

Superintendent Report

June 14, 2016

I would like to congratulate **Grijalva Elementary School**, which received a Merit Award from Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports of Arizona. You may remember we recognized Davidson Elementary for an award from the same group last month. Can I ask our Grijalva Grizzlies to come on up?

I'd like to share what the school said about the impact of PBIS at Grijalva. This is from their submission to Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports of Arizona.

"PBIS focuses our attention on our students' strengths and provides us monthly opportunities to celebrate all the ways our students are respectful, responsible, safe, and kind. More importantly, our staff approaches behavioral expectations in the same way we approach reading, math, and science. We only expect students to know what we explicitly teach. Working through our matrix and our lesson plans helped our PBIS team think through every routine, procedure, and expectation across all parts of our school. This clarity of expectations provides all 700 of our Grizzlies with the consistency they need to learn and grow."

This is such powerful work, and we are so proud of the Grijalva Elementary community for coming together and making a difference for their students.

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I'd like to call up our **Risk Management team** next. I'm proud to tell you about their work to develop a playground inspection protocol to help ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep children safe as they play.

The creation of the program was a comprehensive effort, and they even developed a device to measure the depth of groundcover on playgrounds. The program has dramatically reduced injury rates and is being used at all our playground sites.

We aren't the only ones who are impressed by this work. AASBO—the Arizona Association of School Business Officials—recognized the project with an AASBO Best Practices Award.

Here is a [video](#) to tell you a little more.

Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for leading the way on this issue.

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Next, I'd like to share a video that showcases the benefits of the University of Arizona Community and School Garden Program. You may see some familiar faces—from here and from our schools.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vhdg5RxzmTQ&sns=em>

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