

Califon Public School

Over the past few years, Califon School has made progress in addressing and improving harassment, intimidation and bullying and the school climate and culture by:

- Highlighting Week of Respect with a variety of events
- Highlighting students of the month
- Implementing Child Assault Prevention Program
- Individual classroom lessons (Bucket Fillers, Morning Meeting, Open-Circle)
- Mix It Up Lunches and, PK Book Buddies
- Providing substitute teachers and parent volunteers with HIB information
- Holding October Pep Rally for all students and staff
- Positive behavioral referrals, Caught Doing Good Program
- Providing HIB training on the law, school climate, and suicide
- Continuing middle school cyber-bullying lessons
- Promoting International SEL Day Celebration, The Great Kindness Challenge, Global Day of Play
- Providing Mindfulness - "Paws to Breath" Workshops for students and staff
- Providing In class/virtual socialization lessons to grade level classes/students

While completing the 2020-2021 Self-Assessment, we learned that Califon School has demonstrated strengths in these areas:

- Curriculum and instruction on HIB and related information and skills
- Training on HIB Policy and Procedures
- HIB Investigative Procedures
- HIB Incident Reporting Procedures

The 2020-2021 Self-Assessment helped Califon School identify areas on which improvement was noted:

- Staff Instruction and Training Programs
- HIB Programs and Approaches

During the 2020-2021 school year, we added the following approaches/programs in addition to the ones stated above:

- Providing parents and staff information through Califon Counseling Corner Newsletter
- Continuing social skills programs as needed with a virtual option
- Providing Lunch Bunch small groups at lunch
- Providing Community Service Class to grades 6, 7, and 8
- Participating in HC Library Outreach Programs
- Recognizing the Student of the Month,
- Participated in Week of Respect Poster Contest, The Great Kindness Challenge, and Share Your Rainbow Activity

During the current school year (2021-2022), Califon School will be working towards improvement in the following ways:

- Continue with the above programs
- Continue to meet via the School Safety/Climate Team during the year

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- Continue to look for ways to maintain our school's positive atmosphere and socialization amongst students and staff as we attend school under changing pandemic guidelines
- Continue modified pandemic Lunch Bunch/Social Skill Groups for students with our School Guidance Counselor
- Participation in district wide SEL activities such as International SEL Day, Global Day of Play, and Caught Doing Good