

FAQ

“VV Prime” Token Economy With “Bobcat Bucks!”

Coming this September!!!



1. What is a token economy system?

In a nutshell, it is a system of positive behavior management based on the systematic reinforcement of target positive behaviors (PAWS behaviors). The reinforcers are symbols or "tokens" that can be exchanged for other reinforcers/prizes.

2. What are Bobcat Bucks?

Bobcat Bucks are the tokens that were created for our PBIS token economy system. These will replace WOW slips and WOW Friday prizes. Bobcat Bucks will be a quick and easy way to reward PAWS behaviors without having to write or track anything!

3. How will students earn Bobcat Bucks?

There are a variety of ways students can earn Bobcat Bucks. All staff members will hand them out. At our staff meeting we will discuss the different denominations of Bobcat Bucks as well as examples of what they might be given for. Ultimately, it will be up to you.

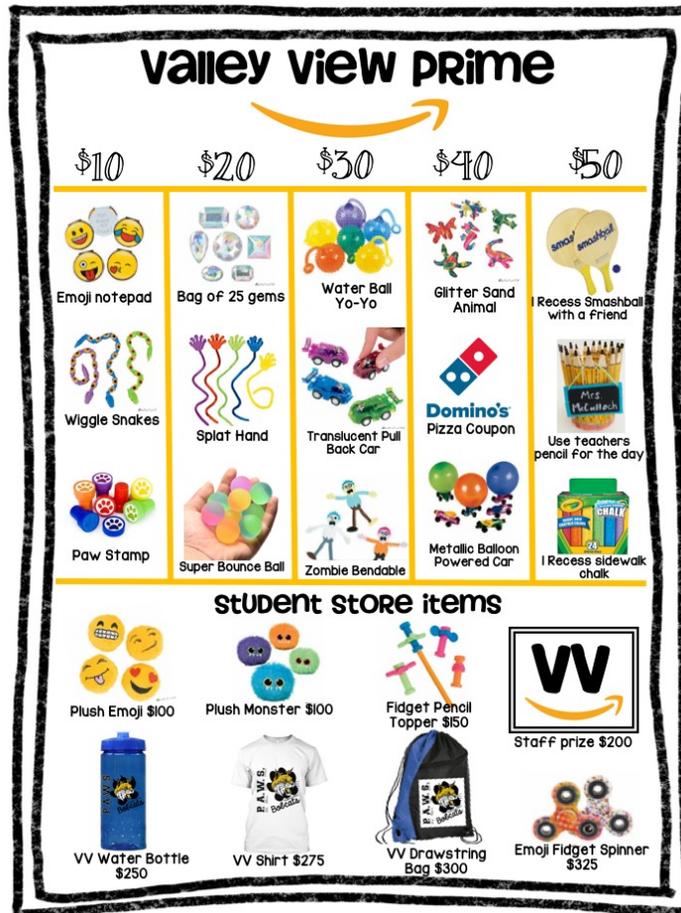
4. How will I manage Bobcat Bucks in my classroom?

There are many ways to manage Bobcat Bucks. Since every classroom is different, it will be up to each classroom teacher. For your convenience, we will have clear, sticky, plastic pockets available for you to take for each of your students at our staff meeting on Thursday of the 1st week of school. We will also give some ideas at the staff meeting for other ways to manage Bobcat

Bucks. The idea is that management of these should be the responsibility of the student and easy for teachers. Students will need to write their own names on Bobcat Bucks when they earn them. They will need to put them in their designated spot until time to cash them in for prizes. If they forget to write their name or lose their Bobcat Buck- perfect opportunity for learning a natural consequence with a host of empathy.

This can, but doesn't need to replace other ways of classroom management or reward systems in your classrooms. For most, this will be incentive to get rid of those "treasure chests," prize bins and raffle tickets. We hope it will simplify your systems and relieve you of the hassle of cashing in prizes in the classroom.

5. What kind of prizes can students earn with Bobcat Bucks?



6. How will students redeem Bobcat Bucks for prizes?

We have tried to make this as “hassle free” as possible! Here is how we will *start*:

Way #1: Starting around the 2nd full week of school, once a week, students will be able to order prizes from the prize menu/order form. A larger, color version of this prize menu will be given to each classroom for student display. When cashing in, students will be able to circle the prize they would like to redeem along with Bobcat Bucks they earned and give them to their teacher. PTA and volunteers will fill these orders and deliver them to classroom teachers discreetly, so there is no classroom interruption. Teachers will then pass prizes out to students however they choose.

Way #2: At the “Bobcat Prime” store which will be set up in the PTA room. Initially, this store will be open once a month, beginning in October. The store will have stocked prizes from the prize menu/order form and will include additional, higher valued prizes for students who choose to save their Bobcat Bucks for a “big” prize.

Some examples of higher valued prizes are Bobcat water bottles, T-shirts, cinch sacks and “Valley View Prime Cards.”

7. What are Valley View Prime Cards?

Students will be able to use a Prime Card to spend time with a staff member who chooses to donate an activity time with kids who earn it and choose it. Due to staggering lunches, these activities will mostly need to happen before or after school. Examples: basketball with Mr. Sterkel, dance party with Mrs. Stevenson, breakfast club with...? Anyone can donate to the “VV Prime Gift Card” account!

8. How frequently are Bobcat Bucks given to staff? What if I run out of tickets?

Tickets will be kept in the workroom to grab at your convenience. They will be reordered when supplies are low.

9. Will students be “fined” (have to give back Bobcat Bucks) for inappropriate behavior?

This is a tricky one that needs more thought and discussion. Therefore, to *start*, we will not fine students so that we can get the program rolling and create “buy in” for students who really need it.

Shout out to Kristi Martone for her creative developments of Bobcat Bucks, "VV Prime" Prize Menu/Order Form, Prize Poster, Valley View Prime cards...etc!

Q's?

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You can ask any of us Q's before or during the staff meeting on Thursday! :-)