

From: Superintendent
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Dear Colleague:

On Nov. 27, 1963, Charles Jack Price, then-administrator of Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas, sent the following memo to all staff. He made clear his appreciation for their professional conduct over the past week—a period during which, as the world's population looked on in horror, the hospital had seen the deaths of two people in particular on its premises: John F. Kennedy, and his assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

I share Mr. Price's words with you today because they are timely given the anniversary of this country's loss of its President and because his words so many years ago express my thankfulness today for Everett Public Schools *people* and the work you do day-by-day as we inspire students and open doors to opportunities for students who will lead and shape the future.

Transcript of original letter

DALLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Office Memorandum
November 27, 1963

To: All Employees

At 12:38 p.m., Friday, November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy and Texas' Governor John Connally were brought to the Emergency Room of Parkland Memorial Hospital after being struck down by the bullets of an assassin.

At 1:07 p.m., Sunday, November 24, 1963, Lee. H. Oswald, accused assassin of the late president, died in an operating room of Parkland Memorial Hospital after being shot by a bystander in the basement of Dallas' City Hall. In the intervening 48 hours and 31 minutes Parkland Memorial Hospital had:

1. Become the temporary seat of the government of the United States.
2. Become the temporary seat of the government of the State of Texas.
3. Become the site of the death of the 35th President.
4. Become the site of the ascendancy of the 36th President.
5. Become the site of the death of President Kennedy's accused assassin.
6. Twice become the center of the attention of the world.
7. Continued to function at close to normal pace as a large charity hospital.

What is it that enables an institution to take in stride such a series of history jolting events? Spirit? Dedication? Preparedness? Certainly, all of these are important, but the underlying factor is people. People whose education and training is sound. People whose judgment is calm and perceptive. People whose actions are deliberate and definitive. Our pride is not that we were swept up by the whirlwind of tragic history, but that when we were, we were not found wanting.

C. J. Price
Administrator
(Taken from the book [*Letters of Note: Correspondence Deserving of a Wider Audience*](#))

Warm wishes,
Gary