

MEET THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

AUGUST 2017

Hello and welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. Many of you know me as Miss Jackson, your School Counselor, but in a couple of weeks, my last name will change. I am getting married and my last name will change to "Collins." Therefore, after August 26th, feel free to call me "Mrs. Collins." I am very excited for this new journey in my life and to start the school year and begin working with your child. This is my third year at Line Creek, and I could not ask for a better staff, and school to be a part of.

My responsibility as your School Counselor is to support every student with their personal/social, academic, and career development needs. I will conduct Curriculum (classroom lessons); offer Responsive Services (individual and group counseling); and Individual Student Planning (helping students prepare for academic success). Individual and group sessions are offered to all students identified by staff or parents/guardians who feel their child is in need of additional support. Students have the opportunity to self-refer themselves to me as well.

This year, I will start my counselor introduction classroom lessons on August 15th for grades K- 2 and August 21st for grades 3-5. I will push into classrooms twice a month for 30 minutes. Each month, students will receive classroom lessons from me based upon a monthly concept. Concepts include, but are not limited to: emotion management, problem solving, safety & substance abuse, kindness, diversity, bullying, etc. Beginning in September, my plan is to focus on emotion management through October. This plan aligns with my learning on trauma this summer.

My emotion management and problem solving lessons will come from the "Second Step" program. Second Step is an evidence based program that helps adults integrate social emotional learning into the classroom setting. If you would like to read more about this program feel free to visit this website: <http://www.secondstep.org/elementary-school-curriculum>. I truly believe this program will help students increase their school success.

My desire is that each student and parent will feel comfortable working with me to ensure a successful academic school year. My office is open to parents/guardians, who have questions about their child's academic plan, social/emotional concerns, or anything else regarding their child.

I am looking forward to meeting all of Line Creek's new students and continuing to build relationships with old students/families while being a support/resource. Remember this is a new year, filled with new beginnings. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Well wishes,
Taneka Jackson, M.Ed.

It is going to be
a GREAT year!

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"Always believe that something wonderful is about to happen."