



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This morning, I was advised by the Superintendent of the Central High School District that at approximately 7:00 A.M., a man in a black Chevrolet SUV approached a female student while she was walking to school approximately 2 blocks from the James A. Dever School. The student ran away and reported the incident to school administration. The police and family were also contacted.

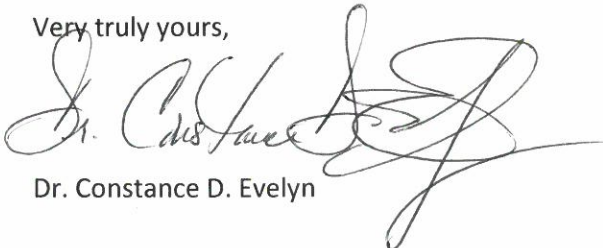
We ask that you continue to remind your children about basic safety rules to follow when and if they are confronted by a stranger.

- Students should be reminded to avoid going near or entering any vehicle of individuals not known to them, and they should report such instances immediately to a responsible adult.
- Role-play with your children about how someone might approach them to offer candy, ask for help, or to see if they would like to come and meet their new puppy.
- Teach your children to say a firm "no" and to walk away. Remind children that strangers look like normal people, not monsters.
- Tell children not to approach a motor vehicle for someone asking for directions, and tell them that adults do not need directions from children.
- Create a code word to use with your children so they will know when a message is from you.
- If someone follows your child, the child should scream loudly and run away. If someone is attempting to grab your child, the child should fall to the ground and start kicking and screaming. The child should make as much noise as possible to attract attention.
- Tell your children to tell you if someone has asked them to keep a secret from you.

Thank you for your cooperation, and if your children make you aware of similar situations, please call your school's principal as soon as possible.

In Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen, safety is our number one priority. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to call your child's school principal or me.

Very truly yours,



Dr. Constance D. Evelyn