



Bassett IB PYP News



Bassett Elementary School Mission Statement

Bassett Elementary School is a child-centered community empowered to develop responsible, compassionate, globally-minded citizens who are lifelong inquirers dedicated to achieving academic excellence.



Essential Agreements: How can we learn best?

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year at Bassett! Students and teachers at Bassett have been busy getting organized and setting goals for the new school year.



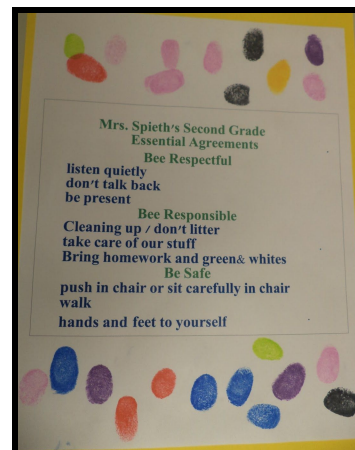
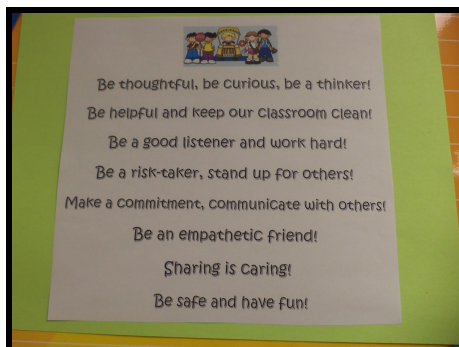
One of the first tasks at hand is developing **essential agreements**. In each classroom, students and teachers work together to develop a list of qualities that will make their learning environment function best for all learners. Students and teachers agree to follow these goal-oriented, solution-based agreements.



Essential agreements are rooted in the [Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports \(PBIS\)](#) initiative and connected to the IB learner profile attributes and attitudes.

At Bassett, our **school essential agreement** is **Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful**. Students discuss what that looks like and sounds like in different areas of the school. Some examples of essential agreements appear below.

Examples of Essential Agreements at Bassett:

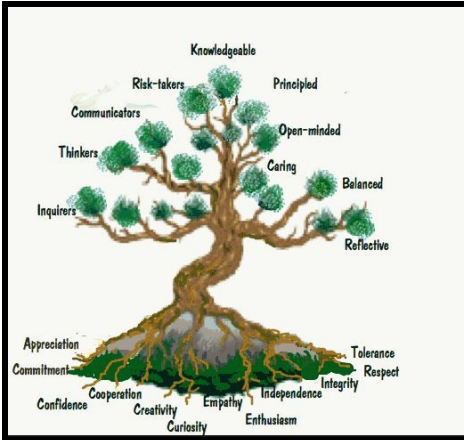




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Totally Awesome Tuesdays and PBIS: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful



Through Bassett's Totally Awesome Tuesdays, intended to promote positive behaviors, we encourage students to follow the **Big 3: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful** by focusing on specific IB attitudes and learner profile attributes each month. Adults in the school nominate students each month who exemplify a highlighted attitude or attribute.

During an assembly on Sept. 5, students will be introduced to the learner profile attribute: **Knowledgeable** and the IB attitude: **Enthusiasm**. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their Totally Awesome Tuesday t-shirts, Bassett spirit wear or green. ***Information about ordering Bassett Totally Awesome Tuesday t-shirts will be coming soon.***

Here are some things **you** can do at home to encourage your child to demonstrate this month's attribute and attitude:

Knowledgeable: Students will explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.

Activities for Parents:

- Encourage your child to read books at home that correspond to the topics being covered in school.
- Ask your child about what they are learning in school and engage them in conversations about it:
 1. "Why do you think that is an important thing to know about?"
 2. Can you think of anything happening in the world today that might be similar to that aspect of history?"
- Encourage your child to become familiar with current events and to read the newspaper and watch the news, when appropriate.

Enthusiasm: Encourage your child to enjoy learning and willingly put effort into the learning process. Watch "[A Pep Talk](#)" from Kid President and talk with your child about what it means in school, family and extra-curriculars.



If you are interested in more detailed information, visit our school webpage <http://www.wlake.org/our-schools/bassett-elementary> or contact me: Deb Wadden, IB PYP Coordinator
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Westlake City Schools Mission Statement

We Educate for Excellence...Empowering all students to achieve their educational goals, to direct their lives and to contribute to society.