

## Counselor's Corner

April 2018

- **Girls on the Run:** The 2018 season is in full swing. Ms. Weber, Mrs. Sharpe, and the team practice weekly on Monday/Wednesday afternoons. They are preparing for the practice 5K race which will be held on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> immediately after school. Ms. Weber is currently recruiting running buddies for each girl on the team for the practice race and/or the final race on May 12.
- **MAP testing:** Ms. Weber assisted Ms. Simmons with MAP testing for grades K-8. The students' scores demonstrated positive growth, and their success was celebrated at our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter awards assembly on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Classroom Guidance:** Ms. Weber completed the *Second Step* curriculum with the third grade students this month. Bi-weekly lessons will continue in the AM/PM preschool classes until the end of the school year.
- **Small Group Counseling:** Ms. Weber continued small groups with 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade (girls), and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (girls). Following spring break, the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade groups will rotate, and Ms. Weber will begin meeting with the boys in those grades once a week at lunchtime.
- **Middle School PLC:** Ms. Weber participated in a PLC with the middle school teachers on March 8 to revise the students' elective schedules for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The group analyzed student data and evaluated a variety of factors to develop an appropriate schedule for each individual student.
- **Egg Hunt:** Ms. Weber coordinated efforts with 7 Hills Church to provide the Easter Egg hunt for Southgate Elementary students on March 27. The weather cooperated, and the students had a great time!
- **Edgenuity Discussions:** Ms. Weber has spoken with counselors from local high schools (Newport, Bellevue, and Highlands) about possibly accepting online Algebra credits for our qualifying 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the class of 2019. Mr. Duty, Mr. Franke, and Ms. Weber participated in a conference call with a representative from *Edgenuity* to discuss online electives and enrichment courses to offer our middle school students next year.