**What does an Elementary School Counselor do?**

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| **Many parents wonder just what an elementary school counselor does on a daily basis. Well... this position is multi-faceted and changes from day to day. A good, short answer to the above question would be, " Elementary School Counselors wear many hats--in fact, multiple in the same day". The majority of my day is dedicated to working with students . I work with students in the classroom, in small groups, and one-on-one. I also support teachers and staff, as well as families. I also work closely with the principal and other administrative staff to make sure that the school is a safe place for all students so that they can receive the best possible education.**  **The** [**American School Counseling**](http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?pl=327&sl=341&contentid=341)**(ASCA) website says "Today's school counselors are vital members of the education team. They help *all* students in the areas of academic achievement, personal/social development and career development, ensuring today's students become the productive, well-adjusted adults of tomorrow." Poke around the ASCA website and these pages, and you will see many examples of how busy and involved school counselors spend their time.**  <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?contentid=230>  ***My philosophy is:***  **I firmly believe that one will always remember the elementary school years and, more importantly, that those years are the foundation for a successful career. The values, interpersonal skills and academic skills that we learn in elementary school, stay with us and greatly influence who we become as adults.**  **Please contact me either via e-mail or school phone if you would like to meet with me and discuss how we can make your child's elementary school years here at *Southwest Elementary School*, successful and memorable.**  **Please remember to take part in the brief survey that is posted on the SWE website under the guidance tab.** |