

Traffic and Parking Reminders: We Need Your Help!

I am asking all parents to help our students and families get to and from school safely each day. Please pay great attention to the parking and traffic laws on the roads surrounding and within our neighbourhood and to the protocols of our school. With the growth of our student population, so grows the amount of traffic and congestion around our school at entry and dismissal times. It is imperative that all parents who drive their children to and from school each day, do so safely and by following the rules of our roads.

Here are some reminders:

For all areas:

- Ensure you are following the directions of the Crossing Guards (first whistle means stop, second whistle indicates it is safe for students to cross)
- When students are crossing the roads near roundabouts, drivers must stop until the students are *completely across both halves of the road*
- Do *not* park on or around corners or in the middle of a traffic circle
- Do *not* park in front of any fire hydrant at the front of our school or in the neighbourhood
- Park in designated parking spots only – do not stop or park in fire zones, bus lanes or laneways. Cars are not permitted to stop for any length of time along this laneway as it is a fire lane and must be kept free of traffic. Many small children cannot be seen as they cross the lane to get to school, and this is especially dangerous when there is a lineup of cars in the laneway. Please observe and follow all posted “No Parking/No Stopping” signs.
- Drive the speed limit and WATCH FOR STUDENTS AT ALL TIMES

Kindergarten Drop Off:

- If you are stopping to drop your kindergarten child off at school, *please park on the road and walk your child along the sidewalk to the Kindergarten area.*
- Our parking lot and front laneway are very congested with last minute drop-offs in the morning. As a reminder to parents please do not stop in the driving lane of the parking lot at the front of the school.
- Permits are required for all drivers wishing to park in a Handicapped parking spot

Kiss & Ride:

- Do not leave your vehicle unattended for any period of time when picking up or dropping your children off in the Kiss & Ride area of our school. This area is for quick transitions and is designated as a drop-off zone where parents can quickly stop to drop off their child at school, and then be on their way.
- *Please have your child get out of the vehicle on the sidewalk side of the car.*
- Please remember to exit the Kiss & Ride zone through the loop lane and not through the bus drop-off lane.
- There should be no cars driving through the bus lane, as this is dangerous for students crossing the parking lot on their way to school.
- The bus lane is for school buses, emergency vehicles and school taxis only.

End of Day Pick Up:

- Thank you, parents for your cooperation and not parking in the laneway at the main entrance to our school. Again, this is a fire zone and so no vehicles can be stopped or parked along this lane or directly in front of the main entrance to our school.
- *Please park on the road, or in a parking space if you are picking up your child from school.*

I greatly appreciate your attention to these very important safety rules of the roads and school property. Where possible, please consider walking your child to and from school. The less cars and more walkers will help to keep our students safe on our community roads.

Thank you to all of our Tiffany Hills families for helping to keep our students safe!

Sincerely,
J. Gerritsen, Principal