

## May School Counselor's Corner

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Look for info about Willard on the "Willard PreK-8 School in Warren" page on Facebook!

**News:** As the school counselors at Willard PK-8 School, we help ALL students with social/emotional development, self-management, social skills, maintaining friendships, and we also provide support during various transitions in a student's life (e.g. family change, moving, grief, etc.). Students and families are also welcome to utilize our school pantry as needed!

### *What's Up in Warren? Community Events this month:*

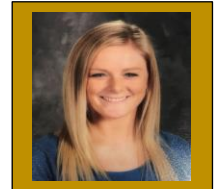
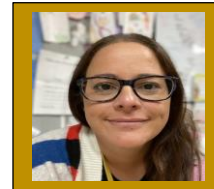
#### **Community Potluck Dinner**

Community Potluck Dinner at the Lotus Art Center on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 6pm. The Art Center is located at 2033 Elm Road NE, Warren, Ohio. It is a monthly potluck feast, every last Wednesday of the month. Bring a dish or drink, preferably labeled to help those with dietary restrictions. Everyone is welcome! Donations for Lotus Art Center are greatly appreciated.

#### **Craft Show**

Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club Spring Craft Show on May 6, 2023 from 10 am to 3 pm. It will be held at 2619 Hoagland Blackstub Road in Warren, Ohio. There will be basket raffles, 50/50, kitchen, and over 30 vendors. All money raised will go to support the youth in our community.

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### **Counseling Connections Spotlight:**

Elementary Bullying Prevention:

<https://www.pacerkidsagainstabullying.org/about-us/>

Middle School Bullying Prevention:

<https://www.pacerteensagainstabullying.org/>

### **Social-Emotional Learning Updates**

**K-5 4Rs:** During the month of May, we will be finishing up our lessons on Diversity and begin to focus on Making A Difference. Students will be learning skills to develop leadership skills such as cooperation, collaboration, organizing, mediation, taking action and empowerment.

**6-8 Second Step:** During the month of May, students will complete the final unit: Managing Relationships and Social Conflict. Their last lessons and activities will include respectful communication, making resolutions/amends, and will challenge them to put their new skills to work in future conflicts.

### **May Resources for Families: Ways to Create Stronger Family Relationships**

All families are busy but it is important to take time to stop and make time for family. Here are some ways that families can create stronger relationships through different activities.

1. Play board games: starts unexpected conversation and can help kids gain confidence and problem-solving.
2. Start a family book club: Pick a book everyone is interested in and then have family discussions about the reading. You can also take turns reading the book aloud.
3. Make a craft: The craft is a tangible remainder of the love and time your family spent together.



### **Important Dates Coming up**

**Tuesday, May 16: Board of Education Meeting at Harding High School**

**Friday, May 26: Last day of School and Early Release**