

# RUSSELL H. CONWELL MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL

Ms. Erica M. Green

Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am saddened to announce that beloved **Noon Time Aide Ms. Deborah Boggi** died as the result of battling a severe health challenge. Ms. Boggi was a staple in the Conwell School Community. Ms. Boggi had a kind heart, sweet spirit and was well liked by the students, teachers and staff members. We will miss her pleasant smile while monitoring the hallways or chatting with her while selling pretzels.

We encourage you to talk with your child. It is important that they know they are loved and supported as they talk about their feelings and memories of Ms. Boggi. If they want to attend the funeral, we encourage you or another adult to accompany them.

You may want to consider the following points regarding death with your child:

- Allow for your child to talk about feelings. If this is the first loss your child has experienced, your child may not know how to respond and will be looking for your guidance.
- Affirm all expressions. It's okay to express feelings honestly. Tolerate the expressions rather than dismissing them or discouraging the expression of feelings.
- Encourage written expressions such as notes, letters, pictures to the family etc.
- Reaffirm that your child is safe and that your child is loved.
- Affirm that your child's reaction is normal and you understand the way the child's feels.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Ms. Debbie Boggi. She will live on in our fond memories forever.

Sincerely,



Erica M. Green  
Principal