

Dear Parents,

At this time of year, we need to review our traffic safety information and also introduce new areas to drop off and pick up. You are invited and encouraged to use the bus zone in the front of the school to drop off and pick up students. The north parking lot is only open to faculty and staff parking. Parents can no longer drop off or pick up students in the north parking lot. I have asked teachers to give up five stalls north of the 30 minute parking stalls in the front of the building to help parents have more parking stalls as needed during the day. Be courteous and thoughtful of others as you park there on a limited-time basis during the day.

For the safety of our children, please honor the following rules.

Traffic Safety Rules

- 1. Speed limit is 5 miles per hour on any school property.
- 2. Load and Unload in designated student loading and unloading zones only.
- 3. Park only in designated parking stalls, never along any curb.
- 4. Follow instructions from school personnel in regards to traffic safety for children.

Bus Zone Safety Rules

- 1. Pull as far forward as possible to make room for others to enter the zone. Others will pull behind you, so we need to make as much room as possible.
- 2. Never park and leave your car along any curb in the bus zone at any time.
- 2. Park only in designated parking stalls.
- 3. Honor posted parking signs and time limits.

Student Load and Unload Zone Safety Rules

- 1. Load and Unload only on the right-handed curb.
- 2. Never load or unload children on left-handed curb (the drive-thru lane).
- 3. Invite your children to use the walkway around loading loop to find your vehicle.

We have painted a safety zone for your students to wait safely away from the curb until it is time to load into your vehicle.

- 4. Pull as far forward as possible to make room for others to enter the zone.
- 5. Left lane is for thru-traffic only.
- 6. If there is no room, slowly make another loop to find a spot to load and unload your students or try the bus zone.

Pedestrian, Bicycle and Non-automotive Traffic Safety Rules

- 1. Students must walk bicycles and other modes of transportation across crosswalks and on the school campus.
- 2. Pedestrians have the right-of-way.
- 3. Bicycle racks are at the rear of the school.
- 4. Parents must provide a secure locking mechanism for any student-powered transportation. They must be locked on a bike rack.
- 5. Students should use crosswalks to cross any street and use sidewalks to access school campus or your vehicles in the loading zones.

I very much appreciate your willingness to put children first before our personal schedules; to not be is such a rush that we put children at risk. Please be mindfully present or in the moment as you deliver and pick-up students. It will pay to go slow and help all of us to keep children safe.

Sincerely,

Karl H. Bowman, Principal