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Alfredo Andrews Positive Behavior Initiative Promotes Responsibility, Respect And Courage

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The Alfredo Andrews Elementary School's Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) roll out set the tone for positive behavior for the 2018-19 school year with a fun-filled rally on October 4 in the school's auditorium, the Department of Education has announced.

Principal Andrea Hobson welcomed students and faculty to the rally.

"Every grade level will be represented on this stage today, so our hope is that every grade level, every student, every member of the faculty and staff are paying close attention to the PBIS expectations and the PBIS policies of our building," she said.

Students, along with faculty, wore grade-level, colored PBIS t-shirts with their uniform bottom.

"PBIS is about expectations and I want each and every one of you to know what is expected of you," Assistant Principal Cheru Ross said.

At Alfredo Andrews, the PBIS expectations are Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Courageous.

"Today, each grade level is going to show you how to be responsible, be respectful and be courageous," Ross continued. "I would like that when students are up here, because it takes a lot of courage to be on the stage, that we encourage them by paying attention as they perform and by giving them a round of applause when they are finished."

Beginning with Kindergarten, students took turns showing their peers how to behave appropriately through the use of skits, songs and dancing. The performances targeted behavioral expectations in the hallways, cafeteria, restrooms, auditorium, classrooms and the main office.

Between each presentation, Madman Mitch of Soul Prophecy Sounds provided music, playing some crowd favorites, such as "Daddy Shark Doo Doo," "Happy" and "Virgin Islands Nice."

The school's PBIS team, comprised of faculty and staff, took the stage with a performance of their own. They sang a PBIS-themed song to the melody of popular Soca tune "Hello" by KES the Band. Students cheered, clapped and danced during the performance.

"The rollout exceeded my expectations, I am very excited," said PBIS Coach Erick Willie. "The Alfredo Andrews has always been enthused about PBIS and I think this year they took it to another level, which is excellent."

PBIS is established by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education to emphasize "school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments." The Virgin Islands Department of Education's State Office of Special Education (SOSE) implements PBIS policies for the school districts.

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