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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is with great sadness that I share the passing of one of our much-loved members of the elementary faculty, Mr. Alan Benjamin. Alan was a long-time employee of the district who served as a Title I paraprofessional.

While Title I paraprofessional was his official role, Alan was so much more than that. He was often the first one in the building and the first face many of our students saw whether he was opening car doors at arrival time or opening milk cartons at breakfast. He was the staff member that could help turn a student's day around by lending an ear or just taking a walk in the building. Alan truly believed in education and his care and compassion for our students was endless. They felt it and are going to miss their beloved "Mr. B".

As for the staff, Alan was always there as a friend. He genuinely wanted to hear about the lives of his colleagues and often shared his own stories of being a proud son, father and grandfather. We just knew that he was always there to help, to plan a fun event, to assist in a classroom or to serve in any role that contributed to a fellow employee having a better day.

Realizing the impact that this may have on our students, be assured that counseling services were made available today. If you have any questions or concerns about how to help your child cope with this loss, our counseling staff is available to assist you, as well. Please feel free to call Grandview Elementary School at 215-736-5280 for support or with any questions.

Alan's dedication to our Morrisville community was tremendous and we will honor his memory by continuing to emulate his deep commitment to making people's days a little brighter and helping our students achieve academic success. Please join our teachers and staff as we seek to accept this incredibly sad news. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynn Palumbo
Principal

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