The primary role of a school counselor is to support student success. We do this through classroom counseling lessons (like Advisory lessons), individual student planning (as in enrolling for classes), responsive services (like peer mediation), and system support (as in responding to parent concerns). We support students and families in three domains: academic development, career development, and person/social development.

Hard to believe, but it is no longer the beginning of the year! Students now have received three Interim Progress Reports (IPRs) and 6th graders have already moved on to the second rotation of electives. Below is what has been going on recently at Lange Middle School.

**Academic Development**

WICOR--One cannot visit Lange Middle School without seeing WICOR posted all around. The WICOR strategies are part of the AVID curriculum. **WICOR** is an acronym for the strategies involving writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading. Ask your student what WICOR strategy he/she has been practicing this month!

As you are aware, students have received three IPRs so far this year, with the most recent going home on November 9th. School counselors have been meeting with students who are struggling academically. Together, the student and the counselor are devising plans for improvement.

**Enrollment** is coming soon! The Battle High School counselors will present enrollment to our 8th graders January 17th. Then in February, we will present enrollment information to current 6th and 7th graders. Students will be coming home to share this information with you in January and February.

**Career Development**

On November 20th, our 8th graders traveled to Battle High School where students cycled through ten rotations of Columbia Area Caree Center (CACC) classes. The rotations included Teaching Professions/Child Development/FACS/Foods/Interior Design/Sewing, Digital Media/Broadcast Journalism, Marking/Business, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering/CAD/3D Animation Essentials, Certified Welding/Transportation, Construction/Industrial Technology, PLTW Health Science, Natural Resources, Geospatial Technology/Business Management/Computer Science, and Culinary Arts/Baking & Pastry. In addition to these tours, students also participated in a student panel with senior student leaders, toured Battle High School,
and viewed a Battle High School Show Choir performance. It was a great day, filled with valuable information for our students. Now, they will use what they learned on this trip to create a high school plan and enroll in classes next year.

ALL students can learn more about high school offerings by attending the Columbia Area Career Center's Showcase on January 10th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This event is held at the Columbia Area Career Center and provides a FREE meal from 5:30-6:00. This is a GREAT opportunity for all Lange Middle School students to explore options for their future. Not all schools have such a wealth of classes available and we would love our students to see all that is available to them! Please mark your calendars to attend!

**Personal/Social Development**

All students at Lange receive lessons on Academic Development, Career Development, and Personal/Social Development every week in their Advisory class. In November and December the lessons have focused on Personal/Social Development. In November we covered Empathy, Self-Esteem, Showing Kindness, Gratitude, and the Effects of Stress. In December we will be working on Healthy Choices, Coping with Change, and Caring/Empathy.

Advisory is the first 18 minutes of our school day at Lange. Students are grouped in a multi-level classroom and continue in that Advisory group all three years at Lange so it has a family feel to it. While we only meet for a short time, the lessons are important and are developed with the whole student in mind. While there is no academic, conduct, or effort grade for this class, attendance is taken and it is an important aspect of our school.

**A Note from our Registrar**

If you have any changes to your contact information (address, phone number, emergency contact, etc…), please contact Mrs. Tranikia Thompson (573-214-3253) so she can update our school information system.

We, at Lange, enjoy working with students and families. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to call (573-214-3250). Follow us on Twitter: @LangeCounselor.

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-Nelson Mandela