



SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Salem Mission: Celebrating diversity and learning in a safe supportive community.

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Dear Salem Elementary School Families:

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter to the students, staff, and parents of Salem Elementary School. This past weekend, we lost a member of our Salem family, Mrs. Patty Amorine. Mrs. Amorine spent over 16 years working at Salem Elementary School. She was our Kindergarten and General Instructional Assistant.

Mrs. Amorine was positive, cheerful, friendly, welcoming, and enjoyed working! She loved helping people and would often go out of her way to help others. She worked in Mrs. Daniel's Kindergarten classroom and provided support to other teachers and the office. Mrs. Amorine made everyone feel like family and she will be deeply missed by each person who knew her.

Tomorrow, each Salem teacher, with the support of the district CARE team, will tell their students that Mrs. Amorine died. We want to help your child process any feelings or thoughts that may come up; however, you know your child best. You may want to discuss this with your child first and support your child as he or she receives this information. The district CARE team will be available throughout the day to support us as we process this tremendous loss. Please keep the Amorine family in your thoughts and prayers.

Grief brings up a variety of thoughts and feelings for all of us. I have included some resources and links that may be helpful.

- Story about Grief <https://youtu.be/zwwGBVa1j9A>
- [Child Mind Institute: Helping Children Cope with Grief](#)
- <https://kidsgrief.ca/>

I appreciate your support especially during this difficult time. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
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