

December 4, 2008

Dear Whittier Families,

I am sure you have heard a great deal from your children about the, "Red Truck" and the, "Bad Guy." We all remain vigilant with regard to student safety. Each Seattle Public School is assigned a security officer. Our security specialist, Ed Young is here on a daily basis during the lunch hour to provide for our safety. Additionally, all members of the staff have been provided the flyer which outlines pertinent data about the alleged suspect. I have also noticed parents and/or guardians here standing on the outside of the fence during peek recess hours. We thank you so much for this added safety and support.

The assembly on Monday, December 8 will be geared toward personal safety. The PTA will sponsor a 15-20 minute talk with the children provided by Kim Estes, Director of Education and Outreach; P.E.A.C.E. of Mind (Parent Education and Child Empowerment). Following is her website if you would like additional information about the organization:

www.pomwa.org. The primary basis of her talk will be, 'Child Safety.' Do feel free to join us on Monday morning, December 8, 9:05 a.m.

Dates to Remember:

December 1-15	Helping Hands Gift Drive
December 5	Math Night (6:30-8:30)
December 8	Child Safety Assembly (9:05)
December 19	One hour early dismissal (2:10 p.m.)
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Winter Holiday
January 5	Back to school

Sincerely,

Cothron L. McMillian

Whittier Principal