

ANDREW JACKSON SCHOOL
1213 S. 12TH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147

5/22/14

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the sudden death of one of our 1st grade students. We want to inform you that the School District of Philadelphia's Emergency/Crisis Response Team is actively providing counseling support to children at our school today. Grief counselors spoke with children individually and are meeting with small groups as needed.

A sudden loss like this can have a profound impact on students. For that reason, we encourage you to listen to your son or daughter as well as discuss with them their feelings and reactions to this loss. Sudden death is always painful to understand, and your child may experience signs of stress. Some of these signs include:

- Inability to concentrate
- Irritability or increased aggression
- Isolation and withdrawal from normal activities and friends
- Guilt
- Fearfulness and worries
- Changes in sleep or appetite

Should you note any unusual change in your child's behavior or mood, please contact **Andrew Jackson School** at **215-952-6223** for further assistance. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions. Additional resources are provided on the reverse side of this letter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ciaranca-Kaplan
Principal