advisory Board” – Mrs. Pennington

Semester Two Activities:

Math Club (6th grade) – Ms. Turner

Intramural Volleyball – Ms. Love

Intramural Soccer – Mr. Laws

One Acts (try-outs) – Mr. Leith & Mrs. Small

Variety Show (try-outs) – Mrs. Finch

Winter Guard (try-outs) – BS South

Intramural girls’ basketball – Coach Middleton

Intramural boys’ basketball – Coach Fansher

Travel Club – Mrs. Doolin

Pep Club for Track & Field – Mrs. Hay & Ms. Spengler

Spring Butterfly Garden Club – Mrs. Kolar

Manager for 8th grade boys’ basketball team – Coach Allen

Manager for 8th grade girls’ basketball team – Coach Middleton

Manager for 8th grade girls’ track team – Coach Lewis

Manager for 8th grade boys’ track team – Coach Fansher

Spring Cheerleading – Mrs. Dean

To meet participation criteria, students must participate for the entire season and/or activity. In try-out or audition activities, student must be selected for participation.