We are excited to begin a new year at Whipple Heights Elementary School! Please read the information below with your child regarding the Whipple Heights Elementary School Discipline Program. Once you have discussed this plan with your child, please sign the form and return it to school.

**Rules/Expectations**
This program involves three main school-wide rules with consistent expectations for everyone. These rules are part of Whipple’s “Paw”sitive Behavior and are displayed on posters throughout the school. The rules are:

- I show **Kindness** and **Respect** in everything I do.
- I always play and act in a **Safe** manner.
- I am **Responsible** for my work and actions

The specific expectations under each rule are attached on subsequent pages.

**Consequences**
We will be using a Behavior Wheel that will track each student’s behavior during the day throughout the building. Each student will have a clothespin with his/her name on it that will be clipped to the wheel. On the wheel there are five different steps. With each step, there are specific consequences.

- **Great Behavior**(dark green)=Keep up the good work! (Everyone starts here each day.)
- **Good Behavior**(light green)=Warning
- **Step 1 of discipline plan**-(yellow)
- **Step 2 of discipline plan**-(orange)
- **Step 3 of discipline plan**-(pink)
  - If your child moves to either step 1, 2 or 3 in the discipline plan, he/she will bring home a note explaining what behavior problems they had that day. The punishment for their behavior will be determined by their teacher. This note will need to be signed and returned to the classroom teacher the following day.
- **Severe Disruptions on Discipline Plan**-(red)=Principal’s Office
  The behaviors that will result in an automatic move to red and the principal’s office and disqualification from the reward party are lying, cheating, stealing, swearing or fighting.
**Gold Star Behavior**
Students that have an exceptionally good day may even have the chance to move up to Gold Star Behavior. This reward is saved for outstanding behavior and will be signified with your son/daughter bringing a gold star home in their behavior folder. This is not an easy reward to receive so be sure to praise them if a gold star comes home in their folder.

**Reward Parties**
With each midterm and report card there will be a reward party for those students who do not move to step one more than one time in the grading period. The reward parties are planned by our staff and will vary each grading period (i.e. movie and popcorn, ice cream party, magic show, etc.).

**Parent Communication**
Every student in grades K-1-2 will receive a gold vinyl folder to be used both as a home folder, to bring home-completed work or important information, and as a discipline folder to communicate about your child’s behavior each day. On the inside cover of the folder, there will be a card showing your child’s behavior each day. (Grades 3 and 4 will have their behavior card located in the back of their assignment book).
A green card means your child’s behavior was either great or good for the day. A yellow, orange, pink or red card means your child’s behavior was a problem that day. If your child did not remain on the “Great or Good Behavior” space, there will be a form in the folder completed by his/her classroom teacher stating the reason. We are asking that parents sign this form and return it to school in the folder the next day.

We want to work as team to help ensure your child has a great year. We appreciate your support in this new discipline program and look forward to a successful year!

Sincerely,

*The Whipple Heights Staff*
Please sign and return this sheet to your child’s teacher. Thank you!

Yes, I have read and discussed the Whipple Heights Discipline Plan and information in this packet with my child.

Student’s Name__________________________________________

Student’s Teacher________________________________________

Parent Signature__________________________________________

Student Signature________________________________________

Date______________________________________________________