

Student Services Newsletter

December



BRIARCLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Parents may contact the student support team through the emails provided above OR through Talking Points. For additional information about the Briarcliff Counseling Program and additional resources, you can visit our website [Briarcliff Counselor Corner Website](#).

Welcome Madison Kimball, MSW - School Social Worker

We are so happy to announce that we have a new social worker, Madison Kimball! She is able to provide support to our families at Briarcliff whether that be a need for clothing, food, bill support, transportation, unhoused needs and more. Please welcome Madison and if you have any needs please do not hesitate to reach out to her at mkimball@wcpss.net.

Help Support Our Student Services Department

We are working hard to support our students and we can always use some help for items that support the learning environment for our counseling department.

[Amazon Link](#)

December Classroom Lessons

In December we will be wrapping up any remaining **Zones of Regulation** and **Coping Skills** lessons in classrooms from November. Additionally, we will be doing any custom lessons requested by classroom teachers for specific classes as needed. Our 2nd Grade classes will be getting our Funny Tummy Feelings lessons. Letters have gone home regarding this lesson but if you would like to learn more please click [THIS LINK](#) for SAFEChild information.

Coat Drive

Thank you SO much to all those who donated to our Coat Drive. We have been able to reach our goal for our drive. We have a few specific needs for kids and Madison Kimball will reach out to families that identified that they wanted to help on the needs assessment. If you'd like to continue to support, please email Madison.

Resources

Food Resources

Backpack Buddies: Through our partnerships with White Plains United Methodist and Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, we are able to provide weekend food assistance to families through our Backpack Buddies program. These go home with students in their backpacks at the end of each week.

If you would like your student to participate in the program please contact one of the counselors or social workers.

Clothing Resources

Ms. Kimball provides clothing support through A Note In A Pocket - if you have a need for clothes for your family please contact mkimball@wcpss.net

Mental Health

New information regarding Alliance Health Bridge to Service Program: Insurance change noted below. If you are not Medicaid or uninsured but are facing a large barrier with your private insurance please let us know.

The Alliance Health Bridge to Service Program is a partnership established between WCPSS and Alliance Health that is available to all schools within the region. Alliance Health's School Based Team (SBT) works with all WCPSS students, **Medicaid insurance** and uninsured WCPSS students. Referrals to the School Based Team are made by WCPSS, upon receipt of signed consent forms from a student's parent. As indicated above, parents may contact their child's school counselor or school social worker to discuss the criteria for making a referral to the School Based Team. Referred WCPSS students experiencing mental health concerns that impact their school success, would receive assistance from Alliance Health's School Based Team with:

Grief Counseling

Transitions LifeCare Offerings: If you, or your family, is experiencing loss we have resources to help. Transitions Life Center offers counseling and several supportive programs for families. We encourage families looking for support to reach out to Transitions LifeCare.

<https://transitionslifecare.org/families/grief-care/>.

