

Help keep our school safe!

With 8 weeks of school already completed, we need to re-address some pedestrian and biker safety concerns as well as concerns from our neighbors in the broader Southern Hills community. These issues were discussed at our Collaborative School Committee meeting and at PTA and we wanted to make sure our school community was working together for school safety.

Recently, we have had a number of dangerous instances that possibly could have been avoided. For example, in the teacher lot parked cars have been hit, and several teachers, parents and students have really had to watch out while walking to and from their cars. Additionally, nearby homeowners have been nearly hit by parents backing up in driveways and property damage has occurred (such as sprinkler heads being broken). Homeowners have also been blocked from leaving because of parked cars in and around their driveways.

Please take a minute to read the following list; please also talk with your children about safety around our school also. Thank you in your efforts to make our school a safer place!

- **Drive 20 mph in the school zone.**
- **Stop at all stop signs.**
- **Always stop, look, and listen, and cross only at designated crosswalks.**
- **Walk on the left side of the street and ride bikes on the right side. (Children coming from the bike racks and heading east on Cornell will need to make two crosswalk crossings before commencing the ride home.)**
- **Walk your bike across the crosswalk.**
- **Do not drop children off in the teacher parking lot.**
- **Drive in a clockwise loop around the school so you don't have to turn around and can drop off your child on the correct side of the street.**
- **When dropping children off on Clayton, drop them on the school side of the street so they do not have to run across.**
- **Do not block a crosswalk with your car in any way and do not reverse into a crosswalk.**
- **Do not park in NO PARKING zones. There are safety buffer zones on each side of the crosswalk so that people in the crosswalk can be easily seen.**
- **Do not stop and chat in the middle of a crosswalk.**
- **Do not park in, block or turn around in neighbor's driveways.**
- **Do not cut through neighbor's yards.**
- **Please restrict cell phone usage when driving in and around our school zone.**

Let's set a good example for our children and do the right thing! School is in session ... be safe.

If you are interested in serving as a crossing guard during the morning or afternoon rush please contact Pat Sutton at patsutton6@mac.com.

Thanks,

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