



## -Counselor's Corner-



Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Jennifer Butler and I am the School Counselor at both Encinal and Oak Knoll Elementary School. I am excited to join such supportive staff and community in which educating students is a point of excellence. As a graduate of The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, I bring a combination of education and experience to the staff and students. My educational background includes a B.A. in Psychology and Elementary Education, followed by an M.Ed in School Counseling, as well as receiving recognition as a Nationally Certified Counselor. I have worked with students of all ages K-12 in the counseling domain, and have other experience as a substitute teacher and instructional assistant to students with moderate to severe disabilities.

Many of you may not have had a school counselor when you were in school, so I would like to introduce the services I provide to all students and parents. It is my responsibility to help your child get the best possible education by assisting in removing or lessening some of the barriers that interfere with student success. A good education includes not only learning the core subject areas, but also includes building good social skills, academic skills, and an awareness of how school relates to becoming a productive citizen. Through small group activities for students experiencing similar concerns or challenges, as well as lessons in collaboration with classroom teachers, it is my hope that all students will reach their highest potential.

I am also in the school to help students who are facing individual difficulties. Family disruptions or crises may affect children at school. If your family is experiencing anything out of the ordinary, please let me know. Together we can work to ensure that your child remains successful and healthy.

It is important to remember that when school staff and parents collaborate, it is a winning combination for students. All children deserve and are capable of being winners, and together we can help them realize this goal. If I can be of any help to you please call the school or email me at [jbutler@mpcsd.org](mailto:jbutler@mpcsd.org).

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Butler  
School Counselor