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## Information from Manville's School Psychologist's...

There are two full-time school psychologists on staff in the Manville School District.

They are:

Nancy Kessler, Ed.S. 231-8500 ext. 2548 – School Psychologist for *Roosevelt* and *Weston School*.

Jeanne LoPiano, Ed.S. 231-8500 ext. 8551 - School Psychologist for the *High School* and *ABIS*.

As school psychologists we work in the schools to help our children succeed academically, socially, behaviorally and emotionally. We collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments. We use many different strategies to address individual needs and to improve classroom and school climates.

As school psychologists we work with families to identify and address learning and behavior problems that interfere with school success. We evaluate students to determine if they have an educational disability. We work within a multidisciplinary team to determine if a student is eligible for special education and related services. We also make referrals and help coordinate community support services.

We work together with teachers, administrators, families and community providers in order to coordinate the delivery of services to students.

*If your child is experiencing difficulties in school that warrant further investigation, please do not hesitate to call us.*

The following links are to articles that help parents teach effective problem solving techniques, give examples on how to approach your child and speak to them, and help the child develop an optimistic attitude in life. They also speak about resiliency which is a very positive attribute and can be developed. These are important skills that we as parents and educators can teach our children. We hope you find these articles interesting and enlightening.

## **About Fishful Thinking**

What is Fishful Thinking?

[http://www.nasponline.org/families/fishful/FishfulThinking\\_Overview\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.nasponline.org/families/fishful/FishfulThinking_Overview_FINAL.pdf)

Self-Efficacy: Helping children Believe They Can Succeed

[http://www.nasponline.org/publications/cq/pdf/V39N3\\_FT\\_Self-Efficacy.pdf](http://www.nasponline.org/publications/cq/pdf/V39N3_FT_Self-Efficacy.pdf)

The Seven Ingredients of Resilience: Information for Parents

[http://www.nasponline.org/publications/cq/pdf/V38N6\\_SevenIngredientsofResilience.pdf](http://www.nasponline.org/publications/cq/pdf/V38N6_SevenIngredientsofResilience.pdf)

Optimism: A Key Ingredient to Happiness

[http://www.nasponline.org/publications/cq/pdf/V38N7\\_FT\\_Optimism.pdf](http://www.nasponline.org/publications/cq/pdf/V38N7_FT_Optimism.pdf)

The Guide to Raising Optimistic Kids

<http://www.nasponline.org/families/fishful/GFPrintableBooklet.pdf>