

Great Expectations!

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Week 7 - What's a team? What's a school? Why PRIDE?

Here We Go! So, we talked about going to college and College Week. Why do we wear t-shirts and/or jerseys? Why do we wear shirts that tell where we dance, play a sport, go to church, go to school? What is PRIDE? Why do we want others to think our school is great? What are things we do that make others (visitors) think McAuliffe is better than other schools?

Talk about some of these questions. Lead the students to have an understanding of what PRIDE is and how we take PRIDE in our school.

Next...On a whiteboard, poster, construction paper... make a list of things that we do to make our school better than others. (How we introduce ourselves, how we shake hands, how we walk in the hall...) Now, make a list of things that we need to do better. This is a good time to talk about bullying, running in the halls, playing in the restrooms.

Before you're done...Bring the conversation around to the behavior in the cafeteria during our GE assembly last week. Ask students to model sitting up, looking forward, making eye contact, active listening. What example did we set for the Marcus soccer boys when we wiggled and talked during the assembly? Did we show PRIDE in our school? Does any student remember what we talked about? The purpose was to promote Reflections and UIL! Take a moment to encourage students to participate in Reflections. The theme is "Beauty Is..." Use this opportunity to help students better understand the Reflections program/competition.

If you finish before...Have your group practice walking in the hall - one student behind the other with one square between each student. No running, and no breaks in the line.

Let's Head Out... Remind students to have PRIDE in everything that they do. Tie this into our school rules:

Respect Yourself.

Respect Others.

Respect Property.

Take a minute to love your group. This is your time to teach them our expectations. Hand out at least one Star Watcher every day for the next week. Take time to recognize those who have PRIDE in their actions!