

Community Conversation

August 31, 2022

10:00-11:00am

#BeechTreeFamily

Stephanie Carpenter, Acting Principal
Bridget Louder, Assistant Principal
Stella O'Brien, Interpreter



Agenda for Today



- Celebrations
- Social Emotional Supports for Beech Tree Students
- Meet our Wellness Team
- Upcoming dates
- Questions

Celebrations!

- ★ First fire drill
- ★ PK first day of school
- ★ County photographer captured our smiles and learning
- ★ Classroom communities are getting strong
- ★ We have visited every classroom in the building
- ★ Almost all buses are on time every day
- ★ Onboarding three new staff members
- ★ All classrooms have Schoology set up
- ★ New games are being played on our sensory playground
- ★ Students are reading, writing and engaging with each other socially and academically each day



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FOCUS: SOCIAL and EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) competencies are universal skills, foundational to continuous growth in Portrait of a Graduate attributes. As students, families, schools, and communities, we share the collective responsibility for helping one another become productive and responsible members of society.

FCPS will maximize the potential of all students and staff to become responsible, caring, and reflective members of our diverse society by advancing equity, uplifting student voice, and infusing SEL into every part of the school experience.



Responsive Classroom & Community

- Morning Meetings/Closing Circles
- Teacher Language
 - Reinforce, Remind, Redirect
- Interactive Modeling
- Logical Consequences



Positivity Project

- Founded in Positive Psychology
- Development of 24 Character Strengths: positive traits expressed through a person's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors
- Strengths are created in individuals and communities.



Beech Tree Wellness Team

Yolanda Adams, School Counselor
Stephanie Barnes, School Psychologist
Kathy Solmadelis, School Social Worker



What are the many roles of a School Counselor

Consultant

Crisis Counselor

Group Counselor

Individual Counseling

Career Counselor

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Crisis Counselor

We serve students and the faculty with critical issues that may arise unexpectedly, such as death and fire.

Consultant

We serve as student advocates by consulting with students, parents, teachers and others regarding strategies to help students.



Group Counselor

A School Counselor will conduct group counseling as needed on such topics as anger management, bullying and divorce.



Individual Counseling

A counselor will work with students as needed individually as needed on such topics as divorce, separation, grief and loss, anxiety etc.

CAREER COUNSELOR

School Counselors help students investigate the world of work as well as their personal interest.

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GUIDANCE LESSONS

- Grades K-2 (once a week students receive SEL)
- Grades 3-5 (once a month receive SEL).

Beech Tree Wellness Team

Stephanie Barnes, School Psychologist

Help Improve Academic Achievement

- Conduct psychological and academic assessments
- Manage student and classroom behavior
- Monitor students' progress
- Collect and interpret student and classroom data



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Promote Positive Behavior and Mental Health

- Assess student's emotional and behavioral needs
- Provide individual and group counseling
- Promote problem-solving, anger management, and conflict resolution
- Make referrals to and coordinate services with community-based providers



Beech Tree Wellness Team

Kathy Somadelis, School Social Worker

- The school social worker works to assist students and their families with successful school experiences and access to community resources.
- The school social worker is a collaborative member of the school counseling team and often coordinates and collaborates with community services to provide cohesive programs to students and families.



School Social Workers

- Help prevent social, emotional and behavioral factors from affecting a student's ability to perform at his or her best.
- Provide individual and group counseling for students.
- Provide crisis intervention to include mental health services.
- Connect students with out of school support when they are unable to attend school.
- Provide education and support to staff and communities regarding various topics such as trauma.
- Support students and their families experiencing homelessness.
- Complete assessments for special education to include social histories
- Attendance Interventions
- Case management services



Wellness Team



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Back To School Night

- Thursday, September 29
- 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Virtual - Links will be sent via Talking Points and eNotify to all Families
- Slides will be sent home by teachers for families who are unable to attend
- Interpreters will be present for each team



Upcoming Dates

Friday, September 2

Monday, September 5

STUDENT HOLIDAYS

Thursday, September 8

PTA Meeting - 6:30pm (Virtual)

Monday, September 26

Teacher Workday

Thursday, September 29

Back to School Night, 6:30pm
VIRTUAL

Parking Lot

Bus 1 updates		

**Our next
Community Conversation
is next Wednesday,
September 7 at 10:00am!**

