



Cathy Wever Elementary School

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Dear Families,

Many of you are aware of a situation that occurred at Cathy Wever School last week.

Hamilton Police released the following statement about the incident at our school:

On Wednesday, June 6, 2018, Hamilton Police responded to an incident at Cathy Wever Elementary School. A nine-year old child alleged he was grabbed by a male near a fence in the school playground. The student was not injured but fled into the school and advised school staff. Police are investigating this incident and seeking the assistance of anyone who may have been in the vicinity and witnessed the incident or suspect. The suspect is described as male, white, 40 to 50 years old. Gray hair, dressed in black, wearing black shoes with white stripes, carrying a large black bag, possibly a garbage bag. The male was last seen travelling southbound on Wentworth St. from the playground of Cathy Wever School.

At times, school communities have heightened concerns about what we term “stranger danger.” We know there is a heightened concern in our community after the event that took place last week.

We all want our children to be safe, and we are asking families to assist in reinforcing safety with their children. Here are some suggestion to assist you in your discussion with your child(ren). Please ensure your child(ren) can identify if a person is a stranger and what to do if a stranger approaches them. Remember it is impossible to tell if a stranger is a threat based on their appearance. Reinforce with your child to tell a parent or caregiver where they are and stay with their friends. Remind your child(ren) that it is not a child’s role to help a stranger, always let adults do this.

Thank you for sharing our concerns about safety.

Sincerely,

Steve Johnston
Principal