

CROSSROADS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MEET YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS

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Rachel Anderson is the newest member of the counseling team here at Crossroads. Rachel graduated with her Master's in School Counseling from Northern Kentucky University in May of 2015. Prior to joining Campbell County Public Schools, Rachel spent time living in New Jersey and Washington, D.C., and working in the environmental consulting field. She is currently working on her Rank 1. Rachel likes to spend her free time cooking, running, gardening, and spending time with her son. Ms. Anderson will be working with students in 1st and 3rd grades.



Emily Kuhn is starting her third year as a counselor here at Crossroads. She earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Elementary Education from WKU. Prior to joining the Crossroads family, Emily worked as an elementary school teacher for six years in Kenton County Schools. In 2009, she graduated from NKU with her Master's in School Counseling. She is currently working to complete her Rank 1. In her spare time, Emily enjoys spending time with her family, exercising, and going to sporting events. Mrs. Kuhn will be working with students in 2nd and 4th grades.



Abigail Schaber is starting her second year as a counselor here at Crossroads. Abigail graduated with her Master's in School Counseling from UofL in May of 2013 and completed her Rank 1 certification in December 2014. Prior to joining Campbell County Public Schools, Abigail worked in the fields of foster care and substance abuse. Abigail likes to spend her free time hiking, playing with her dog and seeking out new adventures. Mrs. Schaber will be working with students in Kindergarten and 5th grade.

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PEER MEDIATORS

Crossroads has officially launched the Peer Mediation program for the 2015-2016 school year and we are off to a great start! The peer mediation program is offered for students in 2nd through 5th grades to help resolve non-violent conflicts. Our team spent two days this

summer preparing for this leadership position. Please help me in welcoming our amazing 2015-2016 peer mediators!

Julian Burrows: 4th grade
Cate Hardcorn: 4th grade
Noah Hardy: 4th grade
Ava Markus: 4th grade
Sami Miller: 4th grade

Ella Banta: 5th grade
Ryann Crowley: 5th grade
Jacob Haas: 5th grade
Brandon Robinson: 5th grade
Zoe Smith: 5th grade





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

September is attendance awareness month and Crossroads is looking to set a high attendance record! Many elementary students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. If children do not show up to school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Here are some ideas of what your family can do to help reduce the number of absences your student has...



Build regular routines for bedtime and morning.

Talk about the importance of being at school every day with your child.



Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Don't permit missing school unless your child is truly sick.



Seek support from school staff or community groups to help with transportation, health problems, etc...

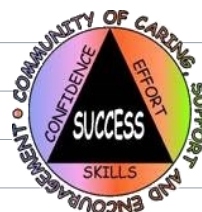
Keep a chart recording your child's attendance at home.

STUDENT SUCCESS SKILLS

As part of our comprehensive school counseling program here at Crossroads, we are continuing to implement our evidenced-based program called Student Success Skills (SSS). SSS is a K-12 model that helps students develop key cognitive, social and self-management skills.

This program tailors its approach to specific age populations. For example, Kindergarten and first

grade receive the "Ready to Learn" curriculum, second and third grade receives the "Ready for Success" curriculum, and fourth through twelfth grades receive the "Student Success Skills" curriculum.



Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Kuhn, and Mrs. Schaber are diligently working to deliver the SSS curriculum school-wide. Data demonstrates that this approach has shown to enhance academic performance, improve behavioral engagement, and increase students' self-efficacy. **The counseling department is also developing a parent information session on SSS—our next session will be this Thursday, 3 September 2015, at 6pm and 6:30pm.**

CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH: RESPECT

For the month of September, we are focusing on teaching our students about *respect*.



A person who shows respect demonstrates that he or she will...

- praise his or her parents, teachers, teammates and coaches.
- not think overly highly of him or herself.
- take responsibility for his or her actions.
- try again after each defeat.

- give credit to those who have helped make him or her successful.
- look at people when they are speaking.

How are you helping your student learn respect?