

Guidance Programs:

- **CARE Team-** The CARE team is a group of teachers, counselors, and/or administrators who meet on a weekly basis to discuss students who may have a barrier to learning. All information discussed within the CARE team is strictly confidential. If you feel you need to refer a student to the CARE team, referrals can be made on the Troy Intermediate School website by completing a referral form via a Google document.
- **Big Buddy program-** Troy Intermediate School has partnered up with Troy High School to create a buddy program. The Buddy Program aims to help students build new friendships to help foster academic success. The Buddy Program helps with increasing self-confidence by enabling older students to serve as optimistic mentors and also allows students to gain effective communication skills with peers as well as with students of different ages.
- **Intern-Allison McCurry-** The guidance department has welcomed an intern from Mansfield University. Allison McCurry is a senior psychology-counseling major who will be completing a 360 credit hour internship as part of a graduation requirement. She will be observing classes, helping with guidance lessons, and learning the overall duties and responsibilities that a school counselor's job entails.

Guidance Lessons: The guidance department works hard to create lessons that will benefit the students' overall learning experience.

October

- o **5th and 6th grade study skills-** The 5th and 6th grade classes learned about different ways to study based on the three different learning styles they learned previously. The students participated in an activity in which they used new study skills to study for an upcoming social studies test.
- o **3rd grade-Influence-** The 3rd graders are learning about good influence vs. negative influence throughout the month of October. Students participated in an activity in which they were given various scenarios and they had to determine whether or not it was a positive influence or a negative influence.
- o **4th grade goal setting-** 4th graders continue to learn about goal setting during the month of October, and do many team building activities. Students create goals and then come up with ways to achieve them based on various team activities.

o **Student of the month assembly-Teamwork and Unity-** This assembly is geared towards the idea of teamwork and unity. The students were involved in a variety of different activities that were based on teamwork. The students tie-dyed T-shirts which were supplied to us by the PTSO. Each grade level voted on a color to dye their shirts. The design of the shirt represented uniqueness of each student, while the color of the shirt represented *unity* of the grade level.

Red Ribbon Week

The Troy Intermediate School will be recognizing Red Ribbon Week Monday, October 24th through Friday, October 28th. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. This campaign serves as a link for communities, individuals and students to take a stand against drugs and alcohol. It is our hope as a school and community that we can unite together and provide drug prevention and education to our students. As a school, our goal is to promote awareness, prevention, and refusals skills to encourage students to live drug free lives. Therefore, each grade level will learn age appropriate information regarding drugs and alcohol during Red Ribbon Week.