

Conflict Management



On June 1, Jann Strutzenberg spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club. She is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan, taught in Neola for 8 years, in Council Bluffs for 17 years, and is now at Treynor.

Jann noted that they got a grant again from Promise Partners to support the multi-cultural night at school again this year. It will be on Thursday, September 5.

Jann is the Elementary Counselor at Treynor. One of her responsibilities is to teach conflict management.

Some of the third through fifth graders are selected by their peers and teachers to be trained in conflict management.

The students received a full day of training on how to sit down and resolve conflicts. When she initially taught this

program the students helped resolve about 60 conflicts a year. It has slowly gone down.

Jann trains the entire student body on conflict management. She also helps resolve conflicts between teachers and students.

Jann said that bullying starts as early as age three in girls. Boys start later. It manifests itself differently in boys and girls. Social media causes more problems, since youth are connected 24 hours a day.

Most of the schools around have elementary counselors. The counselors focus on three areas, specifically social interactions, emotional well being, and academic performance.