



WAVE RIDERS PROGRAM

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child's school is partnering with The Community Hospice to provide grief support services, which may include support groups and individual counseling. The Community Hospice's Wave Riders program is for children and teens that have experienced a death-related loss. Through art and dialogue, Wave Riders provides a safe, supportive environment to help children and teens learn:

They are **not alone**,

their feelings are **perfectly normal**, and

how to express those feelings in **safe** and healthy ways.

A Grief Counselor from The Community Hospice will work together with your school's Social Worker or Guidance Counselor to bring grief support to your child.

These services are free of charge. Your permission is required.

Please complete the attached forms, and return to your school Social Worker or Guidance Counselor as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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