

Counselor's Corner

June 2018

- **Data Analysis:** Ms. Weber prepared a preliminary data sheet including every student in the school (K-8), and his/her MAP and KPrep scores. This data sheet will be instrumental in organizing schoolwide ATM meetings next year to discuss student needs. The data sheet will be updated and revised according to test results and additional sources of student information.
- **Leadership Opportunity:** Ms. Weber is working with Camp Joy to organize a one-day leadership retreat for our incoming 8th grade students. We are hoping to choose a date before the start of school to take our students to participate in a fun day of bonding and developing their confidence and leadership skills.
- **SRCL Grant:** Ms. Weber will join other district staff in Louisville on July 18 to participate in training as a member of the grant literacy committee.
- **Trauma Informed Care Collaborative:** On closing day, Ms. Weber presented information to staff regarding childhood trauma, ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences), and brain development. She is excited to continue her learning about these critical student issues this summer. Ms. Weber will attend the *Trauma Informed Care for Educators* training at Indiana Wesleyan University in Lexington on July 24-25. She plans to share her learning with the staff again during subsequent professional development days throughout the school year.
- **School-Based Therapy:** Ms. Weber is once again collaborating with John Ross at the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home in hopes of providing school-based therapy for Southgate students in the upcoming school year. Because of a time crunch last year, we were unable to secure enough student referrals to bring a therapist to our school. We are hopeful that we will have ample time this summer to gather enough referrals to bring a therapist to Southgate at least 1 half day each week.
- **Classroom Guidance:** Ms. Weber has purchased new programs to use as Tier 1 counseling intervention for all middle school students in the upcoming school year. The programs, *Why Try* and *Resilience for Youth*, are researched-based curricula developed specifically to address the needs of middle-school aged students.
- **Me and My School:** Ms. Weber will be working in the Me and My School kindergarten readiness program on Tuesdays each week to provide incoming kindergarteners with social-emotional learning. She will present the *Ready to Learn* curriculum to the students which is also a research-based program that focuses on attending skills, self-control, and perseverance.