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**Buckeye Elementary Schools Achieve State Recognition**  
*Buckeye Elementary School District K-8 schools recognized for  
academic and behavior achievements.*

**Buckeye, Arizona – (May 15, 2017)** -- The Buckeye Elementary School District cares about providing a predictable, consistent, and safe learning environment for students and community. The District's six K-8 schools were recently recognized for improving student academic and behavior outcomes by the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports of Arizona (PBISaz).

Buckeye Elementary was recognized with a Gold Award. Silver Awards were given to Bales Elementary, Inca Elementary, Jasinski Elementary and WestPark Elementary. Sundance Elementary was honored with a state-wide Bronze Award.

The PBISaz Achievement Award recognizes schools for successful implementation and outcomes with School-Wide Systems of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS). Award criteria requires high fidelity scores on national evaluation assessments AND measurable student outcome data.

District Superintendent Kristi Sandvik said, "These awards recognizes the dedication of school staff and our community to uphold our school expectations every day. Together we are building a school culture that is more positive, proactive, and supportive for all our students so that they can be successful citizens and future leaders."

Improving student academic and behavior outcomes is about ensuring all students have access to the most effective and accurately implemented instructional and behavioral practices and interventions possible. PBIS provides an operational framework for achieving these outcomes. The PBIS program is a framework that guides best evidence-based academic and behavioral practices for improving important academic and behavior outcomes for all students.

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