

## TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ISSUES:

Thank you to ALL parents for your patience and incorporation of drop off and pick-up procedures! The procedures we have in place for all drop off and pick-up areas are the result of safety surveys completed by the City of Austin Safe Kids program and city traffic engineers. These studies were completed periodically over a one-year period of time. This year the safety committee has accomplished; fluorescent cones to be placed at all crosswalks at street level, "yield, set back lines" to be painted at all crosswalks indicating a 25 ft. stopping distance for cars back from the crosswalk, new procedures on Northwood, parking availability on Exposition, no right hand turn during peak times in the morning and afternoon at the Exposition/ Hillview and Westover intersection. The potential for injury to a child or vehicle were much too great not to revise our procedures.

## SOME REMINDERS:

### CIRCLE DRIVE:

- There is no parking in Circle Drive during drop-off and pick-up times, except for vehicles appropriately "tagged" handicapped.
- You may pass the school bus with its lights flashing ONLY in Circle Drive when students are loading at dismissal.
- Do not block the handicapped spaces at the main entrance at any time.
- It is best to travel to school for pick-up that allows a right hand turn into Circle Drive.

### HILLVIEW:

- Do not block the crosswalk at Exposition and Hillview when the pick-up line forms around that corner.

- Put your flashers on while waiting for pick-up to inform other drivers that they may proceed around you, as you are not going to move forward with traffic.
- If you have parked on the south side of Hillview, you must walk and meet your child at the crosswalk. Children are not permitted to walk to a parked car without a parent.
- Remind children that they are to wait in the designated area under the supervision of a teacher until their ride arrives at the front of the pick-up line.
- NORTHWOOD:
- Continue with the grade level and sibling distinctions for pick-up areas; 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders with siblings pick-up on Northwood South and 5<sup>th</sup> graders only pick-up on Northwood North.
- Keep your car moving forward when appropriate to keep the line moving; do not get out of your vehicle (students can only load into vehicles on the east side of the crosswalk).
- You may be asked to circle around the block if your child has not arrived in an allotted time to avoid traffic backing up, especially onto Exposition on the north side of Northwood for pick-up.
- You may only park your car west of Verde Bank. If you do park in this location, we strongly advise that you walk to the pick-up area to accompany your child to your parked car.

## READ ALOUD AND CASIS CARES VOLUNTEERS

- Upon your arrival to volunteer, please do not park in designated pick-up lines; this will cause unnecessary congestion when school is dismissed.
- Volunteer parking options are: 1) Angle parking at Hillview 2) Exposition Drive in front of Circle Drive 3) On Northwood, west of Verde Bank.