

Communication Plan
Jill Vandertoorn, Guidance Counsellor
Newcombville Elementary School

My name is Jill Vandertoorn and I am the Guidance Counsellor at Newcombville Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year.

I come to this position with prior guidance experience at the elementary, junior and senior high levels, as well as experience as a Resource Teacher, classroom teacher and as a parent.

I believe in a team approach in supporting students to meet their needs.

Role of Guidance

The guidance program is a total school program and the guidance counsellor is available to support and assist all students in their educational, social, emotional, and career development and to provide, coordinate, and deliver guidance related services to support students, families and staff. Common difficulties include: bullying, anger management, behavior management, family transitions, conflict resolution, esteem building, coping with stress, dealing with death, social skills, study skills, etc.

I can be an advocate for your child.

I am also able to make referrals to other community resources if your child requires additional time or resources that I cannot accommodate given my role and/or training.

Confidentiality

Counselling relationships and information resulting from them are kept confidential. However, there are the following exceptions to confidentiality:

- when disclosure is required to prevent clear and imminent danger to the client or others;
- when legal requirements demand that confidential material be revealed;
- when a child is in need of protection.
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There is a consent form that parents/guardians complete for their child to receive support, either individual or within a group.

I feel very fortunate to be in this role as school counsellor and to support students in this capacity.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact the school at 902-541-8230.

"Life's problems wouldn't be called 'hurdles' if there wasn't a way to get over them." ☺

~Unknown