Parents/Guardians
of
FitzPatrick Students
October 27, 2021

IMPORTANT

At a meeting today, Wednesday, October 27, 2021, we were informed of a possible luring at another school in the community. An unknown adult male approached an adult female and two students and attempted to get them to come with them. No one was harmed at that school and there was no one involved or harmed at the FitzPatrick School. The proper authorities were contacted and the matter is being investigated.

Please speak to your children and remind them about the safety rules involving not engaging strangers. If they feel unsafe in any situation, they should find a staff member and come back into the building.

Additional police presence will be in and around the school communities at the end of the day.

Shortly after we were informed of the aforementioned incident, one of our students had a medical crisis and needed to be removed from the school.

The following contacts were made:
Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments
Philadelphia School Police
Police Lieutenant for the school’s network
Assistant Superintendent of the network

No students or staff were harmed during this crisis.

We make every attempt to keep you informed of urgent situations. The safety and welfare of your children continues to be our greatest priority.

Ms. White
Principal
Safety Tips

In light of suspicious activity in our neighborhood, please review the following safety tips with your children:

- Don’t talk to strangers.
- Don’t take anything from strangers.
- Don’t go anywhere with someone you don’t know.
- Stay more than an arm’s reach from strangers. If you are approached by a stranger, seek help immediately.
- Trust your instincts, if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- Use the buddy system, avoid walking anywhere alone. Review contact telephone numbers and home safety practices.
- When seeking help, always go to a trusted adult – teacher, coach, police officer, other parent, or older siblings.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you. If someone is dragging you away, scream, “this is not my dad,” or “this is not my mom.”
- Report any suspicious activity to your local school and police department.