

Dear J.H. Hines Elementary Parent,

It is with deep sorrow that I must share with you a tragedy that occurred at our school today. Princianna Strain, a kindergarten student, died this afternoon as the result of injuries she suffered in an accident in our gymnasium.

Princianna and another student were playing on one of the portable coat closets located in the gym. The closet became unsteady with the weight of the children and fell on Princianna.

Our school nurse quickly assessed the situation and summoned an ambulance. The child was transported to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center where she was pronounced deceased.

We did not announce Princianna's death to our student body today. Because of the age of the child and her classmates, our school psychologist recommended that the news be shared first with parents who would then share the news with their children.

Numerous school counselors from throughout Waco ISD were called to J.H. Hines this afternoon to assist children who were upset after witnessing today's accident. Counselors will also be available throughout the day on Thursday to assist children and staff members who need help understanding and coping with Princianna's untimely death.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Princianna's family. The entire J.H. Hines family is hurting as well.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or visit with me.

Sincerely,

Archie Hatten  
Principal