



Blackwell Elementary is a PeaceBuilder school

Building a More Peace filled Community of Learners. Why PeaceBuilders™?

PeaceBuilders is a program designed to help create an environment that reduces aggression and establishes a more peaceful way of living in our school and community. It is not an add-on-curriculum; rather it is a new way of interacting that uses proven techniques and tools based on extensive research and scientific testing.

PeaceBuilders affects our whole school by increasing cooperation, achievement, individual success, and our long-term vision of high academic achievement. Peaceful behavior becomes an integral part of everyone's life - students, teachers, staff, and parents.

In PeaceBuilders, six carefully worded steps or behavioral guidelines form the central strategy for reducing aggression/violence and increasing the peace.

We have committed to use the language and six basic PeaceBuilder guidelines. The principles of this program are:

- PeaceBuilders praise people.
 - PeaceBuilders seek wise people for advice and friends.
 - PeaceBuilders give up put-downs.
 - PeaceBuilders notice and speak-up about hurts.
 - PeaceBuilders right wrongs.
 - PeaceBuilders help others.
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- ❖ Students are more successful when there is a strong and consistent partnership between home and school.
 - ❖ When students are responsible for their own learning and manage their behavior they will feel successful.
 - ❖ Staff, teachers, and parents need to help children be accountable and responsible for their learning at home and school.
 - ❖ Accepting natural consequences and making restitution are important parts of managing one's behavior.