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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. Forest Pines Drive Elementary School is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year of implementing **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** and we're still using the **SLY** theme to teach your child to make positive choices every day. Throughout the first few weeks of school, your child is being taught school expectations (see other side). These expectations will be reinforced throughout the year.

**Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports** is a proactive systems approach for creating and maintaining safe and effective learning environments in schools, and ensuring that all students have the social/emotional skills needed to ensure their success in school and beyond. It is our belief that by creating a positive culture in our schools students will be able to achieve more academically and build positive relationships with other students and adults. The foundation of the approach emphasizes teaching students the behaviors we expect to see, reminding them to use those behaviors, acknowledging them when they do, and correcting them when they do not.

Our students will learn to be S.L.Y., an acronym for:

**S**how Respect  
**L**isten and Learn  
**Y**our Safety Counts

Our PBIS system has a number of components that you and your children will quickly become familiar with:

**Behavior Matrix**- A list of the expected behaviors in the different settings throughout the school environment (see other side).

**Behavioral Expectation Lessons**- Lesson plans used to teach expected behavior.

**SLY Compliment cards** – The basis of our reward system.

Please review the enclosed matrix with your child. It would be a great idea to place the matrix in a visible spot in your home, where you can refer to it often and help reinforce positive behavior expectations.

The research continues to pour in and support the fact that PBIS initiatives are effective in establishing a positive school climate. We are very excited to be a part of this initiative and hope you are too.

The Forest Pines Drive PBIS Team and Forest Pines Staff

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