

W. A. Day Elementary School

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Re: Drop off and pick up of students

To: W. A. Day families

Hello Parents and guardians,

We hope everyone had a good February break and that we are all refreshed and excited to be back at school. It is nice to have the students back in the building and enjoying their school experience.

As we return to school I wanted to take the time to address some safety concerns that have come up during the pickup and dropoff of students at the school. We want to ensure that all students are safe when they are coming and leaving the school and in this light, it is important to discuss the following:

- a) On the west side of the school please respect the crosswalks on 19th and 20th Street and on 5th Avenue. There are several crosswalks that cross these streets and we have Safety Patrollers on two of them. On several instances, we have had vehicles parked too close to or across these crosswalks. This makes it hard for vehicles to see crossing students and we have had several students nearly get hit. There is yellow paint in these areas to designate where vehicles can not park. Please respect these areas.
- b) Please respect the bus loop in the parking lot East of the school. This loop is for buses only! No personal vehicles should be entering or parking in the bus loop. We have also had vehicles parking across the entrance to the loop, which prevents buses from entering. Again, please park in appropriate areas.
- c) Please do not stop in the street or have students jaywalk across the street. We are trying to teach the kids proper street safety and we would love your help in this area. Please park in an appropriate area and have the kids use the nearest crosswalk to cross to the school. This will help to keep them safe from passing vehicles.

As you pick up and drop off your children you may notice an increased presence from the LRSD health and safety and transportation departments and also from the RCMP. I have asked these groups to be around at these times to aid us in keeping our students safe.

Thank you all for your understanding and support in this area. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Nick Beer

Principal