

November 2021

SCHOOL COUNSELORS' CORNER

Keeping Each other Well



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Is your student still thinking about a book they didn't purchase? The book fair is still open online, and can be accessed [here!](#)

MEET YOUR COUNSELING TEAM

Catch up with Jeff, Kate, and Ali.

ADVISORIES ARE BACK!

We are excited to re-introduce advisories and implement our new social emotional curriculum.

MEET YOUR TEAM

JEFF NEWSOME

Jeff has been in the Marblehead Public School District for the past 18 years. He started off in the METCO program for two years and his passion to serve all kids expanded to a Counselor position at the Village School in 2006. His passion to put a smile on every child's face and his "high-fives" are a hallmark to his personality.

Jeff believes it takes a Village to support and guide our students to their highest potential which includes the partnering with families to make this happen. This year, Jeff is working with the 6th grade, to cheerlead the successes and support the stumbles of our Village school students with social/emotional support. "We are....Village School".....

KATE DULAC

Kate has been at Village School since 2015. She has enjoyed working with 4th, 5th and 6th graders, supporting their social emotional health which directly impacts the academics they are learning.

This year, she is working with the 5th grade and is excited to loop with them through 6th grade and help them transition to Vets! Kate has 3 of her own children, a 14 year old and twins that are 11 who all attend Marblehead Public Schools.

ALI CAREY

Ali holds a Master of Social Work from Simmons University, and joins the Village counseling team this year as the 4th grade School Counselor. Prior to joining the Village School team, Ali completed a clinical internship at the Coffin School, and worked for several years as an academic support tutor in Marblehead Public Schools.

As a School Counselor and LCSW, Ali believes strong relationships are the foundation for growth, and is thrilled to loop with the class of 2030. She looks forward to working with students and their families to recognize needs and to provide support for success in school.

Ali lives in Marblehead with her four children, two birds, and one dog.

ADVISORY

Introducing the Choose Love Movement

Advisories are back! This year at Village, Advisories are running a little differently than last year. Advisories are grade-specific, and provide a small group setting for students to explore our new social emotional curriculum, Choose Love.

Aligned with CASEL, and ASCA, Choose Love For Schools encourages Character Social Emotional Development (CSED) model standards, while also incorporating evidence-based neuroscience and positive psychology practices to teach mindfulness, character development, and emotional intelligence. Choose Love aligns with our PBIS goal of Keeping Each Other Well at Village School, and includes opportunities to continue social emotional growth at home, and in the community.

We are excited to be able to build this link between home and school, and are including a link to the November Choose Love calendar below. We will regularly share information and opportunities to join with your student in practicing what they learn here at school- look for those updates in our newsletter!



SCC HEAD'S UP

Squid Games

Please have conversations with your children around the importance of using social media appropriately and safely. In particular, there is a new popular Netflix show, Squid Games, which has been the topic of conversation at school. We're encouraging parents to review it and decide if it is appropriate for your child, as there is some violent content.