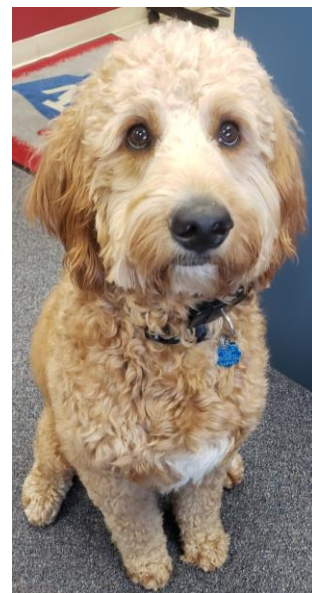




Tri-Village Local Schools

Dear Parents,

We are incredibly excited to introduce to you a new staff member that will be joining us this year, beginning on October 4th. We will be welcoming Gus to our Tri-Village team as a Certified Therapy Dog. Therapy dogs are not the same as a service animal. Therapy dogs are trained with their owner to provide emotional support for students and staff alike. Research has shown that therapy dogs support psychological and academic growth while increasing social skills and self-esteem in adolescents. He will be used in conjunction with PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), social and emotional support along with assisting students academically.



Mrs. Angie Harrington and her Bernedoodle, Gus, with the help of other staff members will be our therapy dog team. Angie has been the Tri-Village Elementary Administrative Assistant for 8 years, and she is very familiar with our district and our students. Angie and Gus have gone through extensive training through The Alliance of Therapy Dog Program to prepare Gus to be a therapy dog. Gus will be carefully monitored while he is on school property and students will never be left alone with him.

Tri-Village students are all invited to participate in our Therapy Dog Program held on the Tri-Village campus. Participation by your child in this Program will not be authorized until this form is completed and submitted.

I **GIVE** my child permission to participate in the Therapy Dog Program

I **DO NOT** give my child permission to participate in the Therapy Dog Program