



BRIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I wanted to share some details on a situation that our school has been dealing with over the past few weeks. There has been an individual living either on the school grounds or a short distance away throughout the summer. Yesterday this individual stood near our fence during the lunch hour yelling and occasionally throwing items in the direction of the school. We immediately notified the RCMP of this incident and they are actively investigating.

We will continue to keep a close eye on the school grounds and keep our students away from the individual. We are working closely with our district's Safe Schools department and the RCMP on the situation. I know this is concerning news, but please be assured that our students are safe and we are working with the RCMP to ensure this individual stays away from the school.

This incident serves as an important reminder to discuss "Stranger Danger" safety precautions with our children. We have discussed these at school, but it is also important that these discussions 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), they should step away, yell "No!" and leave the area immediately. Always 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.

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 me at 604-580-1047 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ms. Diana Ellis
Principal