

*Elementary  
Edition!*



# CHAMPS

Classroom Management

## Tip of the Week

### Scan & Circulate

We can often prevent misbehavior just by being present. Use circulation and proximity strategies to monitor student behavior consistently.

*What is “withitness?”*

While most teachers are excellent multi-taskers, the best teachers are “withit.” “Withitness,” a term coined by Jacob Kounin, is the art of running a classroom with *eyes in the back of your head*.

“Withit” teachers may also anticipate student misbehavior or disengagement. This may allow the teacher to diffuse the situation before it disrupts learning. Remember, prevention beats intervention every time!

- Circulate the classroom in unpredictable patterns.
- Continually scan the classroom for participation.
- Circulate for opportunities to provide positive feedback and praise. Acknowledge positive performance and participation!
- Have a physical presence at potential problem areas before asking students to move or transition.
- Always circulate with the intention to promote positive behavior. A CHAMPS teacher walks to praise! Circulate with stickers, goldfish, or even a marker to make positive shapes and notes for students. Students should both expect and look forward to your check-in. Remember, what you pay attention to grows!

