

Traffic Issues to be continued:

Dear Parents:

The redesign of the parking lot certainly has cut down on many safety concerns for our children. However, there continues to be some issues that need to be addressed. Please take a few moments to read through this entirely so that we can continue to make the parking lot a safe place to travel, park, and walk.

Please make sure that children always use the crosswalks. There are three that have recently been painted and there are adults out there to assist with crossing. As you enter the kiss and go lane, please pull up as far as possible. Many people are stopping and dropping off at the first cross walk and this creates a bottled up traffic jam that spills out to the street. Please do not park in any of the lanes in the kiss and go areas- this has been a problem both in the morning and afternoon. These two lanes are strictly for drop off/pick up and moving; no parking should occur here, traffic flow should be continuous. The lane closest to the school is for the yellow buses and, as you have noticed, has been blocked off so that the buses can effectively move through this lane.

The dangerous area continues to be the entrance of the parking lot. Please be extremely careful of walkers if you are driving. Also, if you are a walker, be aware of the heavy traffic flow in that area. We are trying to get an adult to manage that spot as it is a real safety concern.

Please remember that the small traffic circle is reserved for small day care buses/vans. The five non-handicap parking spots in this area are all reserved so please do not park in this area. During this last week, people have decided to park in these spots, making it very dangerous. There are spots at the south end of the main parking lot that are available for loading and unloading, with the exception of two that are reserved for those that were purchased them from the auction. Please DO NOT park in those two spots that have been clearly marked as they have been reserved.

Be very careful as you exit the parking lot. The tall grasses have been cut down so that drivers have an unobstructed view of children about to cross

the driveway, but extreme caution should still be exercised here. Walking is probably the safest way to get to school. As the weather gets colder, and snow approaches, I am requesting that those that walk continue to do so. What a great way to start your day!

Please be patient as we continue to work out the kinks. I want to take a moment to thank Geoff Seal and Showcase Landscaping which helped the school get the signs up and extend a special thank you to Evan Brooks who spent so much time working to help resolve the parking situation and was instrumental in getting the signs up before school started. Also, a special Thank You to Jon Goldin- Dubois who spent endless, challenging hours creating new lanes and creating different design in the parking lot and who also worked with D.P.S. and the city to make those changes. Again, thanks for your patience in this continued effort. I look forward to a mellow traffic lot during our cold, snowy winter.

Sincerely,

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