



## Colwyck Elementary PBS *Spirit Team*

### ***History***

The Spirit Team was started by Kathy DeFlaviis a former FCT at Colwyck. The team was developed to promote a more positive school climate. At first the Spirit Team proudly sang the Colwyck Alma Mater and performed a few cheers.

### ***In the Now***

The Spirit Team is under new management! Mr. Cabatingan and Mr. Daniels have taken the reins and have given the team a whole new style and edge. Now the Spirit Team performs step, dance and cheer routines during student recognition assemblies for the whole school and visiting parents! Students on the team attend practices twice a week. The team is made up of 5<sup>th</sup> grade “model” students who follow Mr. Cabatingan and Mr. Daniels’ specific criteria.

### ***Making the Cut***

The selection process sets the bar of expectation high. Students must:

1. Be a student in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade
2. Be recommended by a teacher based on:
  - a. Grades and homework completion
  - b. Regular attendance
  - c. Positive behaviors
3. Serve as a positive role model for all students in all grades
4. Students who “fly under the radar,” and could benefit from participating in a leadership role to increase their self-esteem/self-confidence

If a student falls below these criteria they will be respectfully removed from the team. This group represents Colwyck’s most exceptional students and is considered a privilege.

### ***Above & Beyond***

Spirit Team members are involved in other school projects such as helping with the school store, delivering snacks to class rooms, and tutoring younger students.

### ***Student Benefits***



The Spirit Team offers students the ability to improve their self esteem/self-confidence. Performing in front of a large crowd is no easy task and these students take on that challenge with pride. Many students “break out of their shells” and become more outgoing, confident, and secure in their personal abilities. The team offers students a great opportunity to improve social skills. Students on the team have the opportunity to connect and interact with many of the staff and other Colwyck students. These students always excel far beyond expectations; which allows the rest of the school to look up to and admire their achievements.

# PBS STUDENT TEAM



Colwyck Elementary

## Serving Our School and Community



The 2010-2011 PBS Student Team Crams the Van!

The PBS Student Team is a selected group of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who model behavior expectations and serve as student leaders around the building. They develop and present lessons to younger students and their peers about character traits like respect. Their lessons have included games, role-plays, and read alouds. Both the Student Team and the other students at Colwyck look forward to these classroom visits. Last year, the team created a series of video clips showing

the correct way to behave in different areas of the building, such as the main office, the hallway, and the classroom. The clips were shared with the rest of the school at an assembly.

The PBS Student Team lives the PAWS motto of Acting Responsibly, Working Cooperatively, and Showing Respect by organizing service projects that benefit our community. In addition to their ongoing collection of “pop-tabs” for the Ronald McDonald House, they are working towards completing four other service projects this year. The first one benefited an organization called “Heavenly Hats”. Students paid a dollar to wear a hat to school for the day.

The money raised is used by Heavenly Hats to give hats to cancer patients who have lost their hair. The students were proud that they made a difference in the life of someone facing cancer and its devastating side effects. During November, the team participated in DART’s annual “Stuff the Bus” program. Colwyck students “Crammed the Van” at Colwyck and added their contributions to the more than 40,000 pounds of food collected state-wide. The team is currently collecting Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia Society. Last year, our school collected over \$1,200. The team has voted to end the school year by collecting items for the SPCA.



### Selection Criteria:

- 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS
- WRITE A LETTER OF INTEREST EXPLAINING HOW THEY REFLECT PAWS BEHAVIOR
- SERVE AS A ROLE MODEL
- STUDENTS WHOSE SELF-ESTEEM WOULD BENEFIT FROM SERVING IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE

-  **P** Practice Safe Behaviors
-  **A**ct Responsibly
-  **W**ork Cooperatively
-  **S**how Respect