



NEWS TO USE

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. PENNOTTI: SAFETY REMINDER

Hello RBCS Family,

January 6, 2016

First, I hope you all enjoyed some special time with your children over the holiday break and I wish you a New Year filled with possibilities and good health.

We got off to a fine start in our first week back. Students and teachers, including our new teacher of art, Kristin Stefankiewicz, settled in nicely and were happy to see one another.

Unfortunately, we had a serious incident happen yesterday afternoon. One of our students, while crossing Pearl and Monmouth Street in the crosswalk with her siblings, was struck by a car. She was treated at the hospital and held for observation overnight. We just learned that she was released and now is at home resting and recovering. The other two children were not physically injured but clearly they were shaken and very worried for their sister.

I spoke with the children about the accident and addressed some of their concerns. Please reassure them that their schoolmate is all right and will be back in school shortly.

I have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Chief McConnell and Sgt. Bo Broadly, both of whom responded to the scene of the accident, to discuss additional safety measures for RBCS as a school zone. Chief has always been supportive of our school and I anticipate his full support in this request.

I ask each of you to review our [Safety and Dismissal Procedures](#) posted on the website and insist that you comply with them. Most importantly, it is essential that the directions of the crossing guard and teachers be followed at all times starting with NOT CROSSING MID-BLOCK. I told the children to tell anyone who encourages them to jay walk, that they are not allowed to and that they will be attending Saturday School if they do.

We are all thankful that the accident was not more serious; it certainly could have been. PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO MAKE RBCS SAFE FOR YOUR CHILDREN. Take the extra five minutes to obey the rules. They are for the well being of everyone.

Regards,
Meredith Pennotti
