



## WELCOME WARRIORS!

July 31, 2017

Dear Parents and Students:

We are thrilled to welcome you to the exciting and sometimes rollercoaster ride that we call 7<sup>th</sup> grade! We are also excited to be your 7<sup>th</sup> grade counselors this year. Mrs. Hardy-Evans will be the counselor for students whose last name begins with the letters A-K. Mrs. Lawson will gladly work with students whose last name starts with the letters L-Z. We understand that you may be experiencing excitement and a little apprehension about going into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade – wondering if you'll like your new teachers, if you'll make new friends, and if you'll be able to succeed in your classes. You may also feel excitement because of the new opportunities that you may experience this year, including having more choices, more freedom, and participation in extracurricular activities. We want to help make this transition to 7<sup>th</sup> grade a smooth and positive experience for you.

As your child's counselors, we are concerned about his or her emotional well-being, academic progress, and personal and social development. Therefore, we will offer the following activities to help with this transition and to help students gain independence and to have academic success.

- Periodic classroom lessons related to positive personal growth and development (such as study skills, depression awareness and suicide prevention training, cyber safety, and human trafficking awareness and prevention)
- Small group counseling for academic or social concerns
- Individual counseling
- Parent consultation

We look forward to working closely with the teachers, parents, and students in promoting positive growth and student success. In addition to receiving referrals from teachers and staff, we encourage parents and students to ask for our help with any issues that could hinder the students' achievement. Contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a conference. If you have difficulty contacting a teacher, please do not hesitate to contact us at 919.266.8500. If you have questions or concerns, you can also email us at [phardy-evans@wcpss.net](mailto:phardy-evans@wcpss.net) or [mlawson@wcpss.net](mailto:mlawson@wcpss.net). You can also visit our school website at <http://www.eastwakems.wcps.net> or our Student Services website at <http://ewmscounselors.weebly.com> for updates.

Again, welcome WARRIORS to an exciting 7<sup>th</sup> grade school year! We look forward to us all working together for a successful year.

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