



# July Newsletter

## **Talking to Kids About Strangers**

Talking to your children regularly about strangers can help reinforce the message. One of the most important lessons to teach children is that it's always okay to run from strangers. Children sometimes risk safety to avoid being rude or disrespectful. Let your children know that safety takes precedence over other concerns.

## **Tips for Talking to Your Kids About Strangers**

Be appropriately honest with your child. It is important to be honest with your child regarding dangers, while avoiding introducing unnecessary stress into your child's life. You're the best judge of your child's temperament, and can gauge your discussion accordingly. It may help to explain that the situations being discussed don't happen often, but are still important to be prepared for, "just in case."

## **Repetition**

Repetition is one of the best ways to learn. Rather than talk about strangers once or twice, it's important to bring the subject up regularly. **A child needs to know the safety rules well enough to be able to act without stopping to think about it if a situation arises.**

## **Listen to their concerns**

Be ready to listen and respond to your child's concerns. Children have great questions and experiences to discuss. **Make sure you give them the time to express their thoughts and feelings.**

## **Have a plan**

Developing a plan before you talk to your child will help the conversation go smoothly and insure that you talk about everything you need to.

## **Be ready to play**

Role playing is a great way to make safety rules more concrete and understandable for children. Have them practice running from a stranger to a safe adult, and plan what they will say.

**Practice using examples from the lures that dangerous strangers commonly use. The more realistic you can make role playing, the better prepared your child will be.**

**There are several great resources out there to help in talking to children about strangers.**

What to Tell Your Kids: Q & A

## **What is a stranger?**

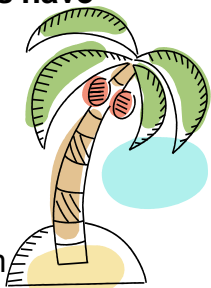
A stranger is simply someone you don't know. Strangers can say they know you or know your family, teacher or friends. Strangers may even know your name or the names of people in your family. If you or your parents do not know that person, the person is a stranger.

## **Who are safe adults?**

Safe adults are grown-ups that you can tell if something happens to you, **people that your parents or caregivers have told you are safe to talk with.**

## **Examples of safe adults:**

- Parents
- Caregivers
- Teachers or Principal
- School Counselors
- Policeman & fireman in uniform



## What should I do if a stranger tries to talk to me?

Most of the strangers you will meet in your lifetime are not going to hurt you but you have to remember that not everyone is a safe person to talk to. Talk to a parent about how to talk to strangers and how to begin learning how to talk to strangers.

It's important to remember that adults never have the right to ask a child that they don't know for assistance. However, sometimes you have to talk to strangers and, in fact, everybody needs to learn how to talk to strangers. Talking to strangers is something parents should help their children to do.

### Trust your instincts.

If you have any reason to doubt a person or if a person or situation makes you feel uncomfortable, trust your gut instincts; if you feel a situation is dangerous, there's probably a reason for that feeling. Run! Go in the opposite direction as fast as you can and tell a safe adult about what happened. The idea is to get away and get other people's attention so they can see what's happening.

### What if I am out with my family?

That is a hard question. Sometimes people who work in a business will talk to kids, for example. If you're with a safe adult, you don't need to run away. If you're not with a safe adult and a stranger talks to you for no reason, running away is still the safest thing to do. It's best to have an idea of what the

safe places are where you're at, or even have a special meeting place planned when you go out, so you know where to go.

For example, in a store you might go to the customer service counter, the security desk or checkout counter. Look for the uniforms people who work in the business wear.

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### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS ABOUT DROP OFF and PICK UP**

1. If your child is going to be absent **OR** arriving **after** 9:00am please call and let us know! We'd like to ensure that everyone is accounted for, and make staffing arrangements as needed.
2. If you plan on picking your child up early, please let us know. In addition if your plans change and you are unable to arrive at the anticipated time please call so we can let your child know. Staffing changes are made early in the morning based upon everyone's intentions for the day.

**Thank you for understanding and cooperation! ☺**

Happy Birthday to:

- 1-Matthew Antill (PK5)
- 3- Stephanie Sucher (Tod 1)
- 4-Luke Meiner (Tod 2)
- 11-Abby Funkhouser (Tod 2)
- 12-Sophia Moore (Tod 1)
- 21-Ms. Kathy (Inf 1 Lead)
- 23-Nathan Beatty (PK5)
- 30-Eva Singh (SA)

## Springboro City Schools start back August 25<sup>th</sup>

A day in the Pre-K 4 Classroom  
By Ms. Beth Wagner



**Remember to put sunscreen on your  
child(ren) each morning!**

### **Special Activities this Month**

- 1<sup>st</sup>-Visit from the Fire Department**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Line dancing w/Ms. Regina**
- 6<sup>th</sup>-Puppet show w/Ron Remy**
- 7<sup>th</sup>-Making homemade salsa**
- 8<sup>th</sup>-Picnic in the park (School Age)**
- 9<sup>th</sup>-Making maracas**
- 13<sup>th</sup>-Making banana chips**
- 14<sup>th</sup>&15<sup>th</sup>- Jungle Jim's (School Age)**
- 16<sup>th</sup>-Wear a Hawaiian shirt**
- 20<sup>th</sup>&21<sup>st</sup>-Marco's Pizza (School Age)**
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-Booneshoft museum visits**
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-Picnic in the park (School Age)**
- 27<sup>th</sup>-Creating sand art**
- 28<sup>th</sup>-Danbarry movie (School Age)**
- 29<sup>th</sup>- Dress like a movie star**
- 30<sup>th</sup>- Visit from Cassano's pizza**

**\*Please check with your  
child's class for times and  
additional activities!**

Parent's Night Out This Month

July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm-10:00pm.

Please sign up in the lobby!

\*Minimum of 5 children

Welcome to the Pre-K 4 classroom! We are very excited that you are going to spend the day with us! The first thing we like to do is our reading and writing activity! This can either be a story that has our sight words, or writing in our journals! It is always a surprise on what we will create!

After reading we love to get our wiggles out! Freeze dance is one way to help us get ready for the day ahead! At circle time we discuss what we'll do during the day.

We also get a chance to become a helper!

Our helpers include line leader, meteorologist, calendar helper, light helper, door helper, and lunch helper! After all of this hard work, we worked up an appetite, so we have morning snack! Washing our hands helps us to keep our toys clean and our friends healthy! It is now center time-one of our favorite parts of the day! There are blocks/cars; home living, science and manipulatives, reading, sensory table, and art! We love to get a chance to play in all of our centers! Next, we go out and play!

We love riding the bikes and pretending that our slides are pirate ships! By now, we are really hungry again! While eating our lunches, we also talk about our day, our favorite activities, and what the afternoon will hold. By now, it's time to get ready for nap and boy, are we tired! Thanks so much for spending the day with us and discovering what we love to do!

**Fridays are water day!  
Please pack  
a bathing suit, towel,  
and water shoes!**

