If you have any feedback, or any topics you'd like to learn more about in this newsletter, please reach out via email.

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This is a simple check-in prompt that we use in many of our counseling groups to help students reflect on their days and open up conversations.

## Rose, thorn, and bud

What is a **rose** from today/this week/this school year/etc.? (something exciting, positive, enjoyable)

What is a **thorn?** (something bad, frustrating, annoying, disappointing, etc.)

What is a **bud**? (something you are looking forward to)





Here are a few articles and videos you might find helpful this month:

Should you let your child take a mental health day?

9 tools to help your child manage anxiety

Extracurricular activities: benefits and balance



**Test Anxiety** 

As the school year picks up, your students will be taking tests and quizzes more regularly. If your child struggles with feeling very stressed or anxious before tests, here is a <u>5 minute video</u> you might encourage them to watch with some strategies for manage test anxiety.

