

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the new school year. I hope all the students are ready for an exciting year. My name is Missy Struif. I will be providing services to your children throughout the school year. My job is to provide guidance and support for Greenfield School District families.

The elementary years are a time when students begin to develop their academic self-concept as well as their feelings of confidence and competence as learners. They are beginning to develop decision-making, communication and life skills, as well as character values. It is also a time when students develop and acquire attitudes toward school, self, peers, social groups and families. I am here to help with these issues.

I will visit classrooms and teach guidance lessons as well as provide individual counseling this year. The 2 programs that I have used at Greenfield Elementary are called "Steps to Respect," and "Second Step." These programs discuss bullying, making friends, showing empathy, and emotion management as well as numerous other positive messages. I will also teach lessons on career awareness and 7th and 8th grade will receive education on drug awareness as well as abstinence. Please take advantage of the resources the counseling office has to offer. I look forward to working with you and helping in any way that I can. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at mstruif@greenfieldschools.org, or you can call me in the afternoons at the school, 217-368-2551.

Sincerely,
Missy Struif,
school counselor