

THE COUNSELOR'S COMMENTS

What's going on in the guidance program???

As I'm writing this, we are finishing off the first week of school that all students are in the building for the 20-21 school-year. All seems to be going very well. One thing that we have to look out for as parents, teachers, and staff is that once students realize that their reality is here all day 5 days a week, they may start to panic and get disgruntled. We will have to prepare students for this by being honest with them, but they will also not fully realize this until they have lived it.

Some of our responsibilities this school-year have changed. Ms. McGregor & I are outside daily during recess. I am outside for grades 2, 3, & 4. Ms. McGregor is outside for grades K, 1, & 4. Our goal is to try and be present, visible, and preventative with issues that may arise during recess times. I have noticed that students have been aware of our presence. Hopefully this will help students to have fun during recess and help prevent some problematic situations from arising.

Ms. McGregor and I painted the Peace Path on the Playground. We have recorded a video of how students can use the Peace Path, but we have not shared it with students yet. The Peace Path is a visual representation of physically walking through and working out your problems. In the near future, Student Ambassadors in grades 2,3, & 4 will be trained on how to help students in conflict walk through the Peace Path. Stay tuned for more news and information on the Peace Path.

As of 1/15/21 I will have told almost all, except for Ms. Krivak's classroom, new Student Ambassadors that have been chosen to be leaders in their grade this school-year. It is a great honor to be picked to be a Student Ambassador. Being chosen for this position reflects that you are a student who is trustworthy and has great character. The most important job of a Student Ambassador is to just be themselves. Ambassadors will be setting a great example to the rest of the student body on how to conduct/carry yourself, verbally and non-verbally. It is with my great honor to congratulate and welcome the 2020-2021 BPE Student ambassadors.

.2nd Grade:

Mrs. Jozity - *Madison Sebek / **Owen Fronek

Ms. Mullins – *Sirena McFadden / **Rowan DiCillo

Mrs. Smearman – **Ariyah Bacha / *Noah Rodriguez

Mrs. Palcisko – **Danielle Keane / **Austin Crumbley

Mrs. Greaves – ** Lola Hunley / **Braylon Carey

3rd Grade:

Mrs. Burke – **Tessa Bowers / **Noah Crowder

Mrs. Gulley – *Raiya Sims / *Mason Rader

Mrs. Croy – **Naomi Kekic / *Cason Mollica

Mrs. Nedoma – **Hannah Brizes / *Mason Hagel

Ms. Caleris – **Madison Crouch / **Gino Augenstein

Mr. Zuccaro – **Samantha Biglang-awa / *Dany Zaarob

Mrs. Silvestro – ** Alessa Cika / *Ryan Yurgalewicz

4th Grade:

Mr. McDonnell – *Deena Abdallah / **Ben Lambert

Mrs. Hixson – *Gia Vaccaro / *Ethan Punchak

Mrs. Cubbison – ** Evie Pifer / **Jacob Coleman

Ms. Krivak – *Brielle Prestien / *Sam Zaarob

Mrs. Cave – *Layla Smith / **Nikko Buccilli

Mrs. Boscarello – **Camdyn Schroeder / **Henry Colson

Mrs. Krueger – **Fiona Conway / *Donovan Jones

Student Ambassadors will soon be trained to be Conflict Managers. They will assist with “small” problems at recess as they occur. My main goal for the Ambassadors is to have fun and continue to be kids at recess, but they will be on the lookout to see if they can help or intervene in situations. Congratulations again to the students that were chosen! You have an important Student leadership role within the building and are going to be great role models for the students.