

# Family & Counseling Supports for Echo Lake Students & Families

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## Family Advocates

Thelma Treperinas and Erica Gonzalez are the Echo Lake Family Advocates. The role of the Family Advocate is to provide support and resources to meet the needs of our students and their families and to foster family involvement in the school. The Family Advocate does this in the following ways:

- Connects families to school-based or community resources (weekend food bags, clothing bank, etc.)
- Coordinates services for families living in temporary or transitional living situations
- Facilitates home-school partnerships in effort to ensure all families feel connected to the school and supported in helping their children succeed in school
- Advocates for student and family services in school-based problem solving teams
- Provides support and assistance to families in times of crisis and/or transition
- Coordinates weekend food packs, school supplies & holiday support when needed

Schedule:

M – F 8:00 – 4:00pm

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## School Counselor

Amanda Farkas is Echo Lake's School Counselor. The role of the School Counselor is to support students through the natural developmental transitions of childhood as well as through times of challenge and turmoil. The School Counselor supports students, staff and families in the following ways:

- Provides brief individual counseling & leads therapeutic counseling groups
- Facilitates social-emotional lessons in classrooms
- Point person for implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)
- Manages 504 plans – accommodation plans for students with identified disabilities
- Contact for crisis intervention (suicide, abuse, traumatic events)
- Advocates for social, emotional, & behavioral well-being of students in school based problem solving teams

Schedule:

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