

## **Benjamin Rush Elementary Parking Lot Safety Information**

At Benjamin Rush, we strive to maintain a safe and secure learning environment for your children from the moment they arrive until the time they head home. A crucial area needing constant attention is our parking lot as well as pickup/drop off area. Thank you for your help!

### **PLEASE MODEL APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR...**

...in the parking lot by being patient, letting others in, and following directions. Your positive attitude and help in making our parking lot a peaceful and safe place are needed. Please refrain from honking, swearing, yelling, or other disrespectful behavior. Please listen for instructions from our student safety patrols or adult supervisors. Thank you for your help and efforts to make sure every child is safe.

### **PARKING LOTS**

Due to construction, the north parking lot (by the gym) will be closed and not available for use. The south parking area will now be used for staff parking and marked handicapped parking. We highly encourage you to walk, bike and carpool! There may not be stalls available for parent parking. It would be advised to park on the street or use the drop off/ pick up chute.

### **TIPS FOR A SAFE PARKING LOT**

- Walk your child to school or carpool
- Drop your child one block from school and have them walk
- Have your child ride the bus, if assigned
- Use the designated drop off/pick up procedures through the south parking lot
- Get to school on time so you and your child do not need to rush
- Please be polite, patient, and a Peacebuilder
- Listen to school employees and student safety patrol who have been assigned to keep your child safe
- Obey safety rules

### **DROP OFF AND PICK UP AREA**

Buses will drop off and pick up students along the curb on 152<sup>nd</sup> street in front of the current parking lot. Cars will no longer be able to park on the brick pavement that previously was a drop off zone. Parents will drop off and pick up in what was the bus lane. Please use the curb side nearest the school. We ask that you pull all the way down by the portables. When dropping your child off, please have your child ready to get out of the car when you stop at the drop off point. You will be required to make a right turn only when exiting the drop-off/ pick-up area in order to keep traffic flow going more smoothly.

Your Cooperation will help make the parking lot areas safer for all students and faster for everyone. For student's safety, NO drop off or pick up will be allowed anywhere on school property EXCEPT the south parking lot's official drop off and pick up location.

Student safety patrol members must leave the parking lot at 8:28am so they can get to class on time. At that time, you are responsible for your child's safety getting into the building. You will need to park and check your child in at the office. They are considered tardy after 8:30am.

### CLOSURE OF CROSSWALK AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE DROP OFF/PICK UP CHUTE

The crosswalk at the entrance on 152<sup>nd</sup> will be closed from 8:15-8:30 as well as from 3:00-3:15. Parents will be redirected to other crosswalks during this time. No students will be allowed to cross into the parking lot without a parent that has parked in the parking lot. Please do not use the parking lot as a short cut to enter school grounds.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but we have had far too many dangerous close calls (car/student) on that crosswalk location in the past 3 years. Our student's safety is our first priority. Thank you for your assistance.

