

KISS 'N GO LANE ETIQUETTE

The Kiss 'n Go Lane, a.k.a. car drop off/car pickup lane, is meant to be used as a flowing line of departure and pick up for your standing ready children.

- **Please have your child ready to depart** the vehicle by having his/her coat already on, back pack in hand and seat belt ready to be unbuckled.
- **Please pull forward as far as possible** rather than stopping near the school. I know you are trying to drop off your child close to the building or pick them up where they stand, but when you stop in the first 50 feet of the lane, it only adds to the back up for everyone else.
- **Try and stay in line so that the entire line of cars can exit the Kiss 'N Go lanes in single file.** If you must pull around another vehicle in front of you, please do it slowly so that you do not hit a child who might pop out the wrong side (driver's side) of the car.
- **Children should ONLY EXIT vehicle on the RIGHT HAND SIDE.** Do not allow your child to exit your car on the driver side as they may be hit by a passing vehicle.
- **Drivers: Please stay in your car.** If you know you need to get out of the driver's seat to help your child, please use the South Mercer Parking Lot.
- **Do not unload packages or equipment from your car in the Kiss N' Go lane** during drop off or pick up times. Please unload in the South Mercer Parking Lot.
- Do not leave your car unattended.
- If you need to text or talk on your phone please go to the South Mercer Lot.
- **Be patient!**

SOUTH MERCER FIELDS PARKING LOT

- When cars do not use the South Mercer Fields Parking Lot during arrival and dismissal we get quite a back up at the intersection of 78th and 84th. This poses a problem for buses, pedestrians, bike riders and other parent vehicles. **When the Kiss N' Go lane is already filled, we ask you to make a right into the South Mercer Fields Parking lot and follow the diagram,** above, to line up for entry into the Kiss 'N Go lane.
- **Do not wait in the school's main drive, especially prior to the entrance to the South Mercer Fields Parking lot.** Buses need to have full access of this road and it's confusing to other cars who are trying to get into the South Mercer Parking Lot if cars are waiting before the entrance.
- **This parking lot should be used when you want to walk your child to or from school, to unload bikes or other supplies from your car and generally to await your child for pick up.**
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STAFF PARKING LOT (a.k.a. Back Parking Lot)

- **Do not drop off or pick students up in the staff parking lot.** I recognize this is much closer to many of your children's classroom, but we do not have any supervision in this area. If your child has a medical reason such as a broken leg please see Kerri Goldner or me in the front office and we will get you a pass.
- **If you need to walk your child to his/her class,** please park in the South Mercer Parking Lot rather than staff parking lot. We have staff members who do not start their day until 9:30 and parking is limited.

LAST THOUGHTS....when driving around the school and adjoining neighborhoods I would ask that you help out in the following traffic friendly ways:

- **Keep speeds down whenever the children are present** even if you are out of the school zone. Students who live in certain neighborhoods do not have access to our buses. Please be respectful of these neighbors and the kids walking to and from school.
- **Please do not text and drive,** especially around the school.
- **Bike riders must walk their bikes on school property,** using sidewalks or gravel pathways.
- **As always, we encourage families to walk, bike or take the bus** whenever possible to reduce the number of cars around the school.

If we can keep these simple driving strategies in mind we can help to ensure that kids are safe coming to and leaving from school.