

School Social Worker
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I would like to take this opportunity to greet all parents and to introduce myself to those parents whom I have not yet met. It is my privilege and pleasure to work at FECC as the School Social Worker. As the School Social Worker, I am available to speak with you and your children about any topic that you may be concerned about. Often, students will ask me what a social worker is. I usually respond that a social worker is someone who likes to talk to children and grown-ups about their feelings. When we talk together, our feelings can come out. Then, we can feel better. This can be done by working with children individually, in small groups and/or with families.

I also facilitate social skills groups. Children can join social skills groups either by a teacher's recommendation or by a parent's request. The children usually enjoy these groups and consider them to be special 'clubs.' The focus area of these groups can include, but are not limited to: appropriate social interactions, anger management, assertiveness and self esteem, etc. Newsletters go home periodically and parents are encouraged to get in touch with me as per needed. Banana Splits is a group for both Kindergarten and First Grade students whose families are separated and/or divorced.

Even if children are not members of social skills groups, or do not work with me individually, they will often get to know me as I am often 'pushing into' classrooms. In addition, I also coordinate social/emotional programs in the school.

I am available to families to screen for programs such as free/reduced lunch. I am also on hand to troubleshoot and assist with any crisis intervention that may be needed. My office is in room 110A, and my direct phone number is (516) 792-4630. When you are in the building, please feel free to stop by. My office door is open and I would enjoy meeting you.