

COUNSELOR'S CORNER
THORNDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FALL 2011

Dear Parents:

We have begun a new year and are excited about the wonderful months ahead of us.

The staff at Thorndale Elementary strives to provide a warm and safe environment for your child and to make the school experience an enjoyable and successful one. While academics are of vital importance, we also stress development of good character and positive lifetime skills. These include responsibility, honesty, courtesy, citizenship, self-discipline, integrity, trustworthiness, respect, caring, fairness, helpfulness, communication skills, and motivation.

Bullying is harmful behavior directed toward another student. It happens when someone keeps hurting, frightening, threatening or leaving someone out. It is unfair and one-sided. This is not tolerated on our campuses and we work to educate our students as to what bullying is, the difference between 'tattling' and reporting, and how to report incidences of bullying behavior.

As your school counselor, I am in the classrooms each week presenting lessons on the above topics as well as other areas including self-esteem, personal growth, problem solving skills and career exploration. Our lessons for the beginning of this year will focus on safety and developing healthy friendships. TISD follows the Development Guidance Guidelines as set forth by the Texas Education Agency.

My office is open for parents and students to visit anytime. Please do not hesitate to drop by or call. We especially appreciate being made aware if your child is experiencing difficulties in the classroom (with subject matter or peers) and/or dealing with an upsetting situation outside of school. I may be reached Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday at 898-5032 or you may email me at dfishero@thorndale.txed.net.

Thank you for sharing your child with us and we welcome the opportunity to partner with you to make school a rewarding and successful experience.

Sincerely,

Diane Fishero
Counselor