



The mission I have as a professional school counselor at Lake Elementary is to provide a comprehensive, proactive, and developmental program with a balance among the academic, personal/social, and career needs of all students. As a professional school advocate, I will provide support to each unique individual, keeping in mind that all have the ability to acquire and apply knowledge. In partnerships with other educators, parents/guardians, community and students, I will facilitate a support system to ensure our school is the best organization for learning and success. As a school advocate, I will model responsibility, honesty, respect, integrity, and commitment while integrating these values into my counseling relationships and academic endeavors.

Guidance Lessons

The 4th and 5th grade students will be visited in their classrooms one to two times per month to participate in activities and discussions about their personal/social, academic, and career development. The 6 pillars of character will be a major topic throughout the year. They will learn that people with Good Character are TRRFCC (terrific) which stands for Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. We appreciate students with Good Character! When the staff sees students demonstrating any of these Good Character qualities, the students are rewarded Good Character tickets that enter them in a weekly drawing for prizes!

Individual and Group Counseling

The best thing about school counseling is getting to help students who are experiencing challenges at school, home, or with their friends. Often, students' grades and peer relationships are affected by problems bothering them during the school day. Art, games, books, role-playing, and chatting help to work through these challenges in order that they are better able to concentrate on school.

When several students seem to be struggling with similar concerns, I may form a group (with student and parent permission) which allows all members to learn from and support each other.

Referrals

Students know they can refer themselves to talk with me by filling out a "Talk Sheet" outside the counseling office. Teachers can refer students who they feel might need extra support. Parents or Guardians may also call or email me (sloanshirley@lakelocal.org) to request counseling services for a student. Don't hesitate to contact me-I want to know how to best support our students!

Peer Mediation

The fifth grade students participate in a Peer Mediation program in order to assist one another in solving some of the common social disagreements children this age find themselves in. Peer Mediators will be chosen based on an application process and will be trained in helping their peers work through the following process:

1. Define the problem
2. Brainstorm solutions
3. Choose a solution and act on it

Peer mediation will be a supervised process and will take place in the counseling office, where I or another adult will be close in order to intervene if necessary.

Bullying Prevention

1. All students at Lake Elementary have the right to enjoy all aspects of school.
2. Our school will not tolerate any unkind words or actions.
3. Any continuous unkindness will be called bullying.
4. Any person found bullying will face the consequences.
5. All bullying will be dealt with seriously and will not be regarded as trivial.
6. BULLYING IS TOO IMPORTANT TO NOT REPORT.

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Outside Counselors: Here is a list of some outside counselors that may assist your child. Please call around to see which agencies and/or services are covered under your insurance.

Kaleidoscope Counseling (330) 456-9214

2677 Cleveland Ave NW, Canton

*Dr. Brock Reiman

*Kara Kaelber

Dr. Tim King (330) 996-8677

Community Services (330) 455-0374

625 Cleveland Ave NW, Canton

*Patti Fetzer

*Barb Fordyce

Relationship Center (330) 833-2452

2400 Wales Ave NW #K, Massillon

*Dr. Alise Bartley

Trillim Family Solutions (330) 454-7952

101 Cleveland Ave NW, Canton

Crisis Intervention & Recovery (330) 452-6000

2421 13th St NW, #100, Canton

*Tammy Paone

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Parental Support: You may feel the need to get together with other parents for support, ideas, and to share parenting tips, skills and suggestions. Here are some places you may want to attend/call for help!

Parents Anonymous (330) 445-1074 [ask for Meredith Lemons]

Come to a place where parents can freely share their questions, concerns, problems, and solutions about parenting in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

Community Campus at Goodwill

408 Ninth St SW, Canton 44707

Session held Tuesdays from 6 pm-8 pm

*snacks and childcare are provided

Child and Adolescent (330) 454-7917

*Groups for parents relating to specific topics

Kid Link-Help Me Grow (330) 430-3998

*Home visits for younger children

Learning Center-Children's Hospital (330) 543-8530

Adult Literacy (330) 438-2559

*Program through Canton City Schools

Home Support: Through these economic hard times, the essentials are often not as easy to come by as they once were. If your family is experiencing difficulties financially, there are people to turn to.

F.I.S.H. (330) 877-1845

[call before noon and give them your information, they will return the call]

*If F.I.S.H. is unable to provide your family what they need, please contact me

*School Supplies-If a student is in need of school supplies, please encourage them to check with me before purchasing any. Local churches and organizations are generous in donating school supplies to Lake Local Schools and we have plenty to go around.