



Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Olga Ross. I am starting my 4th year at Hoggard Elementary and feel very fortunate to work at such a wonderful school. I would like to introduce myself and let you know how I can help you and your child. As the counselor, I conduct monthly lessons in the classrooms, organize/facilitate small groups, and provide students with short-term solution –focused counseling. Please understand that I am not a therapist and do not conduct therapeutic sessions with children.

The small groups are short-term groups with an objective to help students with various aspects of their lives. The groups are offered at your child’s lunchtime and don’t take any time away from the instructional day. This year I will offer the following groups: Coping Skills groups (focuses on building resiliency and developing coping skill), “Be Cool” group (focuses on developing anger management and social skills), Friendship Group (helps students make new friends and develop social skills), Banana Splits (for children of divorce, separation and/or blended families) and possible Grief group (for students who experience loss in the family).

We will also have a Peer Mediation Program on campus for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Students will be trained in mediation and will work with others to help find peaceful solution to conflicts. Students will need to apply, go through the interview process and complete the training.

I also have different resources available to you. For example, I have resources for food and meal assistance, rental or housing assistance, parenting classes, support groups, and many other community organizations information. The school also offers help to homeless students through CCSD Title I Homeless program. I organize Three Square Food Bank program (bag of food for the weekend) and School Bell Program (clothing assistance) for families in need. I can also refer you to school social worker if you would need additional support for your family.

If you ever have a need, please don’t hesitate to contact me! Your personal information/situation remains confidential with me, with few exceptions (at times administration may need to be informed of certain situations to ensure safety and optimal success of each student).

Please email or call me with any questions or concerns. My email is rossos1@nv.ccsd.net , I can also be reached Monday - Friday between 7:55 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at 702-799-4740 ext. 4301.

I look forward to the opportunity to assist you and your child/children.

Thank you,

Mrs. Olga Ross
School Counselor