



## Westvale Elementary PBIS Plan: The Westvale Way

### What are Wolf Bucks?

Wolf Bucks are a Tier I strategy to reinforce our students for following the “Westvale Way”. A Wolf Buck is an incentive for students to follow the School Expectations (The Westvale Way). The purpose of the Wolf Buck is to promote positive interactions with students by all staff members and acknowledge kids for great behavior. Staff members may acknowledge any student with Wolf Bucks for doing a great job with any of our school expectations. These expectations include the **Westvale PACK**. Positive Leaders, Always Safe, Caring & Responsible, Kind and Respectful. Students can earn Wolf Bucks from any staff member in the building and in any location. As students earn Wolf Bucks, they then turn them in at their grade level stores to earn prizes.

### How do students earn Wolf Bucks?

Staff members give out Wolf Bucks throughout the school day to the students they feel are following the School Expectations (The Westvale Way). This is a very special acknowledgement. Students should earn Wolf Bucks throughout each day. Students who earn 5 Wolf Bucks a day would be students that follow the “Westvale Way” at all times. Earning Wolf Bucks is for following the expectations consistently. **Avoid giving/taking away Wolf Bucks from ALL students in a class at the same time. These are meant as an individual reward system.** If the whole class is following the Westvale Way you should reinforce that with our whole class reward system (Westvale Paws).

### What do students do with Wolf Bucks?

Students collect the Wolf Bucks in their pencil boxes or desks. Please make sure they keep track of them. You can also make little classroom wallets to hold their Wolf Bucks. They then use them at their grade level stores to purchase prizes. Students can hold onto money as long as they want to save up for certain prizes. Wolf Bucks are not replaced if they are lost.

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### What is a Blue Westvale Paw?

A Blue Westvale Paw is an incentive for **whole classes** to work together to follow “The Westvale Way” (School Expectations). This includes our Westvale Pack Expectations:

#### **At Westvale Elementary we are...**

- P**ositive Leaders
- A**lways Safe
- C**aring & Responsible
- K**ind & Respectful

### **When do I give Blue Westvale Paws?**

Give a Blue Westvale Paw when you see an entire class following “The Westvale Way” (the School Expectations). Blue Westvale Paws are meant to be an award for other classes. You **may not** award them to your own class. For example – You see a class walking quietly down the hallway . . . you can give them a Blue Westvale Paw and acknowledge them for being so respectful. This requires us as teachers and faculty members to constantly be on the lookout for positive behaviors exhibited by other classes. You do not have to carry the Blue Paws around with you at all times. Instead you will notify the class and teacher that they have earned a Westvale Paw and the teacher will give it to them.

### **What does a class get for Blue Westvale Paw?**

Classes get positive acknowledgement and reinforcement for receiving a Blue Westvale Paw. Each class collects Paws and displays them where everyone can see. Once they have 30 Paws the class will receive a mystery prize. Please email TJ Davenport (Assistant Principal) once your class has 30 Westvale Paws. Mr. Davenport will then schedule a time with the teacher to come to your class and spin the mystery prize wheel. Your class will earn one of the many prizes. A time will then be scheduled for your class to receive this prize. After this is complete, your class will start over earning their 30 Westvale Paws again.

### **What is a Golden Westvale Paw?**

A Golden Westvale Paw is a super special acknowledgement that a substitute CAN give to their own class at the end of the day, if they had a wonderful experience with their class. Please attach a Golden Westvale Paw with your sub plans. These are worth 5 Blue Westvale Paws and HIGHLY COVETED! The guest teacher will sign it and turn it into the office when they return the keys. These will be given to the administration to be announced the following day. Administration will return them to you to post with your Blue Stars.

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### **Why are we doing this?**

We are doing this to teach our students the School Expectations (The Westvale Way). We are... Positive Leaders, Always Safe, Caring & Responsible, Kind & Respectful at all times and in all places. Also, we want to reward students for positive behavior and encourage other students to rise to the occasion and follow suit. **It is extremely important to focus on the positives instead of the negatives. Praise (be specific) students/classes that earn these rewards.**

**The expectation is that ALL staff and guest teachers use “Wolf Bucks” to acknowledge individual students and “Westvale Paws” to recognize entire classes exhibiting positive behaviors. All you have to do is distribute Wolf Bucks and Westvale Paws to students or classes who are showing that they are following the “Westvale Way”.**

**We suggest teachers and staff give up to 5 Wolf Bucks for students who are doing AMAZING jobs at following the school expectations. We also suggest that teachers find between 2-3 opportunities a day to award other classes with Westvale Paws.**