

We have been experiencing an increase in the number of cars dropping off students in the morning at the front of the school and the safety of our students has become a growing concern. To help all of our students remain safe, please follow the guidelines below when dropping off your child.

- 1) **No car can be left without the driver in a Fire Lane.** The parking lot area in front of the school is a Fire Lane. We must maintain a clear path for the fire department at all times. If you need to come into the school for any reason, your car must be parked in a designated spot. There are spots located along Valin St. in the lot by the soccer field.
- 2) **The student drop off area** is beside the Community Centre, by the hockey rink. There is a turn-around area there that allows you to drop your child off so they can immediately enter the school yard and you can easily exit the parking lot.
- 3) Kindergarten students go into the Kindergarten Yard so drop off by the Community Centre is not always practical. If you are dropping off a Kindergarten student, please pull up along the right side of the driveway by the Kindergarten Yard. A staff member will be by the gate in the yard to greet your child. **You can help your child exit the car and then watch them walk to the yard.** As soon as the teacher on duty has seen your child, please exit the parking lot immediately. Remember, no car can be left unattended by the driver in the Fire Lane.
- 4) **Please do not park behind the cars that are parked in the designated spots.** We have had several situations this year when staff members and visitors were unable to leave because cars were parked behind them.
- 5) If you are parking on the road, please follow the signs located along the roads around the school. **There are several No Parking and No Stopping areas designated.** By-Law Officers have given out tickets to cars parked or stopped illegally. The side streets off of Provence and some areas of Valin do offer on street parking.
- 6) Please **do not park in the designated Wheelchair/Handicapped Parking spots** unless you have the proper permit.
- 7) Please **do not park in the spots by the Community Centre near the tennis courts.** These are reserved for Community Centre use only.
- 8) Please remember that **school starts at 8:30.** Students can be on the school yard at 8:15. If you do have to drop your child off after 8:30, please stay with your car while you watch your child walk into the front door of the school. They can come to the office to be signed in. If you do need to come in with your child, please park your car in a designated spot.
- 9) **No Cars are allowed in the Bus Loop Area at any time.**

If we can have everyone's cooperation with this situation, we can make our parking lot area safer for all of our students and more efficient for our parents. Mme Colverson and Mme Makara will be in the parking lot next week to help remind parents of these guidelines.