



About Mrs. Shipley

I am so happy to be part of the guidance team here at the Grove! I have worked in CCSD since 2009 at the elementary and middle school levels and came to OG in 2021. I have a BS in Psychology from USC and my Master's in Counselor Education from The Citadel. My family and I love to go to the beach, bike ride, and travel.



About Mrs. Bottomley

Hello! I am thrilled to be your 3rd-5th grade school counselor and member of the OGCS family. I attended Cal Poly and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. I earned a Master's Degree from the University of Redlands in Counselor Education. I have had the privilege of serving as a School Counselor in this capacity in Southern California and Memphis, TN prior to our family's move to Charleston in 2020. In my spare time, you can find me at the beach or enjoying the delicious food across Charleston with my son and husband.

Contact Us!

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Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

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3rd Grade through 5th Grade



School Counseling

Kira Shipley (K-2)

Christina Bottomley (3-5)

We are excited and honored to serve you and your child!



Counsel.
Educate.
Advocate.
Empower.

What do School Counselors DO?

We work alongside teachers and parents to help students develop socially and emotionally, and to help remove any barriers they have to learning!

We provide:

- Classroom lessons teaching social skills, how to take care of strong feelings, study skills, etc.
- Small group counseling
- Short-term individual counseling
- Consultation with parents and teachers
- Parent workshops
- Community resource referrals (including longer term therapy services)
- Schoolwide initiatives (Great Kindness Challenge, Career Day, Character Cubs, etc.)

What types of things do we talk with students about in class lessons and in counseling?

- Making and keeping friends
- Setting goals
- Teamwork
- Making good choices
- Being responsible
- Managing strong feelings
- Conflict resolution
- Personal safety
- Bullying
- Social skills
- Career exploration

How does a student see a school counselor?

- Self-referrals
- Parent referral
- Administrative, teacher, or other staff referral
- Referral by friend(s)

How can we support parents?

- Helping to handle social or emotional concerns you have about your child
- Improving parent-child communication
- Family difficulties or concerns that affect your child at school
- Referrals for community resources
- Understanding the developmental changes of childhood
- Helping your child to be on time to school every day
- Discussing concerns about your child's academic achievement

Confidentiality and your family's privacy are important to us. What you or your child discuss with a counselor is private except in cases required by law (when abuse or neglect is suspected).