# A-State PBIS Resource Center News

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# **Arkansas Educators, We Thank You**

We salute the Arkansas educators who understand
That positive behavioral interventions can help to mend
A positive school culture and climate to achieve
Better student outcomes that all can believe

They provide support to students and help them to thrive Offering them the tools in which to survive

Be it in the classroom or out on the field

Positive interventions can help make things heal

We thank you educators for all that you do And for the positive interventions that you pursue It's through your hard work and dedication That our students receive the education

That will help them be successful in all that they do And that is why we thank you!



# **December Arkansas PBIS Networking Session - Last One For 2022!**

When

Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 2:30-3:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

#### More information

This is your chance to network with other amazing PBIS schools throughout our state. A-State PBIS Resource Center staff will be on hand to guide the discussion and provide FREE Coaching and Technical Assistance. Reserve your Zoom spot today!

First Name

Last Name

**Email Address** 

Attend (RSVP)

#### **Upcoming Events at A-State**

- January 11, 2023 8:30-3:30: Back to Basics: Is your PBIS Tier I Foundation Solid?
- February 7 & 8, 2023 8:30-3:30: PBIS Tier II Team Training 2 Day Series
- March 8, 2023 8:30-11:30: Aligning Trauma-Informed Practices With Your PBIS Framework
- March 8, 2023 12:30-3:30: How to Implement Culturally Responsive PBIS With Fidelity
- May 18, 2023 8:30-3:30: <u>Annual Sharing & Planning Day Celebrate and Recalibrate for Your</u> 2023-2024 School Year!

# Some Thoughts About Inclusiveness During the Holidays

#### Thank you to author Aliza Werner for sharing her work!

Aliza Werner is an Education Consultant and Children's Literature Reviewer. Aliza is on Twitter at <u>@alizawerner</u>.



#### When Santa Claus...

classroomcommunities.com

The TV ads Have been telling me Since October, Since I was born, That Christmas is Snow covered Evergreens with Glittering ornaments Families happy together in cozy jammies Hot cocoa in hands Fires crackling, embers aglow And Gifts -- Latest. Greatest. Batteries not included. You may believe it's the most wonderful time of the year...

### **Planning for January: Back to Basics**

December is a busy month and as we get closer to the holidays, there's more excitement and often more challenging behaviors. Adults may need to use prompts, precorrection, and acknowledgments at a higher rate throughout the month. December is also a great time to start thinking about how you will re-teach behavior expectations after returning in January.

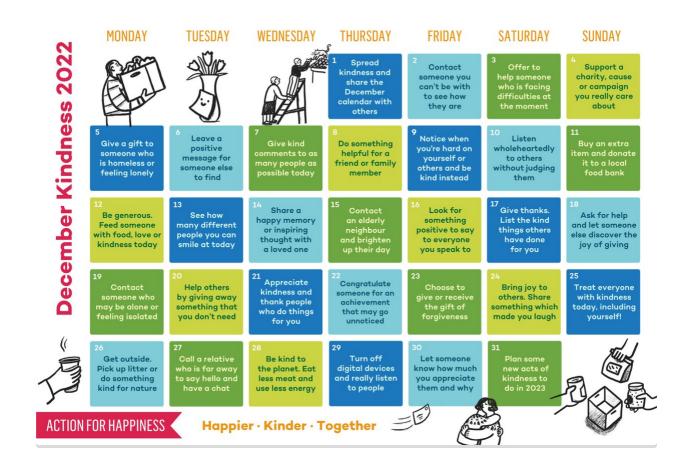
It's important to go through all of the school-wide behavior expectations after a long break to remind students (and staff!) of all the expected appropriate behaviors across all school settings. If you have data from past years, look for specific areas of high need and be ready to prevent those big spikes. Teachers should spend some time that first week reminding students of the classroom expectations and routines, too.

Along with re-teaching expected behaviors, don't forget to reinforce students at high rates for using the expected behaviors. Students in group or individualized interventions may need some extra reinforcement as they get back to their routines, too.

If your school behavior team is in need of a refresher or booster, join us at A-State on January 11th! Click the link in the 'Upcoming Events at A-State' section above to get more information.

#### **Self-Care Corner**

Do Good December: Carry out Small Acts of Kindness



# **Arkansas Happenings**

December has been a busy month for the A-State Team!

We enjoyed 2 full days of PBIS Tier I Training with 12 schools in Little Rock School District. Teachers, counselors, administrators, and other school personnel spent team time creating a plan for teaching and reinforcing positive behavioral expectations! We can't wait to see the final product when they kick off their plans at their schools.

Planning is underway for more PBIS training in the North Little Rock School District, too. We are excited to see what schools have started and to work with them on continuing their implementation process.

This spring will be our final semester working with schools in the Arkansas AWARE Grant. Schools in Texarkana, Eureka Springs, Valley Springs, and Ozark Mountain have been boosting their PBIS Tier I implementation and preparing for Tier II training after the break.

#### Resources

Arkansas PBIS Training Modules and Facilitator Guides
National Center on PBIS
PBISApps

