

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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## ***Meet the Counselor***

Hello! I'm Mrs. Johnson- Simpson Counselor. I am so happy to be a part of the Simpson Family. I am originally from Waxahachie, and I have worked for WISD for over 15 years. My husband and I raised our three boys in this wonderful school district.

I began the school year by meeting with EVERY student (called a "Minute Meeting"). These brief meetings helped me get to know all Simpson students a little better. I look forward to many more connections with your child(ren).

## ***About Kelso's Choices- Guidance***

The Kelso Choice curriculum teaches students how to solve "small" problems on their own. Kelso has nine choices to solve "small problems." They include:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| -Go to another game   | -Tell them to stop |
| -Talk it out          | -Apologize         |
| -Share and take turns | -Make a deal       |
| -Ignore it            | -Wait and cool off |
| -Walk away            |                    |

"BIG problems" always need to be taken to an adult. These are situations that are scary, dangerous, illegal, etc.

Ask your child to tell you about Kelso Choices!

## ***Social Emotional Learning Topics for September & October***

### Simpson Strengths

Perspective Integrity  
Curiosity Leadership  
Citizenship  
Open-mindedness

### Guidance Lessons

- Conflict Resolution- *Kelso Choices*
- Calm Down Strategies
- Resiliency and Coping Skills

## ***Important Dates:***

- 9/20-10/8: Can Soup Drive
- 9/20-9/24: College and Career Week
- 9/24: House Huddle
- 10/25-10/29: Red Ribbon Week
- 10/28: House Huddle