

Dear parents and guardians,

As some of you may be aware, the Delta Police issued a [news release](#) about a report of two students that were approached in the 11300 block of 81 Avenue in North Delta by a van driven by two males. The youth were offered candy by the males and asked to get into the vehicle. Both youth ran away and told their parents.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:37 p.m. on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The vehicle is described as an older silver or champagne coloured minivan with a green "N" on the back. Possible partial B.C plate of "LK"

This incident serves as an important reminder to discuss "Stranger Danger" safety precautions with children. We have discussed these at school, but it is also important that these discussions also take place at home.

Please remind your children of the following points:

- Be aware of your surroundings. If you notice anything or anyone suspicious, notify a parent or another trusted adult (like a teacher or grandparent).
- If a stranger ever approaches and offers a ride or treats (like candy or toys) or asks for help with a task (like helping find a lost dog), step away, yell "No!" and leave the area immediately. Run to the nearest safe place – home; store; recreational facility and notify a parent or another trusted adult of what happened.
- Trust your instincts and your feelings. If someone makes you feel uncomfortable or if you feel like something's just not right — even if you can't explain why — walk away immediately and notify a trusted adult.
- Walk in pairs whenever possible and stay in well-lit and high traffic areas.

As you are all aware, communication is key when it comes to child safety. Sometimes it can be difficult to initiate a conversation about possible dangers to your children, but it is essential in preparing them in case of emergency.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Principal