# Counselor Newsletter

NAVARRO MS + October 2024



Stephanie Pickney school counselor



## School Counselor and CIS (Communities' in Schools)

Counselors are essential educators and mental health professionals in the school system. We are growing graduates by teaching educational, career, personal, and social development at all ages!

My goal is for each Leopard to receive one individual meeting with their counselor, one in the Fall and another in the Spring. In these meetings, students will explore their goals and aspirations, and discuss the options for their personal path. CIS are also essential in the school system. They support the school counselor school wide such as: family and community engagement, wrapround services, guidance and counseling, conflict resolution, and mentor student support.

Students/parents/staff may fill out a SAF (Student Assistance Form) to reach the counselor/cis /or wraparound services.



### We are looking for :

Volunteers, guardians, or family members that are willing to participate in family engagement opportunities' including a PTO.

TechnoloCHICAS program-20 girls for STEM program-free



# Sta<mark>ff Profile Highli</mark>ghts



Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Jimenes for being named the Excellence in Teaching Award recipient!

Thank you, Mrs. Jimenes, for your outstanding efforts in effectively internalizing your lessons in both math and science, following our culture playbook, and pushing your students out to LSAE on time.

Your dedication to conducting effective reteach sessions, maintaining excellent classroom management, and showing respect for your students has truly made a significant impact. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and grateful for your contributions to our school. Congratulations once again!



## Upcoming

- DYAD 7th & 8th field trip, information coming soon.
- Oct 2 -Stop Bullying Day-Wear Blue
- Oct 18 Cancer Awareness-Wear Pink
- Oct 21-25 Character Counts Week
- October 28-Nov 1- Red Ribbon week



## Guidance Lessons for October- Responsibility

Students demonstrate the trait of responsibility by taking ownership of their lives and acknowledging their power to choose what they think (including their attitudes and mindsets), say and do, and their accountability for the consequences of their choices.

#### Key Beliefs:

I will be a better student if I act on the following beliefs:

- It is an obligation that I do my best work and be my best self.
- By my choices, I determine what kind of person I am and how others will view me.
- I am responsible for my actions and their consequences.
- It's up to me to have a positive attitude, which is more likely to have positive results.
- I should do what I have to do without whining or giving excuses.

Lesson: Filling the Jar

https://charactercounts.org/c4/

**SAF Form** (Student Assistance Form)

Use the QR code to request services or to see a counselor.



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SOCIAL MEDIA

## Parenting Corner

#### BE AWARE OF CHILDS ACCOUNT

SOCIAL MEDIA CAN HAVE MANY NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, INCLUDING:

MENTAL HEALTH

EXCESSIVE SOCIAL MEDIA USE CAN LEAD TO DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, LOW SELF-ESTEEM, AND POOR BODY IMAGE. IT CAN ALSO CAUSE FEELINGS OF EXCLUSION.

SLEEP

SOCIAL MEDIA CAN DISRUPT SLEEP, WHICH IS IMPORTANT FOR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT.

DISTRACTION

SOCIAL MEDIA CAN DISTRACT FROM HOMEWORK, EXERCISE, AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES.

UNREALISTIC VIEWS SOCIAL MEDIA CAN LEAD TEENS TO FORM UNREALISTIC VIEWS ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES OR BODIES.

ONLINE PREDATORS SOCIAL MEDIA CAN EXPOSE TEENS TO ONLINE PREDATORS WHO MIGHT TRY TO EXPLOIT OR EXTORT THEM.

CYBERBULLYING

SOCIAL MEDIA CAN EXPOSE TEENS TO CYBERBULLYING, WHICH CAN RAISE THE RISK OF MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS SUCH AS ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION.

IDENTITY

SOCIAL MEDIA CAN MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR TEENS TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEMSELVES BECAUSE THEY HAVE MULTIPLE IDENTITIES AND SPEND TIME PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE THEY AREN'T.

**BRAIN DEVELOPMENT** 

SOCIAL MEDIA CAN CHANGE THE BRAIN OF PRETEENS. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT HABITUAL SOCIAL MEDIA USERS RESPOND MORE INTENSELY TO PERCEIVED GOOD OR BAD EMOTIONS FROM PEERS. technology and your future in a STEM career? ¿Estás interesado en aprender más sobre tecnología y tu futuro en una carrera STEM?

# Technolochicas THURSDAYS AFTERSCHOOL STARTING OCTOBER 10 AT NAVARRO MS

Technolochicas es un programa STEM para niñas de secundaria que enseña:

EXTRACORRECTAR

Technolochicas is a STEM program for middle school girls that teaches:

how to create an app

- how to create a website
- how AI works
- how to use robotics

The program is free and snacks will be provided.

**BakerRipley** 

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El programa es gratuito y se proporcionarán refrigerios. ¡No se necesitan conocimientos o experiencia previa en STEM! No prior STEM knowledge or

experience is

LEARN.BELONG. BE WELL 🗇

Thank you for reading!



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