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Students listen as they are told if they act in a certain way, they can be rewarded with pride shoes.

## New year, new program at Falls and West End Elementary

**Program will recognize and reward positive behaviors**

BY EMILY GEDDE  
Staff Writer

Students, teachers and parents starting the new school year at Falls Elementary and West End Elementary schools will likely notice some changes in the way the school district is addressing behavioral supports for students.

FES and WEE principal Melissa Tate said the schools will implement a new program for preschool through sixth grade students called Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports, or PBIS, meant to address behavior issues in a positive way.

“Basically, it’s a proactive approach to positive behavior,” she explained. “Instead of harping on kids who are always doing things wrong, it is really about recognizing those students who are doing what they are supposed to be doing on a daily basis.”

The nationwide program, which comes at little cost to the district, aims to aid students in both the academic and behavioral sphere. It educates students on how to be respectful,



Falls Elementary principal Melissa Tate shows students a poster explaining how they should act in the classroom during a pep rally Tuesday. The event was intended to kick off and get students excited about a new program, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, that will focus on recognizing and rewarding students for positive behavior.

responsible and safe from the time they arrive at school to the time they are dismissed — and everything in between.

“We will be practicing these strategies with kids in all of these areas and throughout the school year, we will continue to

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Teachers hang up a poster encouraging Bronco pride in the school. Several posters have been placed around Falls Elementary and West End Elementary to remind students to demonstrate positive behaviors and show their Bronco spirit.



## L-BF sees increase in enrollment

BY SPENSER BICKETT  
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Thanks to a good academic reputation and a strong, anti-bullying environment, Littlefork-Big Falls school district’s enrollment numbers are up this year.

Enrollment is 347 for this year, which is up 40 students from 307 at the end of the school year last year, according to L-BF Superintendent Fred Seybert. Seybert said he credits the increase in students with the school’s great academic reputation.

“The reputation we have with our high test scores, with our zero-tolerance for bullying,” Seybert said. “Our staff here is very committed, they’re here early, they leave late.”

The committed staff isn’t only there to help students with their academic needs, Seybert said. They can give a lot of “one on one attention to the students,” or help them if they have any issues outside of the classroom.

The district’s strong, zero tolerance towards bullying is another factor Seybert said he thinks contributes to the district’s increased enrollment numbers. The staff tries to create a safe, positive environment for learning by making sure any bullying is addressed immediately, he said. This policy has been in place for Seybert’s eight years as superintendent.

“We tell the kids the first day of school that’s something we will not

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## City affirms termination of administrator/liquor store manager

Positions will be advertised separately

BY EMILY GEDDE  
Staff Writer

LITTLEFORK – Despite an appeal from Littlefork City Administrator/liquor store manager Michael Fairchild, the Littlefork City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to affirm his Aug. 21 termination from the positions.

During the hearing, which was open to the public, Fairchild gave his statements regarding findings of severe infractions listed in a report provided to The Journal about the Aug. 21 dismissal.

The first finding claims city officials contacted Fairchild about an open vodka bottle hidden on shelves in the office/storage room of the Littlefork Municipal Liquor Store building.

The report said no actions to monitor such incidents were undertaken in a timely manner, however Fairchild said he in

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