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Dear Families,

Earlier this morning, the Surrey RCMP contacted us about an alleged incident involving a stranger that approached children near our school. The children are safe and the RCMP is investigating.

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:

- 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 (like a teacher or grandparent) 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 the school (604-596-1030) if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. McBride

Principal