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Dear Teller Families,

I am writing to make you aware of a concern that has been reported to us about a dark green SUV that stopped outside the playground gates and reportedly took pictures and/or video of our students during lunch recess yesterday, December 3, 2018.

As a precaution, we immediately reported the incident to Denver Public Schools Department of Safety. We have arranged for direct patrol during lunch recess. It is our policy to make parents and guardians aware whenever such concerns arise and help to ensure that our children are reminded of basic safety and situational awareness at all times.

Additionally, there are many resources available to help children be more aware of their personal safety. Common messages with proactive rules, delivered in a comfortable manner can help children be prepared and don't have to be scary. Examples of such messages include:

- Never accept a ride from someone without permission from a parent and/or guardian.
- Never take food, candy, or any other gifts from a stranger.
- Do not "go and take a look" at something a stranger wants to show you.
- You are a kid. An adult stranger should not ask you for help. If a stranger asks you for help, get away from him/her as fast as possible.
- If anyone ever makes you feel uncomfortable in any way, tell your parent or another trusted adult immediately.
- When you are in a public place, always stay with your parents and/or guardian.
- If a stranger tries to take you, yell "No!" and fight as hard as you can to get loose. Run to a public place and keep running until you find an adult who can help you.
- Walk to and from school in groups.
- Never take shortcuts. Always stick to routes selected by parents, and stay on main roads.
- Memorize your address and parents' and/or guardians' phone numbers.
- Have "home alone" plans for emergencies, and for phone and door answering.
- Be aware of "safe havens" along walking routes which represent the "right" strangers from which to seek help in immediate danger.
- Never leave school with anyone without checking with school officials first.

As always, your child's safety is our most important priority and we will continue to proactively ensure all students safety here at Teller. Please feel free to call or email with any questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Bates
Principal