



KCH PTO Meeting

March 10, 2026

Welcome!

Executive Board

The Third Grade Bloom Project

Mrs. Jennifer Stratton

Meet the Mental Health Team

Introduction to Lolo's Pawsitive Support Program

Mrs. Bethany Woods, Mrs. Jessie Buecheler, and Lolo



The Third Grade Bloom Project

Our third graders will visit the Ag Center for a special behind-the-scenes tour of the orchard, garden, and greenhouse. During their visit, students will learn about how plants grow and the care that goes into cultivating something beautiful.

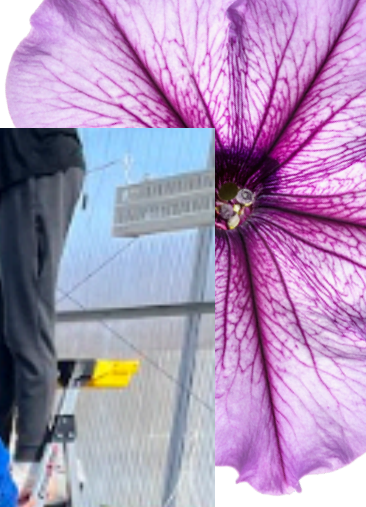
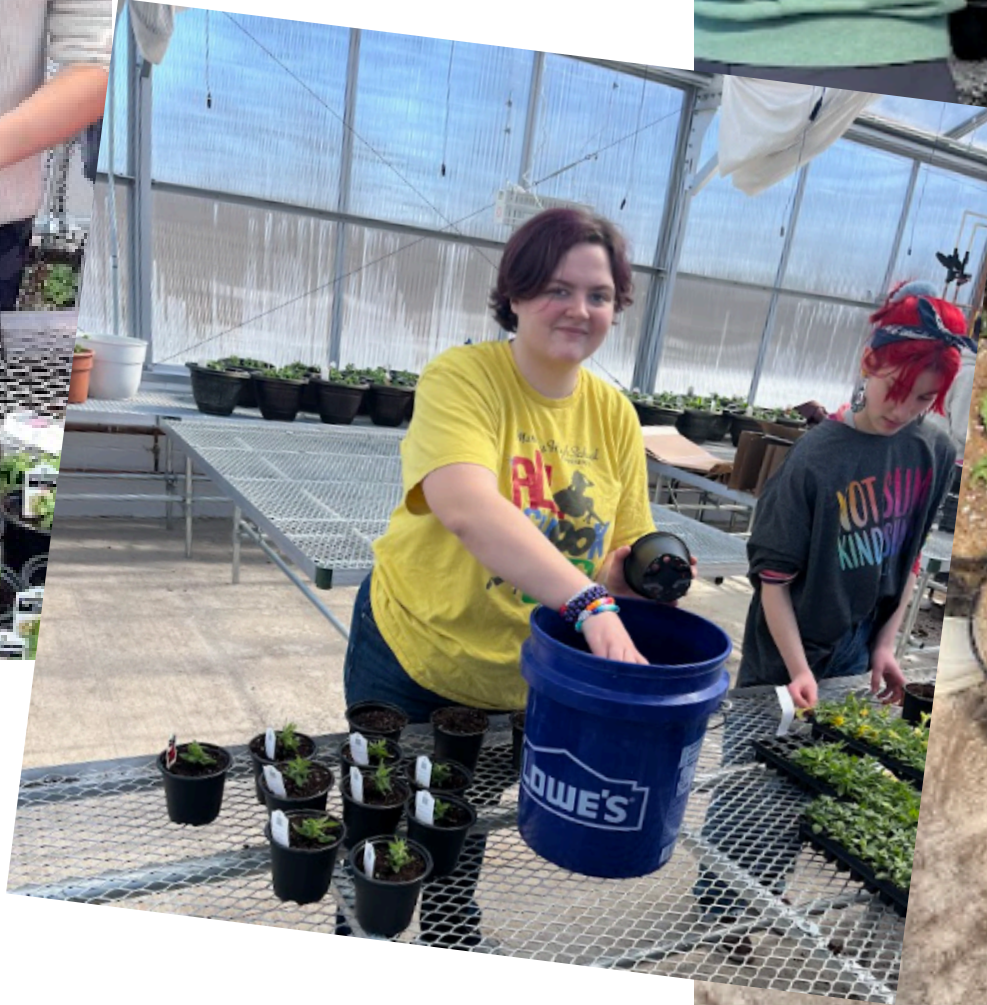
As part of this meaningful experience, each student will have the opportunity to select a petunia plant grown by HS agriculture students to gift to someone special in their life. This heartfelt gesture represents gratitude, kindness, and growth.

The PTO is proud to support this tradition by donating the full cost of the petunia plants, ensuring every third grader can participate in this growing-and-giving experience.

Total Gift from the PTO: \$114.10



The Third Grade Bloom Project



Meet the KCH Mental Health Team:
Introduction to
Lolo's Pawsitive Support Program



Meet the KCH Mental Health Team

Mrs. Jessie Buecheler, School Psychologist

Mrs. Bethany Woods, LMSW, School Social Worker

Lolo, KCH Therapy Dog (accompanied by her mom, Mrs. Becky Eaton)



LOLO'S PAWSITIVE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Lolo is a graduate of Puppy and Adult Obedience training and has her Good Canine Citizen Certificate. She has also been through Sit Means Sit training so that she can be off-leash.

Lolo is an integral part of our school's emotional support and wellness programming.

Lolo works four days a week at KCH, supporting all KCH students and staff. She joins them for fire drills, lockdowns, and staff meetings and participates in counseling sessions.

Lolo has a full schedule and has 18 push-in classes per week!

Lolo has played a crucial role in boosting the attendance rates of several of our students. These students are recognized as "Lolo Helpers."



LOLO'S PAWSITIVE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Lolo spends much of her classroom time going from student to student and listening to them read aloud.

Lolo also supports students in their therapies! For example, students can practice the speech sounds with Lolo, clip the leash on her collar, and walk her without the help of an adult.

Lolo will celebrate her 7th birthday on May 24th!

Each year, the PTO hosts "Love for Lolo Week," an opportunity to share fun facts about Lolo's work at KCH.

The PTO shares Lolo's Amazon Wish List with families (she loves opening packages and even has her own mailbox!) and solicits donations to the Lolo Fund, which supports Lolo's medical care.



LOLO'S PAWSITIVE SUPPORT PROGRAM

To learn more and make a donation, visit givebutter.com/love-lolo or scan the QR code.

STAY TUNED for an exciting
announcement about Love for Lolo Week!



Meet Mrs. Buecheler, School Psychologist

What a School Psychologist Does:

- Supports students' academic, social, emotional, and behavioral development
- Collaborates with teachers, families, and administrators
- Conducts assessments to identify learning differences and educational needs
- Provides individual or small-group counseling
- Helps develop strategies and interventions to support student success

Why Elementary Students Benefit:

- Builds strong academic foundations during critical early learning years
- Supports emotional regulation and social skill development
- Identifies learning or behavioral concerns early
- Provides strategies to address anxiety, attention, or peer challenges
- Helps foster resilience, confidence, and long-term school success



Meet Mrs. Buecheler, School Psychologist

Qualifications and Training:

- Holds a specialist-level degree (Ed.S.) or doctoral degree (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) in school psychology
- Completes advanced coursework in child development, learning theory, mental health, assessment, and counseling
- Participates in supervised internships in school settings
- Certified or licensed by the state in which they practice

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Meet Mrs. Woods, School Social Worker

What a School Social Worker Does:

- Help students manage big emotions, stress, anxiety, and behavior challenges
- Teach coping skills, self-regulation, problem-solving, and social skills
- Provide individual and small-group counseling
- Support students during life changes or crises (family changes, grief, trauma, transitions)
- Collaborate with teachers, counselors, and administrators
- Help create a positive school climate and social-emotional learning support
- Assist with attendance concerns, peer conflicts, and behavior planning
- Advocate for students' needs within the school system



Meet Mrs. Woods, School Social Worker

- Partner with families to support their child's success at school
- Connect families with community resources (mental health, food, housing, medical)
- Help navigate school processes, meetings, and services
- Offer guidance during challenging family situations
- Respond to crises affecting students or the school community
- Support students experiencing trauma or loss

Qualifications and Training:

- NYS Education Department Certified
- Licensed in the Profession of Social Work (LMSW)
- Certified Animal Assisted Therapist, Harmon College

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In partnership with Mrs. Massa and Lolo, **the KCH Elementary School Mental Health Team** provides proactive, student-centered support for academic, social, and emotional well-being.



UPCOMING PTO EVENTS

Staff Appreciation Week: May 4-8th

PTO Meeting-Volunteer Appreciation Night: May 12th

Love for Lolo Week: May 25-29th

Third Grade Breakfast: June 22nd

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Let's stay in touch!

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12th - Volunteer Appreciation Night