

# *The Counseling Corner*

*Gates Chili Elementary School Counselors*  
*May 2023*

## *Classroom Lessons*

The final topic of school counseling classroom lessons is Career Exploration. New York State requires that students are exposed to various careers starting at the elementary level. Our lessons are developmentally appropriate and, as the name of the unit implies, are exploratory in nature. Students think about what they enjoy doing at school and at home - and what they are good at - and identify a career that would complement both. All types of careers, including trades, the military, and those that require higher education are encouraged. Each student documents what they would like to be and why, and this document is kept in their files for them to refer to year after year to see how their interests have - or have not - changed. Students love looking back at their previous work!

### *Questions to Ask Your Student:*

- What is your favorite part about school?
- What is something you enjoy doing outside of school?
- What would you like to be when you grow up?
- How does that career match your interests and abilities?
- How can I help you learn more about that career?
- What career did you write down in your counseling lesson? Was it the same or different than last year? Why do you think that is?

## *Middle School Transition*

In a few months, our fifth grade Stars, Bears, Dragons, and Panthers will become Spartans at the middle school! We have been working with the sixth grade counselors to plan various events to set students up for success with the transition. In May, the sixth grade counselors (Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Condidorio) will visit each elementary school to present an overview of the middle school. In June, the fifth grade students will have an opportunity to take a field trip to tour the middle school. In addition, the middle school is hosting a "5 Go 6 Transition Night" for parents and guardians on May 24th at 6:30pm (any questions about this can be answered by the middle school counseling office). Please let your student's school counselor know if they have any specific questions or concerns about the middle school. We are happy to meet with them!

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