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To the Parents/Guardians of Martha Currie Students,

Yesterday, we were made aware of an after-school incident near our school which involved a stranger exposing himself inappropriately to members of our school community. The RCMP has identified this individual and are dealing with the situation.

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

Please remind your child(ren) 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 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 the school if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Samra (Principal)