



November 21, 2019

Dear Magothy River Middle School Families:

I am writing to inform you that we have lost a member of our Magothy River Middle School family. Caleigh Terrelonge, a seventh-grader at our school, died last night.

Caleigh was an incredibly friendly person and was well-liked by all who encountered her. When she sat in her homeroom, other students wanted to sit with her. She was a strong and conscientious student who always shared her time and talents and was helpful to others. We will all miss her greatly.

Caleigh's family is well known in the Broadneck area, and her two older brothers both attended our school. We have been in touch with the family to offer any support and resources we can during this tragically difficult time. I know you will do the same.

Students were made aware of Caleigh's death today. Our school counselors and school psychologist, along with members of the county Mobile Crisis team and additional personnel from across our school system were available at our school today to help any students and staff members who had a need to talk about their feelings. We will continue to make those resources available for as long as necessary.

Arrangements for Caleigh are incomplete at this time. When those arrangements are finalized, I will convey them to you. If any of the services are public and your child wishes to attend, we strongly encourage you to accompany him or her.

I encourage you to talk openly with your child about this sad event, and to help them understand that it's OK not to have answers to every question. Children learn how to deal with grief by watching adults deal with grief. Please do not be afraid to express your emotions in front of your children. Healthy outlets of emotions can be a valuable lesson for them. Additional resources to assist you and your child can be found at www.aacps.org/crisisresources in the "Dealing with Grief" section near the bottom of the page.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nuria E. Williams
Principal

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