Waterloo CSD

COUNSELING & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES TEAM ADVISORY COUNCIL

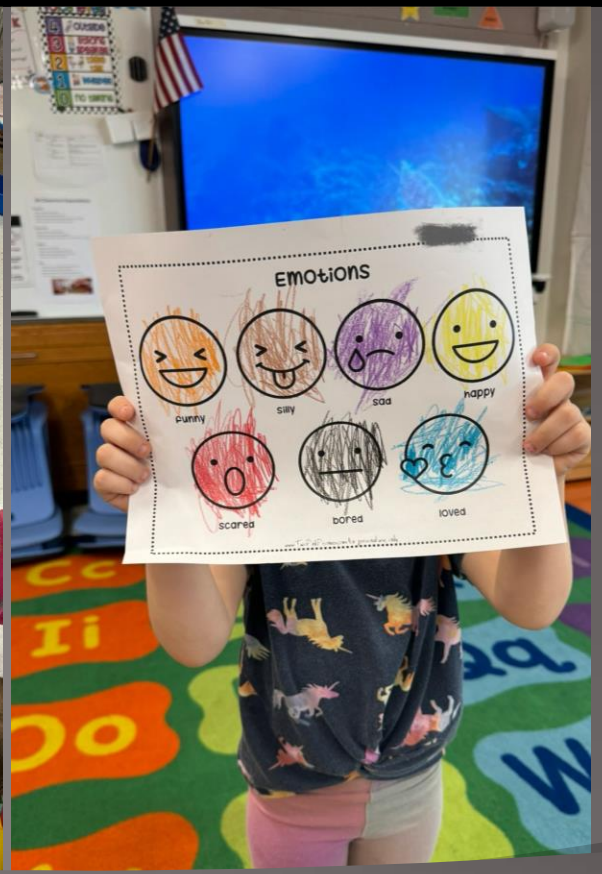
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Advisory Council Purpose:

- Provide feedback on program goals
- Review program results
- Make recommendations
- Advocate for the school counseling program
- Required to have diverse representation of stakeholders and to meet no less than twice each year









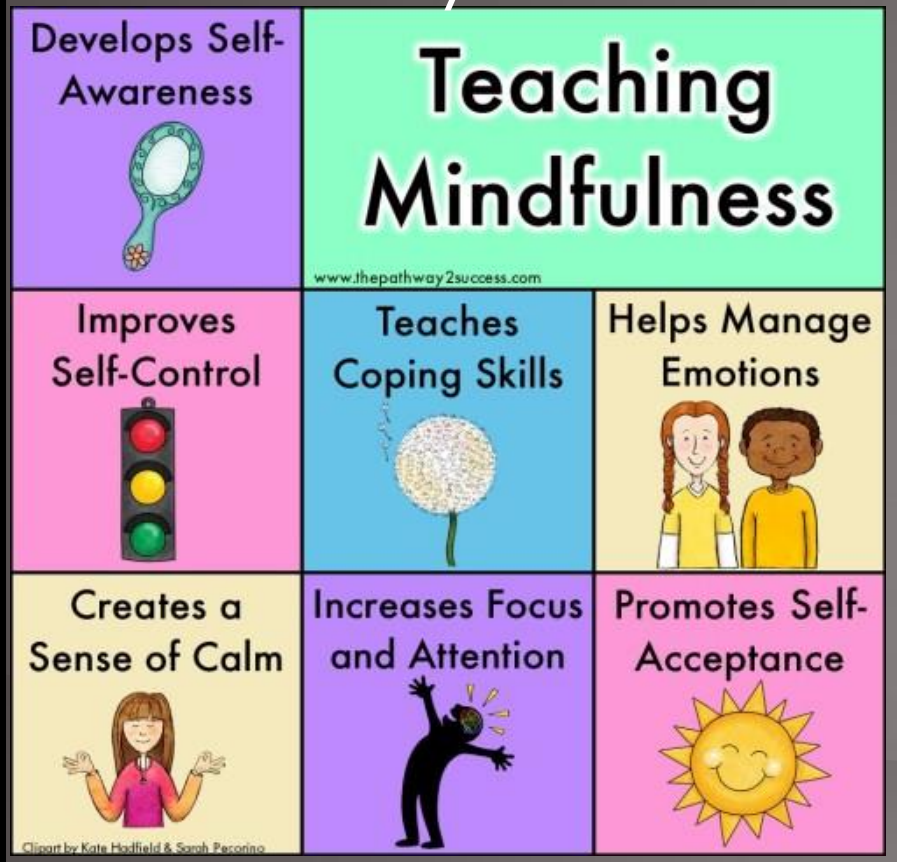
UPK Wellness

New UPK Wellness Special

- Once a week, the school social worker comes in to lead a lesson on a variety of topics centered around wellness, mindfulness, and social emotional learning
- These lessons are constructed with the UPK SEL benchmarks in mind
- In the future, community leaders will be invited in to work with our youngest learners
  - for example: Waterloo PD, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Mindfulness experts



Daily "MINDFUL MINUTE" at Skoi-Yase







Every morning students are introduced to Mindfulness with the weekly "Mindful Minute" during morning announcements. The Mindful Minute changes each Monday and the mindfulness calendar for that month is sent to families to reinforce the strategies and activities, and to also increase parent engagement.

Home Visits for a Positive Start at Lafayette

The Lafayette Admin and Student support team performed 20 home visits the week before school started.

Our goal was to:

- Improve the attendance of students with significant absences in the 2023-24 school year.
- Start the year off with a positive visit to homes of students with a high number of discipline referrals in the 2023-24 school year.
- Improve communication between the school and families.
- Improve relationships between the school and families.
- Meet families new to the district.

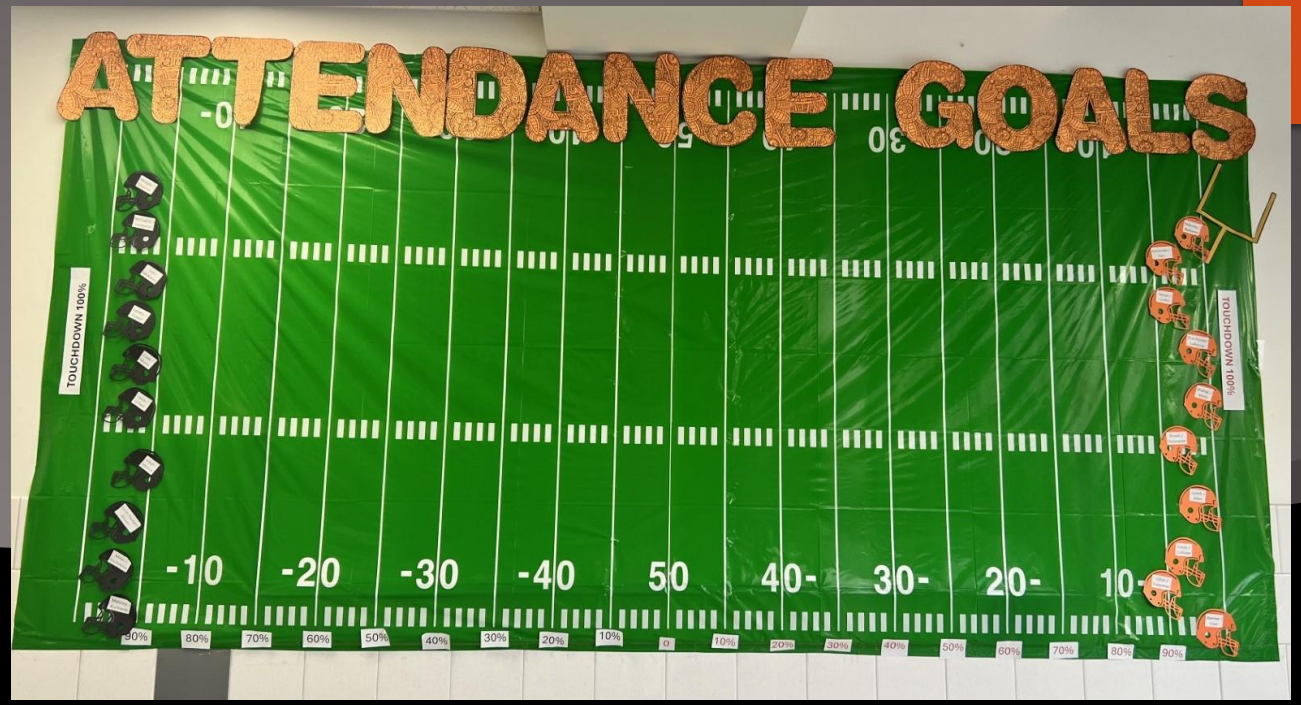
On our home visits we brought Waterloo swag, a quick contact sheet, backpacks, and water bottles.

It's too early for any data to be significant but the positive relationships cultivated with families and students has been vital to our work as the SSST and we have been able to better assist families with needs.

Mental Health Demonstration Project

- Program for graduate students that aims to bring mental health professionals to rural areas
- Social workers, counselors, school psychologists
- Currently working with 38 different interns/practicum students across 17 school districts
- Two students currently working with mental health staff in Waterloo
  - Kristine Joselyn- Social Work Intern from Keuka College MSW program
  - Angela Vega- School Psychology practicum student from Roberts Wesleyan University

Attendance Incentive



This school year the High School is working on promoting good attendance be adding in fun incentives to the students to be here and succeed. This is a competition between Advisements. Students are awarded bi-weekly and then again at the end of each quarter. Our attendance rates have been greatly improved this year, with the latest statistic being 94%.

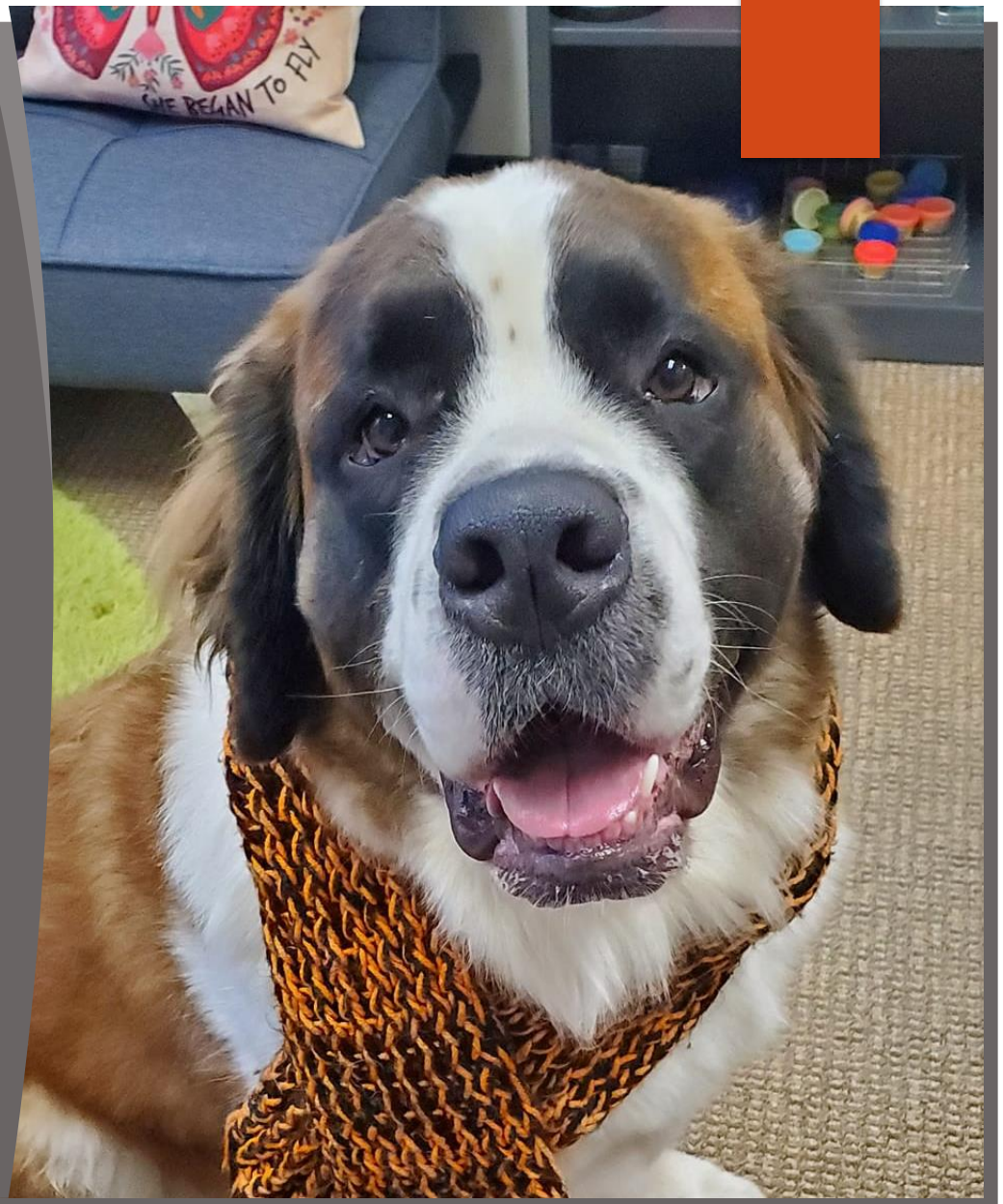
Ongoing Professional Development

Staff have been working hard to stay informed and support our students. This school year a few PD opportunities that have been attended are :

- Believe Conference
- Mental Health Round Table
- TIG Training
- School Social Work Mental Health Conference (Nov 2024)
- Building Restorative Environments
- Poverty Simulation
- Hidden in Plain Sight

The BEST Mental Health Support

Beatrix is an active therapy dog at Waterloo High School. She is in the counseling office several times a week offering support and comfort to students and staff alike. We are so lucky to have a supportive district that allows this type of therapy. She is a valued member of the Mental Health team here at the HS.



Early College High School

A grant that Waterloo received to allow students the opportunity to earn college credits while also earning high school credits to graduate. Two groups: senior students and freshman students.







PROJECT HOPE

Project Hope- an intense Tier 3 intervention that starts in 6th grade and follows them through HS and beyond.



NEW TO WMS

Clubs:

- TIGER MENTORS
  - Help be new student escorts and 6th grade orientation
- Newsletter Club
  - Highlights school, staff, and students
- RESPECT Team
  - Student led
    - Town Hall





National Junior Honor Society

Leaders:

New Assistant Principal
New Dean of Students
Social Work Intern
Co-Director of MTSS



RETURNING TO WMS

SAEBRS & mySAEBRS – started this month! In process of reviewing data.

The Postivity Project (P2) – continuing this year, trying to focus more community outreach

Updated MTSS process

Open House – hot dog social is back and we had 13 outside agencies join!







School-Based dental clinic helped connect roughly 30 middle school students with dental care

Restorative PD 10/11/24





Career Center Assessments

What is Naviance??

Naviance is a college and career readiness software provider that partners with high schools and other K–12 institutions to provide students with college planning and career assessment tools.

The Naviance platform helps students understand their interests, strengths, and needs, so they can reach their career goals.

Naviance Career Assessments taken 9-12th grade

Career Cluster Finder

Career Interest Profiler

AchieveWorks Intelligence

AchieveWorks Learning and Productivity

AchieveWorks Personality

Strength Explorer

MINUTES:

PRESENT: SAGE B, SHELLI T, HEATHER E, JADA B, CATHERINE R, MIKE F, KATIE W, SUZIE B, MADISON B, CORI T, ANGELA H, TAMMY A, ELIZABETH C

ELIZABETH: ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE AT THE HS IS GREAT BUT WHEN THERE IS A STUDENT WHO IS SICK A LOT AND CAN NOT BE IN SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS IT ISN'T FAIR TO ALL THAT THE GROUP CAN NEVER WIN OR MOVE ON. (HEATHER SPOKE ABOUT SPEAKING TO ADVISEMENT TEACHERS TO ADDRESS THIS CONCERN AS THERE ARE WAYS TO TAKE THOSE ABSENCES OUT OF THE COUNT)

HS QUAD NOT BE ACCESSED MORE- IT COULD BE MOTIVATING AND NICE TO USE AND BE OUTDOORS. AS A SENIOR HAS ONLY USED THE QUAD A FEW TIMES, SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS MORE. (MIKE SHARED THAT THE GREENHOUSE WILL BE ADDED THERE)

TAMMY: TIGER CONNECTIONS- CONNECTS OLDER STUDENTS TO YOUNGER STUDENTS. HS STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING FIELD TRIPS WITH KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADES THIS MONTH.