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Drop Off & Pick Up Review

(Mrs. Fischer)

As we continue to grow, our pick up and drop off procedures are continually reviewed and fine tuned, when necessary. We are currently working along side the Blaine Police Department to examine morning and afternoon traffic impact and safety. In the meantime, it is imperative that each parent that drives to school (new or returning) is fully aware of and follows the pick up and drop off expectations. Therefore, we have clarified some of the more important points below that are designed to help make things go more smoothly in the parking lot.

MORNING

1. You have 20 minutes to drop off your children in the morning. If you wait until 7:55 a.m. IT WILL BE CROWDED. So, please take advantage of the opportunity to come to the school at 7:40 a.m. to have a less hectic drop off experience with your child - this will be especially helpful in the winter.
2. Please only take a **right hand turn** out of the parking lot in the morning. Doing otherwise holds up traffic. Follow the roads to the right around the block and it will make traffic move smoothly. Please reference the map of the neighborhood (below) so that you can see how easy it is to get south bound.
3. Show SPARK to the administrators who are directing traffic and to your fellow drivers by following procedures and their instructions.

AFTERNOON

1. 3:00 p.m. - 3:10 p.m. is the busiest time in our parking lot as we are getting kids on buses. If you can, wait until 3:10 p.m. to join the waiting cars to get into the lot for back pick up. Kids come out quite quickly now that we are using the Silent Dismissal system and we are getting all cars through the car line in 15 minutes currently.
2. Please do not park in the semi lane of the Aldi parking lot and walk across the median to the school. Semis make deliveries frequently at this time and we want to be respectful neighbors.
3. I'm sure Aldi appreciates your business, but if you do not plan to shop at Aldi, please do **not** park there but join the car lane to pick up your child.
4. Show SPARK to your fellow drivers by pulling forward as far as possible so that we are allowing as many cars into the car lane as we can. Don't forget to show SPARK to the teachers who are outside assisting your children.

If you have further questions about how things work during this busy time you can reference our [transportation page](#).

Thank you for being patient and helpful as we find solutions for our growing school. As we are fond of saying recently - "One more year..."



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