School Counselor Newsletter

The primary role of a school counselor is to support student success. We do this through classroom guidance 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. Below is what has been going on recently at Lange Middle School.

**Academic Development**
All students have been working on AVID strategies to help them be academically successful. By now all students have had practice taking Cornell notes. Check your student’s binder and see how many Cornell notes your student can show you! 😊

By the time you are reading this the first IPR (Interim Progress Report) has gone home and the second IPR is almost ready. **Expect IPR #2 to come home with your student on Friday, November 6th.** How are you staying on top of your student’s grades? Have you signed up for Home Access? If not, call our Registrar (214-3253) to get set up with your email address. Would you rather see the grades on paper? Then, ask to see your student’s agenda! **Every Thursday, teachers write current grades in student agendas.** Just turn to page 14!

If you have questions about your student’s academic progress, we suggest contacting the appropriate teacher as soon as possible. The teachers work closely with your student and are best able to discuss what they are seeing in the classroom. A short conversation can often get the ball rolling in the right direction. 😊

**Career Development**
On **October 12-20** our 7th graders took the ACT Aspire. The Aspire is a national test that measures college and career readiness of our seventh graders. Students took exams measuring their readiness in Math, Science, Reading, Writing, and English. Although we ran into some problems with our internet, the students did a fantastic job of being respectful, responsible, and safe during the testing. We were extremely proud of their maturity! Thank you 7th grade! 😊

On **October 21st**, our 8th grade AVID class will be going to Kansas City for a college visit! We know they will learn a lot about post-secondary planning and will represent our school well. 😊

**November 19th** will be an exciting day for our eighth graders! They will be heading to Battle High School to visit both career center and high school courses. Half of their time will be spent with a student panel speaking to them about high school and the other half will be spent touring career center classes. You will get more details about this event as the date draws closer.

**Personal/Social Development**
The first round of friendship groups are wrapping up. Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Wallace and the students have thoroughly enjoyed the groups. One of the positives to being involved in a group like this is the support that students gain from not only the counselors, but their peers as well. There will be more groups to come!

The week of October 26 is Red Ribbon Week! Students and staff will be participating in Spirit Week and fun competition as we celebrate life without the use of drugs or alcohol.

**U Matter** is a club that meets on Tuesdays after school to serve others and have fun without drugs or alcohol. Membership is open so students may attend any time. Sponsors are Carey Hughes & Christina Morris.

**Important Dates:**
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“Whether you think you can, or think you can’t... You’re right.”

-Henry Ford