

April 26, 2010

Dear Parents:

On Friday, April 23, 2010, I sent an alert now message to all of our district parents telling you of a situation which happened with one of our students at 157th and Le Claire Ave. at approximately 3PM. The child was approached by a black pickup truck and the female passenger called to the student to get into the vehicle. The child made the correct decision and ran, screaming from the street. The driver of the vehicle was a Caucasian male and the passenger was a Caucasian female in her middle 30's. We will continue to work with the Oak Forest Police on keeping our streets and neighborhood safe for our children. These situations are a nightmare for parents and administration as we never think it can happen to one of our children. Unfortunately, we must continue to educate our children on how to be safe in a variety of situations.

Arbor Park School District #145 staff take safety very seriously. Here at Arbor Park, our homeroom time was spent today talking about safety for all students. We have encouraged students never to travel alone. It is my personal rule that our students may not walk down Central Avenue to school and I don't like the idea of the students walking home through the wooded path areas. Please speak with your child about making good choices when a bus ride is available to them, to and from school.

Thank you for your continued support. We work regularly on safety drills within the school day and will continue to educate our children about safety outside of the school hours.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Sexton
Principal