

Counselor's Corner

Board Report - October 9, 2017

- **Elementary**—Ms. Weber is working toward implementing research-based classroom guidance curriculum for all students. Pre-K students are learning the *Second Step* curriculum (social learning skills, empathy, emotion management, friendship/problem-solving); Kindergarten students are learning the *Ready to Learn* curriculum (attention skills, listening and understanding, asking questions, perseverance); 4th grade students are learning the *Ready for Success* curriculum (goal-setting, optimism, creating social support systems). 1st-3rd grade classes will begin classroom guidance the week after fall break.
- **Middle School**—All students 5-8 are learning the *Student Success Skills* curriculum (goal setting/monitoring, healthy optimism, managing stress, study skills, social support). Ms. Weber provided **suicide prevention** training for all middle school students in September. Various staff members have worked together to implement a **mentoring program** for all 5th grade students. Each student is assigned to one of six adult mentors to meet once a week to discuss transition issues or concerns.
- **High school visits**—Representatives from Bellevue High School visited 8th grade students on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Representatives from Highlands will visit on Monday, October 16, 2017. A visit from Newport High School representatives is pending.
- **Camp Joy Leadership Field Trip**—We are considering taking some of our middle school students to spend a day at Camp Joy in Ohio to participate in various leadership and team-building activities. Program costs range between \$2000-\$4000 depending on how many students attend. If funding is secured, we would like to schedule the trip for the spring. Ms. Weber applied for a Target Educational Grant to help offset costs.
- **MAP Testing**—Ms. Weber created testing goal cards for each student to have as a reference during the three rounds of testing this year. Middle school staff and Ms. Weber also met to analyze current MAP data to create the **Q2 elective schedule** for middle school students. Students were placed in electives based on their need for skill intervention (language arts/math) or enrichment.
- **Safe Schools Week**—All classes K-8 received additional classroom lessons from Ms. Weber about bullying and creating a safe environment for all students. Students signed anti-bullying pledges.
- **Individual/Group Counseling**—51 Southgate students received individual or group counseling with Ms. Weber in August/September.