

Counselor's Corner

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- **Service Dog:** We have been working with Circle Tail, an organization that fully trains service/therapy dogs to bring a dog here to Southgate. At this point we have met all the criteria and our team has started training. We hope to add a service dog to our counseling team by January! <https://circletail.org/>
- **Lion Leaders and Mentoring:** This quarter we asked teachers to identify an 8th grade student who they felt they had a connection with that they could utilize to assist in their classroom. For second elective, every 8th grade student has been working with a teacher and their students, from PreK to PE. This has been incredibly successful and we are very proud of the work our students and teachers are doing together. We are now working to extend this to have other middle school students work with elementary school students who were flagged as needing extra support in the Terrace Metrics survey.
- **Middle School Electives:** This quarter we created more electives that students were interested in and allowed them to choose which elective they attended if they were not receiving RTI services or participating in band. Students and staff have given great feedback on this and our behavior issues in the afternoon have been greatly reduced. We even have a choir now!
- **Real Encounter Assembly:** Tuesday, November 4th, from 8:45-9:30, we had a special middle school assembly in the gym. We were visited by the motocross stunt drivers from "Real Encounters" to share a message about positive mental health with our students. We were given the opportunity to have this presentation for free in conjunction with Bellevue Schools due to a cancellation in another district. <http://realencounter.org/assembly/>
- **High School Showcase:** This past month Dayton, Bellevue, Newport, and Highlands all came to meet with our 8th grade students and their parents so they can begin to focus on applications for their next school.