

Dear Parents,

Re: Parking Lot/Dismissal

With our continued growth comes more challenges as we try to keep kids safe and traffic moving in our parking lot; not always a matching pair!! J

We need your continued help. More and more cars are using the middle aisle as a pickup zone. This is not altogether a bad thing but with the increased volume and the desire of others to get going the area has become a little problematic. Here's what I ask:

- Please be patient. Despite the volume of kids and cars we are still pretty much emptying our lot by 3:35 p.m. That's not bad!
- Please wait in line unless motioned to pass parked vehicles. There are many children moving through the lot to their rides, so extreme caution is vital. Passing cars poses a danger to all.
- Please park your car in open and designated spots if they are available. The most important thing to do is to go meet your child in front of the building and walk them to your car.
- If you are using the middle aisle as a pickup point, please observe "no parking" rules here. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended.
- The middle aisle, if used, is best served by parents whose children are older and who are quick to get out of the building and on their way. If your child exits the building later or more slowly (and that's okay!) we are all better served if you park in a designated spot and come toward the building to retrieve your child.
- Hopefully many pull through spots are open for parents in the afternoon. Staff members have been encouraged to park in spots that do not have spaces in front or in back of them so as not to impede the dismissal process in the afternoon. As I have said before, pull forward through parking spots where you can, as backing out into a congested lot is a challenge for any of us.
- Finally, take your time. As I noted earlier safety is the main goal, and despite the increased volume we are getting everyone on their way pretty quickly.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Hopefully, warmer days are forthcoming which translates into more walkers and less vehicles: a good combination indeed!

Thanks,
Denny Thompson

P.S. The morning drop off is going very well. Our aim is to park 3 cars on each side of the crosswalk, thus unloading 6 cars at once!