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Dear parents,

We want to inform you of the guidelines of our BEAR Pride reward system. We began this system at the beginning of this school year and sent home a copy of the guidelines; however, we have been somewhat lenient with them in trying to help both students and parents adjust and have every opportunity for students to qualify for the BEAR Pride reward trip.

The BEAR Pride incentive program was implemented this year to reward students for successful academics, behavior and attendance. The criteria for attending the second 9-weeks BEAR Pride trip started over on Monday, October 20th. The academic and behavioral criteria will stay the same as it was the first 9-weeks. Beginning Monday, October 27th, we begin full implementation of the following attendance guidelines that students must meet in order to qualify for the BEAR Pride reward trips for the remainder of the year:

1. Passing all classes
2. No 0's in the grade book
3. No D-hall or "Code of Conduct" referrals
4. No tardies (School day begins at 8:00)
5. No absences
 - Attendance is taken every period. If a student is not present in class during that period, then that is considered an absence.
 - Even though a doctor's note will excuse an absence for state attendance accounting purposes, it will **not excuse** them for BEAR Pride (this is a change from the 1st nine-weeks)
 - Signing students out early from school for any reason is considered an absence, and therefore will cause them to be ineligible for the BEAR Pride reward trip. (this is a change from the 1st nine-weeks)
 - The two exceptions for absences that are excused are **funerals** and **court-appointed appearances**. Documentation must be provided.

Please understand that this is a reward, not a punishment. It rewards those students who meet all criteria.

Sincerely,

Lisa Brown