

**Laurel Elementary School**  
Home of Laurel Leopards...who are  
SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and always show RESPECT!



Dear Families,

We hope that this Winter season finds you warm and well. We are writing to bring to your attention a few important things about our transportation plan. We are glad to be able to say that over the past few months, we have significantly increased our safety awareness as a community during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. This letter serves as a quick reminder of the following aspects of our Safety Transportation Plan.

1. Please continue to be very careful when you are dropping your children off in front of the school in the morning. Please remember to drop your children off at the car drop off line. Dropping children off in other places (in the middle of traffic, in the crosswalk, in the middle of Laurel Street) puts children's safety at risk.
2. For foot traffic, remember to not let children run across the street in front of the school, but rather walk across at the crosswalk. Our wonderful Lions Club's crossing guards are there to make sure everyone stays safe and happy. This is also true for dismissal time. We have hired a crossing guard to help you and your children cross at the crosswalk. Jaywalking presents a huge safety hazard and puts children's safety and yours on the line.
3. It is also important that we do not drop our children off too early in the morning. There is very little to no supervision before 7:50 and we want children to be and feel safe.
4. Please note that children who walk to school may not use the gravel parking lot to cross over to the front of the school due to moving busses. Please help us keep our students safe by showing your child an alternate route to access school grounds on foot.
5. All car traffic accesses school on W 14th Ave. where they loop around the pool parking lot and come around to load or unload in the student drop off/pick up zone in front of the school. We ask that you help us keep all children safe by following the staff and the crossing guards' cues and communications. All cars are discouraged from accessing school on Laurel Street or W 13th Ave. as this will get them stuck in bus traffic.
6. Please note that student drop off and bus zone areas are designated for loading and unloading students and not for parking. If you'd like to come into the building and need to park your car, please use the Laurel Park parking lot or park on the streets surrounding our school.

Thanks so much for being a wonderful community! It is really what makes Laurel so special!

Respectfully,

The Safety Committee