SMART POPE LIVINGSTON

Primary Accelerated Learning Center

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The S.P. Livingston Elementary School community is deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of one of our students. Our sympathies go out to family, friends, and our entire school community during this difficult time.

As members of the S.P. Livingston family, we are alerting you to the steps that we are taking to assist grieving students and staff. Specially-trained school counselors and social workers were on-site today and will be available to students to help them discuss reactions to this death. Additional support will be made available to students as needed.

Students may be affected by this tragedy even if they did not personally know the student. School counselors report that children usually go through the same stages of grief that adults do. However, they do not follow a specific pattern or order. Children may be shocked, numb, emotional, angry, guilty, depressed, or disorganized. These reactions are normal and with support, acceptance, encouragement, and guidance, they will begin to understand and deal with their feelings.

As a result, we encourage you to talk to your children. Answer their questions honestly and simply.

If you would prefer that your child not talk about the tragedy or participate in any of the grief counseling activities, please contact us at (904) 630-6580. Your child is important to our school community, and we want to do what you deem best for him or her.

Sincerely,

Robert Gresham
Principal

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Every Class.....Every Child...Everyday

S. P. Livingston Early Learning Center
Student
Teachers Parent