

## **B.E.A.R. PROGRAM**

Students at Mahanoy Area Elementary School participate in a school wide expectation system call the B.E.A.R. program. B.E.A.R. stands for displaying positive traits including **B**ehavior, **E**ffort, **A**ttitude, and **R**esponsibility. Children are expected to follow five key rules including:

1. Arrive to school on time.
2. Complete homework assignments.
3. Follow school rules.
4. Follow cafeteria rules.
5. Receive grade appropriate responsibility levels in special area classes.

Each child will receive a B.E.A.R. card, which will be located on the desktop. If the child does not follow a key rule, the student's B.E.A.R. card will be marked by the teacher. The violated expectation number is placed on the calendar on the day the offense occurred along with the teacher's initials.

At the end of each month, students with less than 5 expectations marks are rewarded with a special program or treat. This is done at a specified time in the day, with appointed teachers supervising the event. The students who did not meet the criteria remain in class with the homeroom teacher.

If a student should accumulate 10 or more expectation marks in one month, parents will be requested to attend a parent/teacher conference. The goal of the conference will be two fold: 1) discuss behavioral problems, and 2) develop a behavior modification plan if necessary. Also, students who have three cumulative months of ten or more expectation marks on the B.E.A.R. card may not attend elementary field trips. If you have any questions on the B.E.A.R. program please contact me at the elementary office.