

CHIILA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TSUUT'INA NATION

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Dzinisi guja families,

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Regan Knife, a valued member of our school staff. In her time with us she worked as an education assistant with various grade levels and students. This year she worked with Grade 1B students and built strong connections with all of them. This loss is felt throughout our community. We send our deepest condolences to her family, friends, students, and all those who knew and worked alongside her. We will continue to have them all in our thoughts and prayers. We are grateful and thankful for her being a part of Chiila Elementary School.

We understand that news like this can be difficult for both students and adults to process. Supporting the well-being of our school community is very important to us. On Monday, grief counselors, our Renfrew team, and our school counselors will be on site to support both staff and students as they navigate this loss. The Grade 1B classroom will be having a facilitated conversation on the topic of loss and grief. As always our classroom teachers and support staff will also be available to help students talk about their feelings in age-appropriate and supportive ways.

We encourage families to check in with their children at home and reach out to the school if you feel your child may need additional support.

Thank you for your continued care and compassion for one another during this difficult time. Siyisgaas to all of the community for the support as we move forward.

Please do not hesitate to call (403) 251-9955 if you have any questions.

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