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## P.B.I.S. Kick-Off 2011

By: Erica Gowdy

I surveyed Mrs. Heard's 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus group about how they liked the P.B.I.S. Kick-off. Here are some of their comments of what they liked about the assembly:

Malia Mullen-"The teachers acting goofy"

Ale Balmer-"I liked the dancing teachers"

Nikki Stubbs:"The game looked fun"

Destinee Russell- "I liked all of it"

Colton Smith- "The game looked fun"

Bryce Moffitt- "It was AWESOME"

The entire student body and teachers were at the Kick-off on Thursday Sept.15. It was held in the gym where they played P.B.I.S. Jeopardy. Cassidy Freeman a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Anthony Ruggles a 6<sup>th</sup>

grader, and MR. McNeil the 5th grade social studies teacher were pulled out of a bag and played the Jeopardy game. They got Talon tickets which they won if they got a question correct. When you got 5 Talon Tickets you can get 1 Eagle Pride Ticket. The object of the game was to review the school-wide expectations at M.C.I.S.

Welcome  
Back!



## P.B.I.S. At Mercer County Intermediate School What is PBIS?

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive systems approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture that is needed for all students in a school to achieve overall success.

PBIS is a program that has been in use in the district for many

years. At the Intermediate school the staff has decided to focus on reinstating this program to help support every student become as successful as he/she can be.

The staff has been re-teaching important social skills and rewarding displayed behaviors and having daily, weekly and quar-

terly drawings for students to win prizes. Students seem to be responding well to the system, and they enjoy hearing their name being called at the end of the day!

Stay tuned for more information on PBIS.

## Inside the classroom with Ms. McKnight

By: Colton Smith

My first question with Ms. McKnight was, How do you like working at M.C.I.S? Her response was, of course! "I love working with all the staff and the students, they are all wonderful." What do you do to be the best teacher you can? "I try to help all the students with any questions that they might have for example, extra help, if they need it." Why did you choose to teach the grade level you are at? "I always loved math even at a

very young age I wanted to be a math teacher." I also asked, was teaching your first career choice? "Yes! There is nothing I would want to be!" If you could have any other job in the world what would it be? "I would be a zip line instructor on a tropical island." Where are you originally from? "I'm from Taylo Ridge, and I went to the Rockridge schools. And finally, when did you first decide you wanted to be a teacher? "When

I was 6, I always played teacher with my brother and my friends, my mom even bought us decks and a chalk board to play with. Even several of my friends became teachers." She wants to also remind students to turn their homework in on time!



Meet the Awesome, New  
6th Grade Teachers  
at M.C.I.S.



## Behind the Scenes with Mrs. Sponheim

By: Ale Balmer

Mrs. Sponheim is originally from Marengo, IL. When asked when she first realized that she wanted to become a teacher she replied, "When I was really little. I played teacher quite often." Teaching was something she knew she was

passionate about. If she were to have a different occupation she would like to do, "anything with children." The fact that she loves helping kids and getting to know kids helped her realize she really wanted to teach children. She thinks that

the sixth grade is a fun group and said, "M.C.I.S. is a very cool school." This really makes her an awesome teacher in my eyes!