

*UPDATE: Additional support and prevention of bullying...*

Margaretta Elementary has approximately 650 students receiving services from the school counseling program throughout the year. The program provides necessary social-emotional guidance and educational support. During the current year, some students have reported that they fear coming to school, that they have low self-esteem, and that they are being bullied. Such reporting has occurred on a consistent basis. An additional, proactive approach is necessary in order to provide intervention for these students.

We are fortunate to have received, through a grant provided by the Sandusky-Erie County Community Foundation, funding to provide additional support services to our students, in the hope that such support will help prevent or reduce the amount of bullying at school. Mrs. Diana Webb of Bayshore Counseling, has been visiting Margaretta Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students each week. Her presentations have been engaging for students and have focused on student self-esteem and cooperation with others.

During Mrs. Webb's first visit, she asked the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to answer questions on their feelings about the school climate and their fellow students. The student answers were overwhelmingly positive! We are looking forward to continued good things from this program.

Please contact Mrs. Wiley at school, or Mrs. Webb at Bayshore Counseling 419-626-9156 for more information.