

A NOTE FROM YOUR School Psychologist

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About Me

Hello! My name is Mrs. Huff! I am the School Psychologist at Weatherly Area.

I believe I have the best job in the world, because I get to work with such awesome kiddos! I love my students and I am 100% committed to helping them succeed!

When I am not at school, I love spending time with family, friends and my pups! I enjoy doing anything outdoors and love traveling to learn about new people and places.

What Do I Do?

As the School Psychologist, I conduct psychological, academic, and behavioral assessments in the diagnosis and identification of diverse learners and their needs according to PA Code. While my range of duties can be extensive, my ultimate goal is to help my students succeed academically, socially, behaviorally and emotionally.

To aid in this effort, I provide individual and group counseling services to students. Not only does this promote positive behavior and mental health, but it also helps to create a positive and welcoming school environment.

A student can come visit me for many reasons or no reason at all - if you need someone to talk to - I am always here for you! My office door is always open!

Special Services and Programs

Counselors Closet

Counselors Closet is a program that helps our students who need clothing apparel and/or school supplies.

Anyone can utilize it. Stop into the office to check it out!

Back to School Bags

The Back to School Bags Program provides backpacks filled with school supplies to our underprivileged students. We have had so many wonderful donors who made it possible!

Christmas for Our Kids

Christmas for Our Kids gives our staff and community the opportunity to come together and provide presents and goodies for our underprivleged kiddos each year.

Be Sure to Sign-Up!

Google Classroom

Class Code: iwffa4v



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Meet the Therapy Dogs: WILEY AND FINN

Wiley and Finn are two of our favorite faculty members! The pups work to support our students in a variety of ways including individual and group counseling, crisis, general support, etc.

> Wiley and Finn love bird watching, chasing tennis balls, hiking and eating lots of treats! Both pups love making people smile. I hope you grow to love them as much as I do!



Counseling Services

As the School Psychologist, I offer individual and group counseling services. Each year, a survey form is sent home to assess where our need is. Based on those results, groups are formulated.

Consent forms will be sent home to all who return their survey forms. Once the consent form is signed, a student can begin group services.

Groups are small and are grade specific to eliminate gaps. We generally meet once a week, work on our skills, talk/discuss and do a related fun activity. Group topics include mindfulness and anxiety, divorce, grief, study skills, grief, self-control, friendship, etc.

Not every child will get into the first round of groups, but please always try for the second round in the spring. Too large of a group makes it less impactful for the student and group.

Student Service Programs

Tutoring Program

The tutoring program is a great support for our elementary through high school students. You can sign-up at any point throughout the year. For more information or to sign up, please see your teacher or school counselor.

Mentorship - AmeriCorps

Our mentor works to create relationship based strategies, providing emotional, social and academic support and learning. The program has shown great benefits for our students academically and emotionally. If you are interested in signing up, please reach out to Mrs. Huff!

Social-Emotional Learning in the Classroom

Second Step is a classroom-based social skills program for students in preschool through junior high (ages 4–14 years), with a distinct curriculum for each grade. It is designed to reduce impulsive, high-risk, and aggressive behaviors and increase children's social competence and other protective factors. Each week, our elementary students take part in in classroom lessons!

YESS Program

The Your Emotional Strength Supported Program (YESS Program) is provided through St. Luke's University Health Network. The YESS Program is a school-based therapy program on the WASD campus. The program provides mental health treatment year-round for children and adolescents within the Weatherly Area School District. Students work with a certified therapist to overcome emotional, behavioral or social problems that interfere with the success at school and at home. See Mrs. Huff to be referred!

Positive Behavior Interventions Support Program

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports also known as PBIS, is a proactive approach to improve student outcomes by supporting students with positive preventative behavior rather than punishment. For educators, it is not a curriculum to learn and teach but instead, a commitment to establishing behavioral and cultural supports needed for any student to achieve academic and emotional success. Our system, Wreckers Have Pride, has a super cool and easy to follow matrix to outline the positive behaviors students should be working toward.

The Wrecker School Store, located in the Ticket Center before the gym is used by our students to redeem their hard earned Wrecker Bucks and Tokens for an awesome incentive. Additionally, at the end of each month, students can take part in a school wide end of the month activity with all their friends, with the exception of no discipline referrals documented for that month. Our Wreckers Have Pride in their school and we as educators love seeing it in action!

To learn more about PBIS, visit our school website and click on the PBIS tab found under student services.