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*What is a “House System” or “Family System”?

Student and staff are sorted into one of 6 Falcon Families, each with a unique name representing our school’s demographics and character expectations.

Aminci – friendship

Altruismo – generosity

Isibindi – courage

Kreativan – creativity

Mutunci – integrity

Sonador - dreamers

*How the Family system is implemented at Alcova

Students attend a Falcon Family kick-off pep rally at the beginning of the school year. Each Falcon Family has a staff-led cheer or short presentation to get the kids excited about all of the Families. Students then open up an envelope to find out what Falcon Family they will be a part of. Falcon Families then meet together to get to know each other and immediately begin connecting with each other and building relationships. Throughout the year, students earn points for their Falcon Family through great school work, perfect attendance, exemplary behavior, and family involvement. Points are updated regularly and reflected on our Big Board in the main hallway.

*Ways that students can earn points for their Family

Students earn points through great school work, perfect attendance, exemplary behavior, and family involvement. Family points are kept up with by staff members and updated regularly so everyone knows where they stand. It provides great motivation for both staff and students.

***Rewards for winning Family**

At the end of the school year, Family Points are totaled, and the winning Family receives a day to celebrate with the student and staff member that are in their Falcon Family. In addition, the cafeteria for the entire next school year will be decorated in the winning Family's team colors.

***Family Engagement opportunities**

We have regularly scheduled spirit nights at Chick Fil A. When parents attend these events, they earn points for their child's Falcon Family. Parents also earn points by coming to conferences, volunteering at school, and other events where parent attendance is possible. In addition, we hold Falcon Family Picnics at school where the entire school goes outside to spend time with their Falcon Families. Parents are invited to be a part of this with their students.

***Falcon Family "Big Board"**

We have a large billboard in the main hallway where students, staff, and parents can monitor how each Falcon Family is doing in the year-long point competition. The big board is also digitized and displayed on TV monitors on each hallway. Point totals can also be found on the Falcon Family page on the school website

***How Falcon Families incorporate seamlessly with a PBIS framework**

PBIS is rooted in relationships. When Families are at the heart of what we do, both personally and professionally, connections are made and an environment of positive choices is the result.