



October 23, 2013

Dear Schmitz Park Families:

You may have heard that Seattle police are investigating the case of a man who exposed himself to two Madison Middle School students while they were walking home from school yesterday. According to police, the incident occurred in the 4000 block of 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest around 2:50 p.m. He is believed to be driving a black, 4-door Saturn with silver rims and a baby seat in the back seat of the vehicle.

Please be assured that we are committed to keeping our students safe while they are at school and while they are coming and going. Fences are locked when school is in session and our recess supervisors pay careful attention to the perimeter. After school, we will maintain increased vigilance. Because of the developmental range of our students, conversations about this incident are best addressed at home. We will follow up with any concerns students bring to us and encourage you to discuss personal safety with your children.

It's important that students know that they should get away as fast as they can from adults who make them feel scared or uncomfortable and tell a trusted adult what happened. As always, you can help your children by talking and listening to them. If your child walks home, you should talk to your child or children about walking in pairs when possible and being aware of their surroundings at all times. We encourage you to be sensitive to your child, and to call us if we can help in any way.

If we can provide further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Liora Minkin  
Assistant Principal