

Safety patrols hold positions of responsibility. They are carefully chosen and are carefully checked to see that they fulfill their duties properly. They wear bright yellow plastic patrol belts and in rainy weather bright yellow rain coats. This makes them easily recognized by other children. There is a Captain and a Lieutenant who see that all patrols report in time to take their places on the corners (or in the school) or provide for substitutes to take their places. Patrols are selected from the fifth and sixth grades. Any patrols failing to comply with regulations are warned and then removed if they do not abide by the rules. On the other hand any children who fail to obey the orders of the patrols when crossing the streets are warned and then reported if they continue to show disobedience toward the patrols.

Our patrols go on their corners at 8:10 in the morning and at 11:40 at noon. In the afternoon they go on their corners at 1:10 and at 3:40. When children are on their way to school the patrols are on duty twenty minutes. When the children are on their way from school the patrols are on duty fifteen minutes. It is very important that children go to and from school during the times that patrols are serving on their corners.

In extremely cold weather it has been the policy of the school to arrange for enough substitutes so that patrols will not have to remain on the corner for more than five minutes. This means a great deal of work for the teacher responsible for patrols and the principal -- watching time limits, seeking volunteer substitutes etc., and still provide uninterrupted patrol service for all crossings. But it is done!

FIRE DRILLS:

Another feature of the schools in the interest of safety for the children is the practice of routine fire drills. The school is required by law to have at least one fire drill per month. It is up to the discretion of the principal to arrange for as many more than that as he deems necessary. All of the classrooms have regulated routes for leaving the building and strict discipline is recommended. I think you might be interested in knowing that the average time needed to clear our building is one minute and eighteen seconds. Considering that approximately 300 people clear the building in this time from a two story level (three if there are any classes in gym) it is indeed an excellent record.

LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES:

There is a box in the office of the principal designated for the articles so commonly lost by children -- mittens, gloves, jackets, hats, scarfs, ear muffs, etc. Children who find property belonging to others are requested to bring such articles to the office. Children who lose any wearing apparel, books, pocketbooks, necklaces, billfolds, etc. are requested to check with the office to see if the article has been turned