



Mr. Buchanan,

He was not only a parent, but he was also one of our most active PTO members.

I first met him when I started working here at SST Discovery. He came to our school every day at 2:00 p.m. and waited in the main entrance for his daughter, Katelynn. He would often talk to other parents, and with Mrs. Brown our school secretary. When he saw me through the window he would always say, "Hello Sir" and raise his hand to wave.

One day, I invited him to my office. I wanted to get to know him more. I offered him some hot tea. We drank hot tea, ate chocolates, and talked about everything. I remember his voice and the warmth of his heart. On that day, I realized that he loved our school and that he was very happy when he came here. That is why he always came early and spent more than 2-3 hours here every day.

Just four weeks ago, I realized that he was no longer coming by the school. I wanted to ask Katelynn because I suspected that something was wrong. I could not bring myself to do so. Later that same day I heard the bad news. He had cancer, and doctors had informed him that he only had a couple of more months to live.

Whenever there was work to be done here at school, he was here. He was with us during our good days and our bad days. I witnessed first-hand that he was a good man and that he helped us very much.

I not only lost one of our school's parents, but I also lost a friend.

Mr. Buchanan,

Believe me when I say that we will work very hard to try to complete everything that you wanted to do for this school, as we discussed in my office.

My sincerest condolences,

Mehmet Bayar, Principal

SST Discovery