

Quarterly Newsletter



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Meet the School Counselors

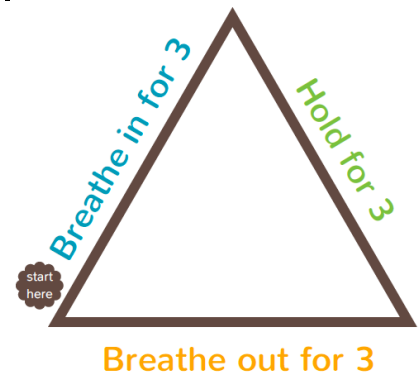
Ms. Ortiz Battista

Greetings! My name is Mrs. Ortiz Battista, and I am your child's School Counselor. This is my 10th year as a School Counselor and 24th year with NBOE. As this school year is starting and we are getting back to normal we are here to support our students as we kick off the 2024-25 school year with high hopes and big goals! Please contact me throughout the year if I can be of service to you.

Ms. Garces

My name is Ms. Garces and I am one of the School Counselors at Abington Avenue School. This year I will be working with grades Pre-K - 2. This is my first year at Abington Avenue and I look forward to working with the staff, parents, and student to ensure our students success in academically, socially, and developmentally.

Breathing Exercise Corner



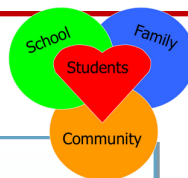
As the Student Support Office, we perform the following roles in order to promote positive development in academic, career, and personal/social domains.

- Small Group Counseling and Classroom Lessons
- Attend and participate in academic and behavior intervention meetings
 - Observe students in various school environments
- Consult / Collaborate with parents, teachers, CST students, and administrators
 - Respond to school crises / emergency situations
 - Prepare for and complete high school applications
 - Investigate any Conflict or Bullying Concerns
 - Hold College & Career Readiness Activities

Meet the Social Worker

My name is Ms. Rosas and I am the School Social Worker at Abington Avenue School. This is my 6th year with NBOE. My passion has always been working with children and families. I am here to serve the Abington Avenue School Community with any needs that may arise. Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance or have any concerns. I look forward to meeting and working with you all!

Guidance Themes



- Harassment/Intimidation & Bullying (HIB)
- Respect/Courage
- Drug/Alcohol Awareness-Saying "No"
- Empathy / Problem-solving
- Awareness of Self & Others
- Self-Care
- Self-Management

- **Week of Respect 10/7-10/11**
- **Indigenous People's Day– 10/14**
- **Safe Schools Week 10/16-20**
- **Red Ribbon Week 10/*23-10/31**
- **World Kindness Day 11/13**
- **National Hunger & Homeless Awareness week 11/18-26**
- **Cycle 1 Ends 11/6**
- **Thanksgiving Break 28-29**

Important Dates
and INFORMATION