

Dear friends,

It has been a week full of deep sadness as we grieve alongside our Covenant friends and neighbors. We continue to hold them close in our hearts and mourn the loss of those precious lives, and the lives forever changed by loss. In the midst of an unthinkable tragedy such as Monday's, we move forward one day at a time and we hope for healing for all those who suffer.

Our gratitude for our teachers, staff and MNPD officer, Officer Thomas, runs deep and strong. They have helped our children experience normalcy at school while giving them space to digest and express their confusion, sorrow and fears, all while dealing with their own. We all know that those who work inside school walls are special people, but weeks like this remind us just how hard those jobs are, and how fortunate we are to have such a gifted team at our school.

We all want to help somehow in moments like this, and the PTO appreciates the outpouring of desire to do so from so many of you. We write to tell you about what we've been working on and to offer ways for you to get involved as well. Here's what we've been planning:

- On Friday, the PTO is catering a hot lunch for all of the teachers, staff and administration at our school.
- We are also putting together dinner packages for our bus drivers to take home that evening. At least one of them drove children from Covenant to the reunification site on Monday, so we are mindful of just how far this event's impact has been.
- Red and black bows have been ordered and will be affixed to our front sign.

Ways you can help:

- Messages sent to teachers and staff at the school have meant a lot to them this week. Checking in on them is always a great way to show your care and concern.
- If your child rides the bus, we know a card for your bus driver, either from you or your child, would be really appreciated.
- Cards for Officer Thomas are also welcome. You can send those to the school and he will be sure to receive them.
- Next Tuesday we will resume our Treat Cart. Each month we provide a treat cart for the teachers and staff, as a small way we can show our appreciation for all that they do. You can [sign up here](#) to participate. Please bring your item to the school at drop-off where we will have people collect them.
- Today (Wednesday) is a donation day for The Covenant School at Shake Shack. From 10:30-9:00 pm, use code DonationDay25 and Shake Shack will donate 25% of your ticket to The Covenant School.
- You can also provide monetary support for survivors [through the Community Foundation](#).

And, of course you are welcome to show your care and concern in other ways that you think of, so please feel welcome to do so.

Thank you for all that you do as parents and for helping us care for our teachers and staff during this difficult time. We mourn alongside you and hope for healing in the days and weeks ahead.

Warmly,
Katie Agnew, Libba Alden, and the entire PTO Board