Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself! My name is Stacey Ramirez, and I am the new TK-5 Elementary School Counselor. I am so excited to be part of the Willow Grove Elementary family; already it is so apparent how close-knit and welcoming the Willow Grove community is, I feel very lucky to be part of it! I look forward to meeting you and your student and to help your student this academic year and beyond.

As a School Counselor, my primary responsibility is to promote the academic, career, and social/emotional development of all students. I look forward to offering support to the students, staff, families, and community. This year my office is in D-4 and I would like the students to think of it as a warm and friendly place, where they are always welcome. It is also a safe haven – a place where they can get help if they feel confused or worried.

**Services Provided:**

As the Counselor, I have the privilege to work with every single student in the school. I plan on working with students at the classroom level, small group level, as well as at the short-term individual counseling level. I will also be meeting with parents, collaborating with teachers and staff, and consulting with community organizations to benefit and meet the needs of all Willow Grove students.

**CLASSROOM GUIDANCE LESSONS:** These lessons will be presented in the classroom for students in grades TK-5. Lessons will teach developmentally appropriate and preventative lessons to all children.

**GROUP COUNSELING:** Group counseling is provided for small groups of students experiencing similar concerns. These may include making and keeping friends, anger management, coping with separation/divorce and or loss, getting organized/study skills and/or improving self-esteem. The groups generally range from 4 to 6 students and last for 6 to 8 sessions.

**INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING:** Short term one-on-one counseling support is available to all students in grades TK-5. Confidentiality is respected.

**CONSULTATIONS:** I am available to have meetings with teachers, administrators and/or parents to discuss the needs of individual students. I am here for all students and want to ensure that your student has a productive and positive academic school year.

**REFERRALS:** Any student can request to meet with me, or they can be referred by a teacher, administrator, or parent. After referral is received, I will contact the family to discuss referral and possible counseling services. A permission slip for all counseling services will need to be signed by the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) and returned to the counseling office before your child can begin being seen in counseling.
**Confidentiality**

Please note that all information discussed is confidential between me and your child, unless they are planning on hurting themselves, hurting someone else or someone is hurting them.

Please contact me if you have ANY questions or concerns. I am thrilled to be working with your student and hope to meet all the families that make Willow Grove Elementary such a wonderful community! Have a great start to the school year everyone! 😊

Kindest Regards,

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