

**“What are you gonna’
be when you grow up?”**

Career Exploration is a big part of Guidance Services at National Trail. I am always looking for ways to help elementary students realize most of us will need a career of some kind. 8th graders take career interest & skill surveys at: www.mvctc.kuder.com. Here, they learn the kinds of careers that match their natural interests & skills. At KUDER, students see job pay levels, job openings, schools that offer training & the cost of training. Whether they plan on a high school diploma, a doctorate or something in between, the site provides information for planning every step on the chosen career path. On a field trip to the MVCTC, 8th graders tour the campus & complete sample activities from career fields of their choice. Finally, 7th graders make a trip to Ball State University to help them understand what preparing for college is all about, if they choose that career path.

“Well done is better is than well said.”

Benjamin Franklin

GO BLAZERS!

Where in the world are
you going?



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**“THE CHOICES YOU MAKE
MAKE YOU.”**

CARI BUEHLER

National Trail K-8 Guidance Services

Lin Kauffman, Counselor



**“You can’t build a reputation on
what you are going to do.”**

Henry Ford

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What Does the K-8 Guidance Counselor Do?

I am Mr. Lin Kauffman, the K-8 Guidance Counselor at National Trail. I am also a happily married father of four. After graduating from Franklin Monroe in 1977, I earned my degree in Industrial Arts & History at Bowling Green State University in 1981. I graduated from the University of Dayton in 1993 with a Master's in School Counseling. In working with students, parents & staff, my goal is to aide the students in setting & achieving academic, career & social goals. My duties include, but are not limited to, counseling, character development, Intervention Assistance Team (IAT) & Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) supervision, as well as student schedule changes, career exploration & the transition from middle to high school.

"Every student, every lesson, every day."

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Counseling

I am a licensed school/guidance counselor which differs greatly from a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), psychologist or psychiatrist. As a guidance counselor, I may conduct counseling sessions with students individually or in small groups. Session purposes include identifying the need of the student or group & developing a plan to meet the need. Issues include, but are not limited to self-image, academics, attendance, behavior, conflict resolution, family, suicide & abuse. Plans for meeting the needs of students range from counseling sessions with me to consulting with parents & making referrals to outside agencies.

Character Development

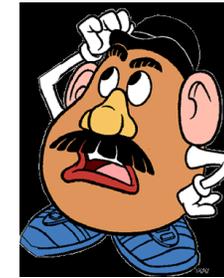
In helping National Trail K-8 students build positive, strong character, I work with Abbie (Campbell) Steele & James Patrick.

Abbie is a 2004 Trail grad & works at the Dwyer Recovery Center in Eaton. She meets with grades K-8 & engages students in lessons including drug, alcohol & tobacco abuse, Life Skills, Bully Proofing, Brain Power & Good Touch-Bad touch.

Mr. Patrick & I help Blazer athletes in developing positive character habits they can

"When in doubt, tell the Truth."

Mark Twain



use in everyday life. Local athletes, who have gone on to play at the college level, spend a day witnessing to 4th & 8th grade students on the benefits of good character in athletics & life

after school. Joey Simpson, Kate Yeazel, Rikki Foust, Darriane Dunham & Aaron Patrick are included in the 2012 presentation.



IAT & OAA Supervision

Middle school students who need intervention are referred to me for the IAT process. I meet with the student, parents & teachers to develop ways for each to take part in the intervention process. Additional meetings may be held to monitor progress.

The Grade 3 Reading OAA begins Monday, October 1. The week of April 22, 3rd, 4th, 6th & 7th graders will be tested in Reading & Math, while 5th & 8th graders will take Reading, Math & Science tests. If you wish to view your child's results, please contact me.



"Your character is essentially the sum of your habits."