

ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority. We are writing to ask that you take a few moments to discuss personal safety with your child, particularly regarding interactions with people they do not know in response to a community incident.

While we encourage kindness, it is vital that children understand the importance of being cautious around strangers. Please discuss these key safety rules with your children:

Avoid Conversation: Do not talk to adults you do not know, especially if they approach you on the street or in a car.

"No, Go, Tell": If a stranger approaches you, makes you feel uncomfortable, or asks for help (adults should ask other adults for help, not children), teach your child to say NO, GO away from the situation quickly, and TELL a trusted adult (parent, teacher, police officer).

Trust Your Instincts: If a situation feels scary or uncomfortable, tell your child to trust their gut feelings.

Stay in Groups: Use the buddy system when walking to school or playing, as safety lies in numbers.

Secret Safety: Remind children that they should not keep secrets from parents, especially if an adult asks them to.

We encourage you to walk through scenarios with your children, such as what to do if they are followed or approached. We are committed to keeping our community safe and appreciate your support in reinforcing these messages at home.

If you observe any suspicious activity in the community, please report it immediately to the local police.

Thank you

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Principal