

# School Counselor News

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### What does a School Counselor do?

Check out my yearly calendar by clicking on this [link](#)! Information in the link is updated quarterly.

### Information to Share

The counselors, social worker and school psychologists have had the opportunity to network with some area resources. Not One More offers some new groups for families working through addiction. [Link](#) for Not One More. Olivia's House Grief and Loss Center spoke with us to share what they offer for grieving families FREE of cost to anyone living in York County. [Link](#) to Olivia's House.

### Classroom Lesson Review

*Second grade's* January lesson was Kindness and February's lesson was The Safe Touch Lesson provided by York County Children's Advocacy Center. *Third grade's* January lesson was on Resiliency and February's lesson was Perspective Taking. After each lesson, a letter with a brief description of the topic is posted on your child's class Dojo story page.

### Read Across America Week

RAM week is coming! Here's a [link](#) to an article about the importance of reading to your child!

### Individual Student Counseling

I meet with students four to eight times to provide short term counseling, teaching strategies and coping skills to students. School Counselors do not do therapy. If you would like your child to receive therapy, I can provide a list of therapists. Click [here](#) for a shortened list of therapists on my webpage.

### School-based Therapy Referrals

PCBH (Pennsylvania Comprehensive Behavioral Health) is currently only taking state insurance for school-based referrals.

### Parent Consultations

Parents may contact me to discuss concerns about their child(ren). I am available by appointment or I can be reached by email [vnbicher@wyasd.org](mailto:vnbicher@wyasd.org), on Class Dojo, school phone 717-792-3902 x 4017. You may leave a message throughout the school day and I will return your call as soon as possible.

### Attendance Reminders from the Student Handbook

1. Please remember to fill out attendance forms on your child's sapphire portal. These forms must be filled out within **three days** of your student's absence returning or the absence will be marked unlawful. A phone call is not accepted by the district in place of a form filled out in sapphire. Doctor's notes should be turned in for all appointments, if a student is missing school. For a link to the cheat sheet for using Sapphire for attendance, please click [HERE](#).
2. The attendance secretary sends a letter home after each unlawful absence.
3. Per state attendance code, after three unlawful absences, an attendance plan will need to be put in place.

