



Spring 2016

Dear Parents and Staff,

As the weather becomes increasingly warm, I share with you a few safety reminders as children travel to and from school and spend greater time outdoors.

Based on a recent unfounded "Stranger Danger" incident in the Rockland School area and posted on outside social media, please rest assured, we work very closely with our Libertyville police and fire officials who assist us in determining legitimate reports, communicating awareness and situational concern.

This is an important opportunity to encourage all parents and staff to remind children:

- When directed, go straight home after school.
- Remain on public sidewalks when walking to and from school.
- Walk to and from school and parks with other students.
- Do not engage in conversation with strangers.
- Never get into a vehicle with a person – even if the child knows that person – without parent permission. If a stranger approaches, immediately tell a trusted adult, such as a parent, relative, principal or teacher.
- Obey all traffic signals and pavement markings.
- Always cross at designated crosswalks, street corners, and traffic controlled intersections.
- Remember to look both ways before crossing the street and never enter streets from between parked cars or from behind shrubbery.
- When crossing with the presence of a crossing guard, wait for permission to cross the street. Look carefully, a flashing "walk signal" or visible crossing guard in the street does not mean it is immediately safe to cross.
- When cycling, skating, and hoverboarding, children should be encouraged to wear safety gear.

On behalf of all of our District 70 staff, we wish all of our children and their families a very safe, harmless, and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
Guy Schumacher
Superintendent of Schools