Dear Parent/Guardian,

Broxton Mary Hayes Elementary School is participating in an important state and district initiative titled, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is supported by the Georgia Department of Education and the Coffee County School System to promote academic success, appropriate and positive behavior, and a safe and more effective school climate in grades K – 8. The ultimate goal of PBIS is to create an environment where educators can teach and all students learn without disruption. This exciting initiative will allow BMHE to:

* Teach students the behaviors we expect
* Provide a safe environment where students excel academically and socially
* Encourage positive behavior and interactions
* Decrease problem behavior and keep students in class
* Reduce the number of office discipline referrals

Our school, as part of the PBIS initiative our school has defined a set of school-wide expectations and rules for behaviors in all areas of the school. These expectations will be posted throughout the school in hallways, cafeteria, restrooms, gym, and other locations throughout the building. All students will be explicitly taught these behavioral expectations through school developed lesson plans than include examples and non-examples of the specific expectation being addressed. Students who are caught exhibiting desired behaviors outlined in the behavior matrix of expectations will be rewarded with a Broxton Buc. These dollars can be used to purchase items or privileges from the school PBIS store. Our school-wide expectations are:

* **Be Responsible**
* **Be Respectful**
* **Be Trustworthy**

We believe that by helping students practice good behavior, we will build a school community where **ALL** students have an environment where they **CAN** succeed and grow both academically and socially.

We would like your input and your involvement as we move forward with the PBIS initiative in our school. Please contact us if you have any questions or need further information (912) 359 – 2391. Thanks for your support!

If you would like more information on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, please visit the following websites:

**General Information: Family Involvement and PBIS:**

<http://www.pbis.org/> - English <http://www.pbis.org/family/default.aspx> - English

<http://www.pbis.org/spanish/main-es.htm> – Spanish <http://www.pbis.org/spanish/families-es.htm> - Spanish

Thank you for your support!