

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

Sheboygan Falls Middle School

“Loads of Love Drive”



What Are We Up To:

During the month of February Sheboygan Falls Middle School partnered with Safe Harbor to bring awareness to Teen Dating Violence by holding a Loads of Love Drive. Through this cause we were able to collect laundry supplies to support victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault. Thank you to all of the families who donated items to support this important cause and members of our community who have been impacted.

ACP Happenings & Classroom Lessons:

- **5th Grade Students** - Students had the opportunity to continue exploring their Xello profiles and missions which include different types of learning and how to be resilient when faced with challenges throughout their lives.
- **6th Grade Students**- Students continued to work on completing their four core Xello required lessons for the school year. Mrs. Lorge's drop in lesson in February focused on diversity and acceptance of students. Students learned about discrimination and self reflected on their own morals and values.
- **7th Grade Students** - Students continued to work on completing their four core Xello required lessons for the school year. By the end of seventh grade, all students should have completed a total of eight Xello Lessons. Please check your child's progress via Classlink and their Xello App to encourage them to work on these lessons and complete them by the end of the school year. During Mrs. Lorge's drop in lesson students
- **8th Grade Students** - Students continued to work on completing their four core Xello required lessons for the school year. By the end of eighth grade, all students should have completed a total of twelve Xello Lessons. Please check your child's progress via Classlink and their Xello App to encourage them to work on these lessons and complete them by the end of the school year. Mrs. Lorge will also be sending out a letter to parents regarding student progress and students who have not completed this requirement for 8th grade graduation. Eighth grade students also attended their second field trip to Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) on Friday February 16th, where students were able to explore LTC as an option for their future. Students learned about responsible decision making and peer pressure strategies during Mrs. Lorge's drop in lesson in February.



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What's Next?

Kelsi Englhardt, Director of Prevention & Education, from Safe Harbor will be returning on Thursday March 7th and Friday March 8th to do a lesson with the seventh and eighth grade students on Online safety, etiquette, and sexting. This is a very important topic and prevalent concern among our student body. Please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Lorge regarding any concerns, questions, or resources related to this topic.

The state FORWARD Testing window begins at the end of March. Students will begin FORWARD testing the week of March 18th, before spring break. Please encourage your child(ren) to do the best on this test and use the strategies, skills, and tools that they have learned about during the month of February and March to support their test taking success. The FORWARD test is a way to show our students' learning and understanding of our State Grade level standards and it is very important that we have as accurate a measure of data that we can in order to assess our students' learning abilities. We understand it is just one form of assessment and not every student tests well; but every student can still put forth effort by trying their best and having a positive attitude. Please reach out to Mr. Zak, Mrs. Lorge, or Mrs. Renzelmann with any questions regarding the FORWARD Test.



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