

Vernon River families,

As you are aware, this year we have become one of the 19 pilot schools on PEI for the PBIS program (Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies). Many of you have already seen the VRCS behaviour matrix that we have developed that outlines the expected behaviours for our Mustangs. This is still in draft form and any questions or input are still welcome. You can find a copy of this matrix on our [school website](#).

In January, we began tracking student behavior using this matrix. This helps us identify areas of the matrix that we may need to do some extra work and teaching to support our students in developing the expected positive behaviours.

We will continue to track student behavior on a daily basis. As a result, you may have your child come home with a "Think Sheet" they have been asked to fill out at school. This think sheet is meant to be a reflective process that helps the student create awareness and accountability around behavior(s) they may have engaged in, reflect upon what they could do differently next time, and consider what steps they might take to make things right. This sheet is also a communication tool with home, so that you, as their parent, can have a conversation with your child about these behaviours and expectations as well. We ask that you review this form with your child, add any comments, sign and return it to the school the next day.

In the coming weeks, we will be communicating the ways in which we are celebrating and positively reinforcing students who are demonstrating the positive behaviors we expect for our Mustangs!

Thank you so much for all of your support in this!

VRCS Admin and PBIS team