



Tarwater Elementary School

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Dear Fifth Grade Families,

We are very fortunate to have wonderful students at Tarwater Elementary School. However, we have noticed an increase in incidents involving inappropriate behaviors, specifically in Fifth Grade. As a staff, we are committed to providing a safe and positive learning environment for all students. To ensure we are providing this environment, the actions and initiatives we are implementing, and will build over the course of the school year, will include:

1. There will be increased supervision in addition to teachers continuing to accompany their classes during student transitions throughout the day.
2. Our Student Services Coordinator, Dean of Students and I are in the process of meeting with each Fifth Grade classroom to review the following:
 - The importance of being kind to others and WHY it is important.
 - What inappropriate behaviors can look like, what impact they can have on others and why there is no place for that at Tarwater.
 - The importance of informing an adult if they experience someone being unkind or inappropriate to them; if they or someone they know witnesses inappropriate or unkind behavior; and what avenues are available to them.
3. Social/Emotional Learning lessons in the classroom (SET).
4. Targeting our Toro Targets:
 - Courage
 - Compassion
 - Integrity
 - Respect
 - Responsibility

District Level personnel will also be working with our staff to provide additional support and resources to further these initiatives to students, staff and families. As we move forward, we want to encourage students to have a voice and connect them to the many resources available on campus to help them if they ever need it. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Diane Hale
Principal

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