# Messages of Caring for the Muslim Community

#### Dear Members of the Ottawa Muslim Association,

The Community of Henry Larsen Elementary School would like to express our heartfelt condolences for the horrible act of violence resulting in the murder of the Afzaal and Salman family in London, Ontario. We mourn with you.

Please know our hearts and thoughts are with members of the Muslim community. Every individual deserves to feel safe, welcomed and free to be who they are.



Our beautiful country and city are flawed, but please know that there are many in this community who care and are heart broken with this brutal act of hatred. Sending love, The staff and students of Henry Larsen Elementary School Orleans, Ontario

### We are thinking of you, We see you, We stand with you

We are so heart broken. Please know that we are thinking of you and every Muslim in Canada. Everyone deserves to feel safe. We will continue as a school to do more, to learn more, to listen, to ensure our students and families feel safe, know they are valued, heard and cared for. Sincerely with peace and love, Amanda Pruner Principal Henry Larsen Elementary School

### We share in your pain, and send you strength at this challenging time.

What happened in London was horrifying. We know that acts of hate and racism are not isolated to one community. At school, we learn about kindness and the importance of accepting everyone for who they are, and this includes their culture and religion. I know that we can always do more to stop hate from growing. We walk alongside you in your mourning, and we will move forward with the understanding that in learning more, we know more. When we know more about one another, we can be better friends and allies.

Dianne Morris

Vice-Principal, Henry Larsen ES



## Wishing you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

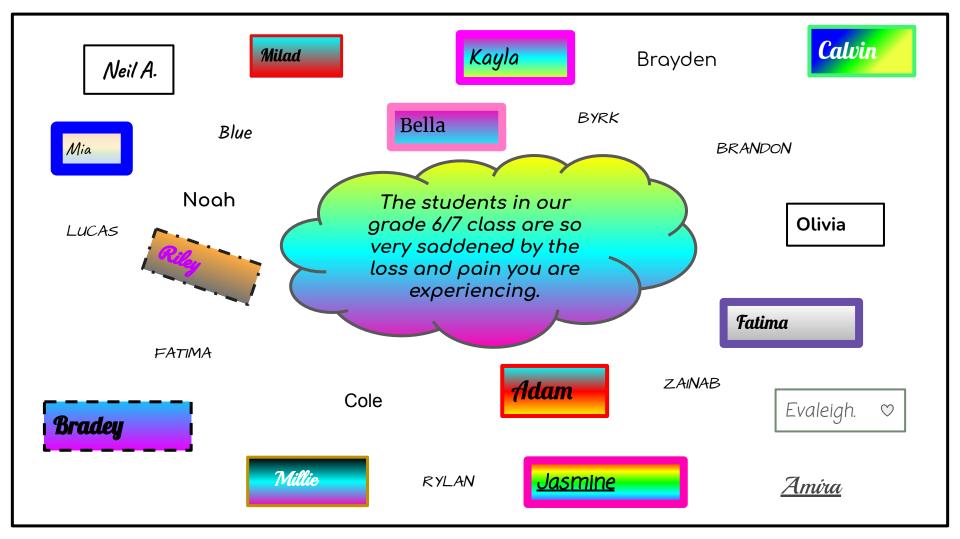
From a grade 7 and 8 class

### We are thinking of you at this very sad and difficult time.



From the Grade 3 Class





The Grade 4 class is saddened by this tragic murder. We are also mourning your loss and sending you strength in this difficult time.





### From the 7/8 Class. Our hearts are heavy with sadness



Please accept our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the London family. We stand with the Muslim community in the face of tragedy. There is no place for hatred and Islamophobia in our community and nation.

We welcome and embrace the Muslim faith community here at Henry Larsen Elementary School and across the country. We stand with you during this difficult time.







### Grade 8

Rebecca Brandan Sam Rihanna Matthew Erin Haseel

Luca Kyle Weigi Shakila Olive Tahsin Owen

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us in our hearts and memories

