



September 18, 2022

Dear Whitmore Parents and Guardians,

It is with a heavy heart, deep regret, and sadness that I inform you of the death of one of our first grade teachers, Ms. Jennifer Gutierrez. Ms. Gutierrez passed away Friday evening, September 16, 2022.



I want to let you know that the Whitmore administrative team has been working with TUSD Leadership and the Coordinator of TUSD Counseling to ensure that we provide every means of support and assistance to all students, along with our staff. Our counselors are available to help staff and any student who is struggling with death or other issues that may surface.

We have also placed the following web links on Whitmore website that provide resources to help with the grieving process and I encourage you to utilize those resources to help support your son and/or daughter.

- Tu Nidito: <https://www.tunidito.org/>
- National Alliance for Grieving Children: <https://childrengrieve.org/>
- HelpGuide: <http://www.helpguide.org/>

If your son and/or daughter needs additional support, please call our counseling office, 520.225.6211 and we can provide you with additional support services and, if necessary, set up a time to meet. Our sincerest condolences go out to the family, friends, and students of Ms. Jennifer Gutierrez.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 520.232.8000.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Figueroa, Principal  
Whitmore Elementary School