

Traffic and Parking Reminders: We Need Your Help!

We are once again 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 and bylaws on the roads surrounding and within our neighbourhood. 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.

For the safety of all students and families, we have requested a cross walk and crossing-guard for the intersection at the south end of our school. I have also requested regular support from the city's Bylaw Department to help enforce the parking, stopping and driving rules.

For your information, the fines and penalties for violations of this nature are as follows:

Parking in a Fire Route: \$80

Parking within 3 metres of a fire hydrant: \$60

Parking in a "No Parking" zone: \$26

Parking in a Handicap space without a permit: \$300

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
- Make sure to leave 18 inches of clearance between the end of your car and the driveway of the homeowner.
- 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
- Permits are required for all drivers wishing to park in a Handicapped parking spot

End of Day Pick Up:

- Do not park 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.*

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.

We 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! Let's make 2020 the safest year yet, for all of our students and families!

Sincerely,

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