

October 3, 2016

Dear LTA Families:

My name is Tricia Gwinn and along with my husband, William Gwinn, we are writing to you about the recent passing of Ms. Ruth Holland. Our daughters attended LTA for many years and were both fortunate to have Ms. Ruth as their teacher. As I am sure many of you experienced, Ms. Ruth was an amazing woman— full of compassion, a love of children, and a dedication to creating a loving & supportive learning environment for all children. She was a great friend to us personally as well as many other families. We are deeply shocked and saddened by her passing.

Given the impact that Ms. Ruth had on so many, we have approached LTA about creating a memorial that honors and reflects her devotion to the children that have attended the center over the years. We have proposed that a “buddy bench” be put in place on the LTA playground in her honor along with a memorial plaque. If you are not familiar with this concept, a buddy bench is a bench that if a child is sitting on it alone, it is a signal to the other kids to ask him or her to play. Since Ms. Ruth was a friend to all children, we thought this would be an appropriate way to honor her. The bench would also provide an opportunity for the people who loved her to have a place to go and remember her.

As many have approached LTA staff about ways to honor Ms. Ruth, we would like to offer all the families and staff at LTA the opportunity to contribute to this memorial. Any amount would be appreciated and welcomed.

If interested in contributing, a collection box will be placed at the LTA front desk or you can mail it to The Gwinn Family, Re: Ms. Ruth Memorial Bench at 1240 Magnolia Row Trail Apex, NC 27502.

Thank you very much.

Kind Regards,

William & Tricia Gwinn