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Elmira school counselors honored during National School Counseling Week Feb. 1-5

Elementary Schools

Beecher

735-3500

Broadway

735-3600

Coburn

735-3650

Diven

735-3700

Hendy

735-3750

Fassett

735-3900

Pine City

735-3800

Riverside

735-3850

Middle Schools

Broadway

735-3300

Ernie Davis

735-3400

High Schools

Alternative High School

735-3350

Elmira Free Academy

735-3100

Southside

735-3200

Administration

735-3000

National School Counseling Week, celebrated from Feb. 1-5, focuses public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors. The week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Formerly known as guidance counselors, school counselors help students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; work in a partnership with parents; focus on positive ways to enhance students' social/personal, educational and career development; and work with teachers to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic goals for themselves. Professional school counselors are certified, experienced educators with a master's degree in school counseling. The combination of their training and experience makes them an integral part of the total educational program.

The Elmira City School District has a K-12 School Counseling Program that has been recognized across the State. In Fall 2008, the Elementary Counseling Program was given the "outstanding program" award by the New York State School Counseling Association. As part of its celebration of National School Counseling Week, School Counselors in the district will be providing several activities for students to learn more about the role of a School Counselor. Examples include poster contests, journal prompts, trivia questions and more.

District-Wide School Counselor: Dr. Kathy Moore

ECSD Elementary School Counselors: Sonja Jennings, Beecher; Aimee Garrett, Broadway; Bridget O'Brien, Coburn; Jill McLaughlin, Diven; Erica Sheldon, Fassett; Beth Branham, Hendy; Holly Snell, Pine City; Jessica Giuricich, Riverside.

ECSD Middle School Counselors: Monica Beck, Jean Coons, Kimberly Webster and Michelle Wichtowski, from Broadway Middle School; and Christin Bresett, Nancy Coldiron, Justin Fuchs and Traci Harke, from Ernie Davis Middle School.

ECSD High School Counselors: Kristie Smith, Elmira Alternative High School; Brian Fitzgerald, Madeline Mathews, Terry Nicklaus, Eloise Streeter and Connie Young from Elmira Free Academy; and Joan Fedor, Nick Ferro, Heather Lutz, Steve Mastronardi and Mike Middaugh from Southside High School.

For more information about Elmira's school counselors, see the district's Web site at www.elmiracityschools.com > About Us > School Counseling.

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