

## Counselor's Corner

November 2018

- **KIP Survey:** Ms. Weber administered the KIP (Kentucky Incentives for Prevention) Survey to all students in grades 6 and 8. This survey will provide our school with information regarding students' attitudes and experiences with alcohol and drugs.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visits:** Ms. Weber and Mr. Duty will accompany the 8<sup>th</sup> graders on high school visits to Highlands High School on Friday, November 9, and Newport High School on Friday, November 16 (tentative). These visits will help inform our students as they make decisions about which school they hope to attend next year.
- **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night:** Ms. Weber coordinated with Mr. John Darnell, the Bellevue High School principal, to offer Southgate 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and guardians an informational session about Bellevue High School on Monday, October 29. The session was an excellent opportunity for our parents to ask questions and learn more about what Bellevue has to offer our students when they transition from Southgate.
- **High School Applications:** Ms. Weber has continued to work with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to create "resumes" to include with their high school applications. The students are beginning to finish up their resumes, and they look very professional! We think these "information sheets" will be an excellent way to present our students to potential high schools. Ms. Weber and Mr. Duty will deliver all high school applications by December 1, 2018.
- **Counselor Roundtable:** Ms. Weber joined a group of 6 other Northern Kentucky school counselors for the first ever counselor roundtable on October 10. This group meets monthly to discuss issues specific to local counselors and to collaborate to improve our practices in schools. Ms. Weber is excited about the opportunity to share with colleagues and receive input from other professionals to improve services to Southgate students. The next roundtable meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2018.
- **Preschool Classroom Guidance:** Ms. Weber will begin teaching bi-weekly classroom guidance lessons to Southgate preschool students. She will implement the research-based curricula "Second Step" which emphasizes emotional regulation, attending skills, and relationship building in a pre-school setting.
- **Girls on the Run:** Ms. Weber submitted a site application for Southgate Schools to participate in the Spring 2019 season of Girls on the Run. The application was accepted, and Ms. Weber will serve as the head coach for Southgate's team again this year. She will be assisted by Mrs. Hansman and Mrs. Sharpe, and the program will be open to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls.
- **Student Mentoring:** After high school applications are complete, Ms. Weber plans to offer cross-age mentoring opportunities for Southgate middle and elementary school students. Ms. Weber will determine if these mentoring sessions will be held during the school day or after school hours, depending on what works best for the involved students. Elementary students will be strategically matched with older students to provide the best opportunity for growth. More to come!