

## **What do elementary counselors do?**

The elementary years are a time when students begin to develop their academic self-concept and their feelings of competence and confidence as learners. They are beginning to develop decision-making, communication and life skills, as well as character values. It is also a time when students develop and acquire attitudes toward school, self, peers, social groups and family. Comprehensive developmental school counseling programs provide education, prevention and intervention services, which are integrated into all aspects of children's lives. Early identification and intervention of children's academic and social/emotional needs is essential in removing barriers to learning and in promoting academic achievement. The knowledge, attitudes and skills students acquire in the areas of academic, career and social development during these elementary years serve as the foundation for future success.

- Offer small group and one-on-one counseling
- Provide crisis counseling
- Assist concerned parents and staff
- Provide community referrals
- Serve on the Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Serve on the SST Team and 504 Plan Team
- Promote success at school for all students
- Teach guidance curriculum in grades TK-6
- Class presentations and discussions on current topics
- Promote a peaceful, healthy and safe campus
- Character Education assemblies and lessons
- Support the recycling, composting and our environment
- Green Team and gardening activities
- Some also teach lessons in physical education

## **Who sees the counselor?**

- Students mostly
- Parents and/or Guardians
- Teachers and/or staff