



# Prince of Wales Elementary School

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Dear Families,

On September 24, we learned that an incident took place in our community involving gun violence resulting in the death of an 18-year-old male.

At the time of the incident, some children were outside our school as part of the BGC Hamilton-Halton's "Let's Get Moving" and licensed child care programs.

Staff and children moved safely in the building, and no one was harmed. Our child care partner communicated directly with the parents and caregivers of the children impacted by this incident.

As a school community, we extend our condolences to the victim's family and wish them strength at this challenging time.

Incidents in the community such as this are very distressing. These rare events can impact each of us differently and may result in feelings of sadness, grief, helplessness, anxiety, or anger. If you require help, the following organizations offer crisis support:

- COAST Hamilton, 905-972-8338, for crisis outreach and support for all ages
- Kids Help Phone, 1-800-668-6868, for counselling and information service for young people

Parents are encouraged to reference our [Tips for adults supporting children and youth after distressing events](https://hwdsb.info/distressing), (<https://hwdsb.info/distressing>). This tip sheet will help you support your child/ren in these situations.

Social workers will be available at the school on Monday to provide support to students who may be struggling. Employee Support and Wellness has also met with our staff to ensure their care and well-being is considered at this time.

As always, please call the school to speak with Mr. Lutterotti or me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mubina Panju  
Principal