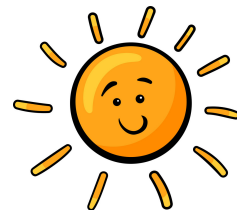


Hello Long Meadow families!



Our social work team wanted to take the time to introduce ourselves.

We are **Andrew McNeilly** and **Valerie Malec**, your Long Meadow school social workers. We are excited to be at Long Meadow Elementary, and enjoy working with your kids, the staff, and our school community.

Our work is to help support our little learners' social emotional wellbeing in the school. We are working with teachers, students and the school to ensure we are doing what we can to meet the needs of the students in different grade levels. We are enjoying being at Long Meadow, and being in and out of the classrooms helping.

So students have been getting support since the start of the school year. As we continue to go through the school year, our schedule may change to meet the needs of students. These groups include general education students and resource students who are working on improving their social emotional skills. When groups are meeting with us, we are focusing on developing social emotional skills.

Students are seeing us in the classroom and in the school. We have created a brain break area in the building and some mindful mobile carts for the classrooms to use. Those resources are to be used on top of what our wonderful teachers are already doing. We are looking for donations of quiet games, puzzles, toys, fidgets that could help us create that space. You can also help us to increase our social work inventory of games, tools and/or books by following the link below to our Amazon wish list.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25UQD44NCEATI?ref_=wl_share

As we continue to work with students, feel free to reach out to us for any questions. Our emails addresses are VMalec@rochester.k12.mi.us and AMcNeilly@rochester.k12.mi.us

Thank you for your help and support.

Andrew and Valerie

Meet your Long Meadow Social Workers

“Children may forget what you say but they'll never forget how you make them feel.”

Valerie Malec School Social Worker. Nickname “Wonder-FRENCH-Woman”

Bonjour! I am the “energetic” French social worker of Long Meadow. Before moving to Michigan, I traveled a lot and got the opportunity to work with kids in different countries and different settings, mostly as an elementary and drama teacher. As a kid I struggled in school, and as I grew up, I was hoping to find a way to help students on their academic and social emotional journey. I love my job. I love everything about being a social worker, but mostly the partnership with my team and families. I am looking forward to seeing what we will be able to achieve this year together.



AndrewMcNeilly,



School Social worker- Nickname
“Sidekick”.

Hello ! My name is Andrew McNeilly (aka sidekick) . I have been a social worker at RCS since 2007 and have worked in many different elementary schools. I love working with all students and I attempt to bring a fun and exciting attitude every day! I am also very passionate about being a school social worker and enjoy building rapport and relationships with all staff, students, and parents. I am excited to be here at Long Meadow and I also look forward to see what we will be able to achieve this year together!