



## Counselor's Corner

Hello Manitou Families - last week we were in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to introduce the counseling program, how to talk with us and to ask, "what do school counselors do?" Carrying our "counselor tool box" full of hints we enjoyed hearing from your children. Hands went up and answers ranged from counselors help kids with problems to

counselors hang pictures so teachers can eat lunch. Inside our toolbox were pictures of ears for listening, hearts for caring and tissues for drying tears. (Primary students decided the tissues were for blowing noses, bloody noses and boogers!)

### **Classroom Guidance – Second Step – Step up to be Cool**

Next week we begin lessons from our social emotion curriculum *Second Step*. Students will complete a survey to determine what they remember about *Second Step* from last year. The following week lessons in Unit One "Skills for Learning" 1<sup>st</sup> graders will focus on listening to learn, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will focus on being respectful learners, and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders tackle empathy and respect. As lessons are completed watch the Counselor's Corner for *Second Step* web links and information for parents designed to reinforce the skills students are learning in their classrooms.

### **Please Welcome Ute Pass Elementary Counselor Stephanie Wilson**

My name is Stephanie Wilson and I am so excited to be joining the Manitou Springs School District as a District 14 Counselor and as a support to Manitou Springs Elementary School! I am a Colorado native and live in the Springs with my husband, our youngest daughter, and our dog, Bo Jangles. In addition to raising two daughters with differing talents and learning styles, I have had the opportunity to work with a wide range of students with various skill sets and academic challenges. I enjoy connecting with students whether it be one-on-one, in group settings, or within the classroom environment. My education background includes a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master of Science in Counseling. I also have work experience in employee management with an emphasis in team building and capitalizing in individual skill sets. I hope to bring this real-world experience to the students in Manitou Springs as we learn to work together combining our various backgrounds and learning styles.

This year I look forward to meeting and getting to know your student(s) and discovering what makes each of us unique! Please don't hesitate to contact me with how I can best serve your student, 685-2227, [swilson@mssd14.org](mailto:swilson@mssd14.org). I will be at MSES on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

### **Open House – Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

Please stop by the counseling resource table during Open House on September 12<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to meeting you!

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