

Dear Families,

Keeping our kids safe in the drop-off loop, Kiss and Go, parking lot and crosswalks here at school is of highest priority and it requires all of us--parents, students and staff--to work together. I have been communicating reminders monthly and urging all of us to think about safety and what we are modeling for our students. I realize many of you are often in a hurry which can play out in ways that put safety at risk. We have had more “close-calls”, neighbor complaints and adults challenging our staff when redirected. With the goal of safety in mind, please take a moment to review these safety procedures.

General Guidelines from our Parent-Student Handbook (Found on the Dennison web-site)

Parking Lot:

- 1. The streets, both west and south, between the stadium and Dennison are for Bus and Daycare van drop-off and pick-up only. **Do not park in the marked bus lanes at any time.**
- 2. The west lot is for staff and designated visitor only. This area is very congested, so please do not use for a student drop-off area.
- 3. All students and adults must use the pedestrian crosswalk in the main parking lot to access cars in the main parking lot, the overflow parking area. Please **do not walk outside of the crosswalk** areas when crossing to and from the building.
- 4. When dropping off students before school in the drop off lane, do not allow children to walk between cars to access the sidewalk.
- 5. Please observe all signs, cones and directional arrows in the parking lot and all drop off /pick up areas.
- 6. Do not leave cars unattended in the drop off lane at the front of the building or the kiss-n-go area.
- 7. Please drive slowly through the parking lot area.
- 8. Do not use cell phones while in the parking lot.- –Glancing at a cell phone, even for a moment, can have devastating consequences.
- 9. If using overflow parking area before or after school, please limit your parking time to 20 minutes. Transportation needs the space for training classes. We are only allowed to use the overflow lot in the morning for a longer time on special occasions.
- 10. Please be aware of and observe the **No Parking** signs posted on the adjoining neighborhood streets. Thank you for being respectful of our neighborhood community.
- 11. Please reserve the closest handicap spaces for people that need to leave their cars and navigate into the building

Specific directions:

- Slow down and be aware as you enter the front drop-off loop – give yourself extra time to react to unexpected situations. During morning drop-off, please **DO NOT** pull around cars that are in the drop off lane. It is not safe.
- Have students exit your car on the curb side please. Please do not get out of the car.
- Please use designated crosswalks **where there is a crossing guard**. Adults should accompany students as they cross.
- Please follow the directions of the Dennison staff and volunteers working and be courteous.

- Give the school busses their space – Please do not park in the school bus lane at all, in front or behind the bus.
- When driving in the neighborhood, always observe school zone speed limits and please **DO NOT** make a U turn in the street.

Thanks for your help in keeping Dennison Elementary safe! As always, if you have any questions or comments, please call our school office at (303) 982-6382. Please direct specific feedback and helpful suggestions to me at pamela.yoder@jeffco.k12.co.us.

I appreciate all of us reviewing and committing to modeling and following the above rules to ensure the safety of all.

Thank you so much!

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