

Dear SGE Families,

It is with deep sadness that I share the heartbreaking news of the passing of one of our students, rising 4th grader, Kinsli Bowles. Kinsli was a bright light in our school community, and her absence will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her.

We have spoken with Kinsli's family and shared the love, support, and condolences from our entire South Green Elementary family. As a school, we will continue to surround them—and one another—with care and compassion in the days ahead.

We understand that when a student experiences the loss of a peer, it can bring up a range of emotions, including confusion, sadness, and anxiety. To support our students during this difficult time, our district crisis response team will be available on **Monday, July 7, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the **South Green Elementary Library**. During this time, students are welcome to come and speak with a counselor as needed.

We are sharing this information with all families so you can be prepared to support your child at home. Children process grief in many different ways, and there is no right or wrong reaction. If you notice any changes in your child's behavior, it may be a signal that they need extra support in coping with the loss of a friend.

Here are some suggestions from the Kentucky Center for School Safety that may help:

- Talk with your child about their feelings regarding the tragedy; share your feelings too.
- Give your child honest, age-appropriate information about what happened.
- Reassure your child that they are safe, and repeat that reassurance as often as needed.
- Listen closely and offer comfort, even if they aren't ready to talk right away.

If you feel your child may need additional support, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to help.

Our hearts are with the Bowles family, and with each of you as we navigate this loss together. Thank you for your continued care and support of our school community.

Mr. Turner  
SGE Principal