



### School Counselor's Message

My name is Debbie Holland and I am the School Counselor at Blanton Elementary. As a School Counselor, my mission is to advocate for an environment that supports high student achievement for all students and decreases barriers to learning, hence allowing students to become effective learners, responsible citizens and productive members of a global workforce. This is achieved through the implementation of a Comprehensive School Counseling Plan which provides services in the areas of academic, career and personal and social development to help students overcome challenges that may interfere with learning and reaching their fullest potential. Some of the services I provide are...

- . Teach classroom guidance lessons in the academic, career and social emotional domains which are aligned with the Florida Standards and the American School Counseling Association mindsets and behaviors
- . Provide individual and group counseling on various topics such as changing families, anger management, conflict resolution, grief, getting along with others, building self-esteem, etc.
- . Consult with teachers and parents to assist in meeting individual student needs
- . Coordinate referrals to school and community agencies
- . Run the Terrific Kids Club (TKC)-positive incentive student recognition program
- . Implement behavior interventions to assist with student behavioral needs
- . Oversee the Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Club (see below)

### Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Club

SAVE Promise Clubs are an initiative of Sandy Hook Promise and help to fulfill the mission of creating a culture engaged in preventing, shootings, violence and other harmful acts in schools. The SAVE Club will be run by some of Blanton's 4<sup>th</sup> grade students based on teacher referral and parent permission. These students will be leaders of change and have great impact with their peer groups to create a more caring and connected school community. The SAVE Club will organize activities, presentations and events that reinforce the important lessons learned through Sandy Hook Promise and create a culture of looking out for one another, being upstanders and preventing violence.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please call me at 727-547-7820 ext. 2060

Sincerely,

Ms. Holland-Blanton Elementary School Counselor