

# COUNSELOR CHRONICLES

February 2009

## NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK FEBRUARY 2 - 6, 2009 "School Counselors: Making a Difference"

National School Counseling Week 2009, "School Counselors: Making a Difference," will be celebrated from Feb. 2-6, 2009, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by American School Counseling Association (ASCA), highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

School counselors implement a comprehensive program to work with students in individual, small group, and classroom settings. By focusing on our three main goals of Personal/Academic Development, Career and Decision-Making Skills, and Interpersonal Skills, school counselors serve a vital role in maximizing student achievement.

Counselors hold their programs accountable for student achievement by monitoring their own school counseling plans. By collecting, analyzing, and reflecting on data as a result of program initiatives, school counselors are able to make data-driven decisions.

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### School Counseling GOALS

- Personal / Academic Development
- Career and Decision-Making Skills
- Interpersonal Skills

## WELCOME NEW SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF

We welcome the following counselors to Carroll County Public Schools to be among the best school counseling professionals in the State of Maryland.

Jeanetta Harper

Westminster High School and New Windsor Middle School

Welcome Back!

Nancy Huber

North Carroll High School and North Carroll Middle School

Rosita Ndaka

North Carroll High School

Lyndsay Pyles-Rogers

West Middle School

Lisa Spera

Ebb Valley Elementary School

George Wunder

Century High School

## IT'S OFFICIAL



In a June 2, 2008 letter from Dr. Nancy Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools, citizens were notified that the State Board of Education granted permission to align the title of "School Counselor" with the National Standards of the American School Counseling Association. In recent years, the role of the school counselor has changed to reflect a profession that provides a program for all students and supports student achievement.

So... guidance counselors will now be called "school counselors," and guidance offices will be school counseling offices, to more accurately describe the services that school counselors provide.



