



Welcome to

The Counselor's Den

Leonetti Elementary



School Counselor Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM MS. NEWSOME

Hello! My name is Ms. Newsome and I am the new school counselor at DLE! I am so excited to get to meet you all and support your students. This newsletter will serve as a way for me to keep you updated on upcoming counseling events, resources, and important information to support your child's success. Think of this newsletter as a little bridge between the counselor's office and home, keeping us all working together for the success of our Lions.



COUNSELOR LESSONS

Currently, I have started lessons to introduce myself and share the role of the school counselor. During these "Meet the Counselor" lessons, students learn how I support them with academic success, social skills, and emotional well-being. We also talk about how to see the counselor and that my office is a safe and welcoming place. My goal is to make sure every student knows they have a trusted adult at school they can turn to for help, encouragement, and guidance.

For more information about the social emotional learning lessons I will be completing this year, please read the Counseling Lessons Parent Letter below.



Counseling Lessons Parent Letter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Sept. 7-13: National Suicide Prevention Week

Sept. 9-11: 988/See Something, Say Something Lessons (3rd-5th)

Sept. 11: Ms. Newsome's Birthday

Sept. 15-19: Start With Hello Week

Sept. 15-25: Needs Assessment (3rd-5th)

Sept. 21: International Day of Peace

Sept. 30: GT Referral Window closes

Is your Lion exceptionally bright and seems far more advanced when you compare them to their peers? Consider referring your student for testing to see if they will qualify for the FBISD Gifted and Talented Program. FBISD is accepting GT referrals online until September 30th. Please click this link for more information or to refer your Lion: [Gifted & Talented Referral Information](#). If you have any questions on the referral process, please reach out to me!

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FBISD Needs Assessment

Each year, we provide students an opportunity to share their thoughts, feelings and social/emotional needs using a Needs Assessment. It is our priority to ensure students have timely, responsive, and effective social and emotional support continuously throughout the school year. The Needs Assessment addresses the following areas:

- Social/Emotional supports
- Sense of belonging
- Safety
- Post-secondary readiness

The Needs Assessment may pinpoint a concern, offering us the ability to secure additional assistance for students. This means that the assessment results may be shared with targeted campus and district staff if the assessment results reveal a potential concern. All assessment results will be kept confidential, stored separately from academic records. DLE 3rd-5th grade students will take the Needs Assessment using Microsoft Forms from September 15th to September 25th. Prior to its release, students will receive information about the Needs Assessment from the school counselor.

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No Place for Hate

Donald Leonetti Elementary is proud to be an Anti-Defamation League "No Place for Hate" school. We are committed to making our campus a safe school with a culture that values all students and staff. We are doing amazing things to:

1. Build an inclusive and safe community in which respect is the goal, and all students can thrive.
2. Empower students, faculty, administration and family members to take a stand against hate and bullying by incorporating new and existing programs under one powerful message.
3. Send a clear, unified message that all students have a place to belong.

Students at DLE will sign the Resolution of Respect on September 19th and all staff and family members are encouraged to sign as well.

[Sign the Resolution of Respect for DLE](#)

CHARACTER TRAIT



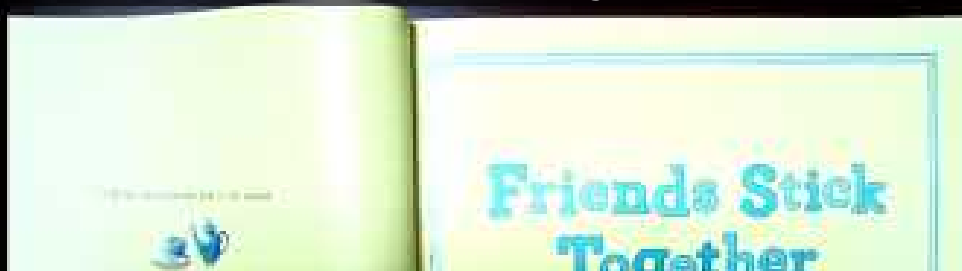
BOOK OF THE MONTH

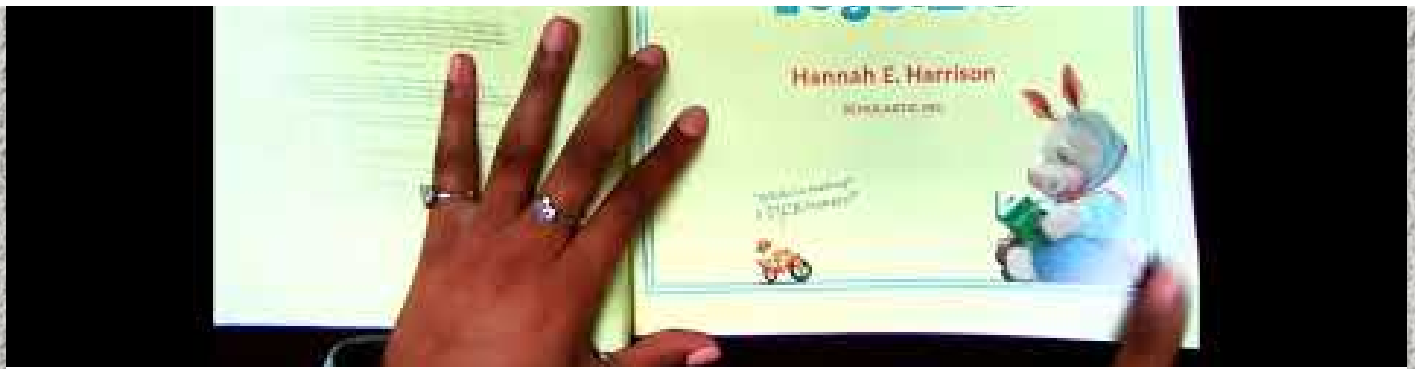
"Friends Stick Together" by Hannah E. Harrison

This story follows Rupert the rhino, who likes things neat, quiet, and orderly. His world is shaken up when Levi, an enthusiastic tickbird, decides they should be best friends. Though Rupert finds Levi annoying at first, he eventually learns the true value of friendship, acceptance, and sticking together through differences.

I love this book because it shows students that friendships can grow even when people have very different personalities. It highlights the importance of kindness, acceptance, and celebrating what makes each person unique. As a counselor, I value how this story opens the door to conversations about empathy, patience, and what it really means to be a good friend.

September Book of the Month: Friends Stick Together





CONTACT THE COUNSELOR

As your child's counselor, I value the strong partnership between school and home. By working together, we can best support your child's academic, social, and emotional growth. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Parent Counselor Conference Request

Student Request to Speak to the Counselor



Counseling / Counseling Home

A Professional School Counselor is available at Donald Leonetti Elementary School to provide a Comprehensive Developmental Guidance Program and services for all students in the areas of:

[fortbendisd.com](https://www.fortbendisd.com)



Monet Newsome, School Counselor

