

September 17, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You may be aware of several incidents that took place this morning near Port Angeles schools. The very good news is our local police have taken a man into custody for allegedly attempting to lure a student into his vehicle at reportedly two locations near Port Angeles High School and Jefferson Elementary this morning. The student was not harmed. He followed the “rules” to say “No!” get away quickly, and then tell a trusted adult. In this case, help from the school staff and police was immediate.

This is a good time to remind your student about not talking to strangers, not accepting candy, rides, and gifts from strangers, and to always ask a trusted adult for help when you feel scared or uncomfortable. At school today, we did review a school student safety brochure constructed by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction with our students. I am attaching a copy of this brochure for your review with your child at home. Please note that student safety information is also posted to the Port Angeles School District web-site; www.portangelesschools.org.

I am very appreciative of our Port Angeles Police Department’s assistance, our staff response, and as importantly, your attention to this important safety matter. Please let me know if we can offer additional guidance to you and your student.

Sincerely,

Principal