

Valley Springs Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Maintaining student safety on our campus is a #1 priority and we need your help to make sure that students are safe during the morning drop off time (7:15-7:45 a.m.). Currently, there are too many cars accessing the back parking lot for student drop-off instead of using the drop off zone in the front of the school. We are concerned about student safety in this back parking lot as there have been reports of cars speeding, students crossing the road and nearly getting hit by cars, and other dangerous and unsafe situations.

We are asking all parents to use the drop off zone in the front of the school. Cones are set-up each morning to ensure that traffic flows smoothly, and starting this week additional cones and signs will be added to make sure students have a safe passage to the campus.

The parking lot in the back of the school is not designed for student drop off and we do not have enough staff to place another adult in this area to monitor traffic and students. **Please do not use the back parking lot to drop your child off each day, instead use the front drop off zone as it is the safest and most accessible option.**

We understand that some parents (for example pre-school parents and parents with students with special needs) may need to access the back parking lot in the morning to walk their child to the classroom door. If you need to access the back parking lot, you must enter through the first entrance to the front parking lot where a staff member is standing with a stop sign. Do not enter through the exit lane to the front parking lot as this creates the potential for a head on collision or accident. Staff members have been instructed to allow you to enter the front parking lot (where the buses enter) in cases where you need access. For every other parent, again we are asking that if you are simply dropping off your child in the morning, to use the front drop-off zone as this is the safest area and helps reduce traffic flow in the back parking lot.

Lastly, please be conscious of your speed during all parts of the day when driving close to the school campus and on school grounds. **Reduce your speed and drive cautiously so that we can maintain student safety at all times.**

I appreciate your support on this important issue and look forward to continuing to work together to ensure that our children are safe at all times. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at the school at 754-2141.

Sincerely,

Dan Klement