

# Greetings from the School Counselor!

Welcome back, Rockets!

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Marla DeLoach Griffin. I have served as a school counselor for the students of Volusia County for quite some time. It is an honor to have been asked to address the social and emotional learning of the students of Read-Pattillo Elementary School!

As the school counselor for Read-Pattillo Elementary, I am committed to building on an already positive environment where students can perform at their highest level. My goal for the school counseling program is to provide opportunities for character education, social-awareness, and personal development. I look forward to providing individual counseling as well as whole-group lessons and special events focusing on the VCS Resiliency Education Standards concerning character education, personal responsibility, citizenship, critical thinking, and problem solving.

I would like to begin my tenure by thanking all those wonderful donors responsible for helping our Rockets off to a great start with loads of school supplies: NSB Rotary Club, Sporty's Car Wash, American School Partners, LPT Realty, Collado Real Estate, The Women's Group of First Presbyterian Church, Bella Vista Baptist Church, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, United Women in Faith of the Coronado Community United Methodist Church, First NSB Church, The Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties, Catholic Women's Association of Sacred Heart and St. Gerard Catholic Churches. Blessings to all!

I would also like to send best wishes to Mrs. Thompson as she begins her new position at Spruce Creek High School. From a Rocket to a Hawk - she's still soaring!

With kindest regards,

Marla DeLoach Griffin, M.Ed.

Certified School Counselor, PK-12

Social and Emotional Learning Themes for 2023-24:

September – October: Kindness, Respect and Responsibility

November – December: Gratitude and Generosity

January – February: Friendship & Teamwork

March – April: Career Exploration

May: Health and Safety

Mark your Calendars for these Special Events:

Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>: ORANGE You Glad You Came to School

Wear your favorite Orange tee shirt, enjoy an

Orange at lunch, and make the day count!

September is Attendance Awareness Month

Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>: UNITY Day

ORANGE, Again! Orange gets attention!

We will unite to spread kindness and prevent bullying.

Monday – Friday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>: RED\* RIBBON \*WEEK!!!

“Be kind to your mind, live drug-free and make positive choices.”

Monday: “SMARTIES” make smart choices!

Dress like a Smartie ~ in a rainbow of colors 😊

Tuesday: Be smart, be kind, be healthy!

Make a positive donation to our canned food drive. 😊

Wednesday: Don’t get “Tied Up” with drugs or negative choices!

On Wednesday, wear a tie! 😊

Thursday: Positive choices lead to bright futures!

Wear tie dye or bright colors 😊

Friday: Be kind to your mind ~ wear RED and pledge to choose wisely 😊

Grandparents,

If you are sharing in the responsibility of parenting your grandchildren, or perhaps you are the sole caretaker, please join us for a monthly meeting of Grandparents As Parents.

Circumstances often lead to situations which require family support beyond the traditional two parent home. Grandparents are providing that support – be it in the form of emotional and/or financial assistance, daycare, respite, or full-time shelter. In any case, for those children who are fortunate enough to have one, today's grandparent is becoming "the other parent".

Mark your calendar, this group meets on the first Tuesday morning of each month from 8:30 – 9:30 through the month of May. Open to grandparents of South East Volusia Elementary, Middle and High students. Join us as we exchange helpful information, hear from guest speakers and gain support from other grandparents filling the GAP.

Facilitated by: Marla DeLoach Griffin, M.Ed.

Certified School Counselor

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School Counseling Program Survey 2023-24

As a new member of the Read-Pattillo Elementary Family, and to better serve the needs of the school, I would like to know more about you and your students. Please take a moment to complete this survey and return it to me. Thank you. Marla

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level/ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ # students: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact:  Class phone  Cell  Email  Intercom  Open door

I would like to offer monthly 30- 40 minute whole-group, two-part lessons beginning immediately. Please let me know if you are interested in scheduling a classroom lesson. The following Social and Emotional Learning themes will be addressed unless you have other concerns/ issues to be addressed as a class. Fill in preferred dates and times to book now.

September - October: Kindness, Respect, and Responsibility: \_\_\_\_\_

November - December: Gratitude and Generosity: \_\_\_\_\_

January - February: Friendship and Teamwork: \_\_\_\_\_

March - April: Career Exploration (40 min.): \_\_\_\_\_

May: Health and Safety (40 min.): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of any students currently enrolled who may be .....

In need of assistance (\$): \_\_\_\_\_

Experiencing family changes (divorce, new siblings, moving, death of a loved one):

\_\_\_\_\_

Raised by grandparents: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use VCS email or enclosure to make individual referrals to see school counselor.

Let's Celebrate!

September: 26<sup>th</sup> Attendance Awareness Month ~ Wear ORANGE  
ORANGE You Glad You Came To School?!

October: 18<sup>th</sup> UNITY Day - Encouraging Kindness and Inclusion prevent Bullying!  
Wear Orange to draw attention to the importance of unity.

23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> RED RIBBON WEEK!

November: 8<sup>th</sup> Celebrate Veteran's Day!

Wear Red, White and Blue to honor all those men and women who served in the U.S. military. Thanks to Mrs. Jones for arranging a musical tribute!

13<sup>th</sup> World Kindness Day! Let's have a Pet Food Drive! Bring in a can of pet food and make the puppies and kitties smile!

Wear your Read-Pattillo Rocket Spirit gear.

December: 14<sup>th</sup> Winter Wonderland! P J's and Fun All Day!

January: 26<sup>th</sup> Storybook Parade!

## RED RIBBON WEEK

Theme: Be Kind to Your Mind, Live Drug Free and Make Positive Choices.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

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Make a positive donation to our canned food drive. 😊

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# Request for Services:

Whole-group lesson to address a concern specific to the class

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Mediation

Students involved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Individual counseling

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best day/time: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs, describe briefly: \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal, describe briefly \_\_\_\_\_

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Attendance

Anger

Anxiety

Behavioral

Hygiene

Interpersonal relationships

Other, please describe briefly: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you made contact? \_\_\_\_\_

Other pertinent information: \_\_\_\_\_

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