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| Hawks Nest STEAM Logo **School Counseling Program Newsletter** |



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| Shandrai Silva, School Counselor | August/September 2016 |



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| **Counselor Message**  Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! I’m very excited about the opportunity to serve as the school counselor at Hawks Nest STEAM Academy. It’s going to be a great year.  As the school counselor, I am committed to making every students’ experience at school an enjoyable one where each student can become their very best academically, personally and socially. I look forward to meeting with every student through classroom guidance and with some students in small groups and in individual meetings.  I also look forward to the opportunity to work with parents, teachers and other school staff. As the school counselor, I have the unique experience of building relationships with and supporting everyone connected with the school family. It’s an experience I considered a privilege and an honor!  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**   |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | **How to see the school counselor** |   Classroom guidance classes, small group counseling and individual counseling by self -referral, parent referral, teacher referral, administrator referral or counselor initiated.   |  | | --- | | Feel free to contact school counselor, Shandrai Silva @ [sosilva@gaston.k12.nc.us](mailto:sosilva@gaston.k12.nc.us) and/or 704-866-8467. | | |  | | --- | | Wildlife - ClipArt Best - ClipArt Best  **Home of the Hawks** |  |  | | --- | | **Happenings @ the Nest** |   **\*International Dot Day\***  Join us in celebrating International Dot Day, a global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration on Thursday, September 15th. Birthed from *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds, International Dot Day encourages students to trust their own abilities by being brave enough to “make their mark” and embark on a journey of creativity, confidence and self-discovery. Hawks Nest will have an opportunity to make its mark by participating in a schoolwide service project the week of September 12th. On September 15th, everyone is encouraged to wear dots on International Dot Day!  [**http://www.thedotclub.org/dotday/get-started**](http://www.thedotclub.org/dotday/get-started)   |  | | --- | | \* Wear Dots on Thurs., Sept. 15th  \*”Make Your Mark” service project: please donate one single toothbrush for Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte during the week of September 12th. |     **\*Hispanic Heritage Month**\*http://media.cmgdigital.com/shared/img/sections/header_img/2014/Jun/30/Hispanic_Heritage_Banner_70.jpg | **Character Education**  **“We’re Soaring with Good Character”**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The character trait of the month is **Responsibility**. Responsibility means taking care of your duties; answering for your actions; being accountable and trustworthy. Students will learn more about responsibility through morning announcements and classroom activities.       |  | | --- | | “Intelligence plus character-  that is the goal of true education.”  Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. |   **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |