

# SPECIAL ALERT!

**BBHCA** eNews

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**February 9, 2007**

**The following notice was e-mailed to parents of Bush Hill Elementary School students on Monday, February 5:**

“One of our students was followed by a red van as she made her way home from school Friday. The driver of the van stopped at Waycross Drive and Thetford Place and approached her. She applied all the ideas that she had been taught by her parents and the school and was able to get home safely. Her father immediately called the police and a police report has been filed. He then called me and I contacted our school security office and requested additional patrols this week in the vicinity of the school.

“Our teachers took time Monday to refresh the children’s memories about stranger/danger. We periodically review this material with the children, and today is a very appropriate time. Officer Thomas also reviews this information with the children on the monthly visits to the school. We ask that you also discuss safety tips with your child. It is very important that your child know what to do when they feel in an uncomfortable situation.

“We also suggest that you discuss internet safety with your children also at the same time. Please monitor their use of the internet; some children visit internet ‘chat rooms’ where predators lurk. We will also discuss the whole stranger/danger issue at our PTA meeting tonight and look into the possibility of the PTA sponsoring a volunteer safe house program that is tied into the McGruff program with the police department.

“All of our children are precious to all of us. Together, we can provide as safe an environment as possible to them in this day and age when innocence is yanked all too quickly away from them.”

Sincerely,  
Jack Pitzer  
Principal

## **FREE Child Identification and Fingerprinting**

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/news/fingerprint.htm>

Identification cards with fingerprints give authorities vital information to help them locate a missing child. The Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office will conduct FREE child ID/fingerprinting events in February and April. For more information, click on the link above.