

Tonight we are gathered together as Mukilteans, as Kamiak Knights. As family and friends.

I am so proud of our community and the intense love that I feel; yesterday's gathering- that showed what you kids can do when events call. You showed Such amazing respect, and demonstrated such beauty.

And I am so sorry that you are experiencing this event, this pain, this tragedy.

Some of you graduated from Kamiak in 2015; I graduated in 1996. In the summer one year after my graduation, I was in the midst of discovering myself, probably just like many of you. I was going to college in New York! I had pink hair!

You know what I learned, in those years, the things that many of you are in the midst of discovering- I learned that I had an amazing family and community back here in Mukilteo. It's why I came back. There is beauty here; support, love.

As we gather together in this tragic and painful time, I will leave you with this quote:

There is no such beauty as where you belong.

And we all belong here in Mukilteo.

If you would like a chance to talk with counselors, please drop by Rosehill anytime this week, 9am-3pm. We'll have people available. It's important to talk and share your emotions, work through this event. Please consider dropping by.