



## Positive behavior results in sweet rewards at Brentwood Middle School

**October 23, 2009** – Fridays begin with the taste of success at Brentwood Middle School.

During his morning announcements to the Bengal student body, principal John Diebold announces the names of students and teachers whose well-earned “CLAW” compliments also won them a Bengal Float – ice cream and orange soda. Students who earned the award get to slip out of class long enough to go to the hallway just inside the main entrance and receive congratulations from the school’s administration along with their Bengal Float. After the students are served, Diebold and assistant principal R.J. Cieminski make deliveries, presenting Bengal floats to winning teachers in their own classrooms.



Brentwood teacher Christopher Haddorff scoops ice cream on Friday, Oct. 23, and assistant principal R.J. Cieminski prepares to add orange soda to Bengal Floats that are given to some of the middle school’s best-behaved students as part of their Friday PBS celebrations.

“CLAW” compliments are part of the school’s Positive Behavior Support initiative. Anytime a student or teacher is observed carrying out one or more of the school’s targeted behaviors – **C**ome prepared; **L**isten and learn; **A**ct respectfully, **W**ork hard – they are given a “CLAW” compliment ticket which identifies the person who carried out the positive behavior, the student or staff member making the citation, and a short explanation of the reason for the reward. Those tickets are collected in a hopper throughout the semester, with a handful being randomly drawn each Friday before Diebold’s morning announcements.

The staff makes a big deal of the awards during the announcements, as well. A band student stands next to Diebold to provide a drum roll as the announcements are made, Diebold reads the winning tickets, and everyone in Brentwood’s main office – and anyone else who might have been passing by and pulled in for the celebration – gives a loud and lively cheer for each winner.



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Staff members and students cheer the school's weekly PBS winners as Brentwood principal John Diebold, right, makes the announcements over the school's intercom system on Friday, Oct. 23.

Diebold said Christopher Haddorff, a teacher new to Brentwood and part of the school's PBS team, has provided a number of great ideas for rewarding positive behavior in students. Cieminski, by far the loudest cheerleader during the announcements, said, "this is my favorite part of the week." His enthusiasm is infectious, too. Student after student who earned a Bengal float arrived with a huge smile and, more importantly, pride in themselves for being model citizens.