

WES Safety Reminders

As this year's Child Safety and Welfare Chairperson, I'd like to thank all of you for doing your best to help with the traffic flow around the school during drop off and pick up times during the very hectic first week of school. As we move forward in the school year, here are a few helpful reminders to keep in mind for the safety of all of our students:

1. When walking to school or parking near the school, you **MUST** use the crosswalks. Please do not cross the street or parking lot where there are no crosswalks. Other drivers are not expecting you to cross in front of them and you or your child(ren) could get hurt.
2. Please do **NOT** park on Kenwood directly in front of the school during drop off and pick up times. Doing so causes limited visibility for drivers leaving the school parking lots, limits the visibility of our crossing guards and can inhibit the ability of buses to pass through the area to enter the parking lots.
3. The only traffic driving between the two parking lot entrances should be staff, buses and residents living on or around Kenwood. If you want to drop your children off at the cafeteria doors, please approach the school from Sharondale Drive or Eastbourne Lane. Likewise, if you want to drop off at the front entrance, please approach from Bruton Orand. You may **ONLY** turn **RIGHT** when exiting the faculty lot near the cafeteria doors. You may **ONLY** turn **LEFT** when exiting the circle drive in front of the school.
4. Please remind your children to walk their bikes and scooters in the crosswalks, on the sidewalks on campus and on the sidewalks adjacent to the school and in-between crosswalks.
5. Students must enter and exit vehicles on the sidewalk adjacent to the school. Please do not allow your child(ren) to exit your car on the driver's side as they could be hit by passing cars.
6. Park only in designated parking places in the front lot. The faculty lot is for teachers and staff only.
7. Do not park in front of the fire hydrant that is just adjacent to the faculty lot entrance and exit **AT ANY TIME**. State law mandates that no vehicle be parked within 15 feet of a hydrant at any time, regardless of whether or not the curb is marked. Parking in front of the hydrant is a traffic violation and punishable by the Flower Mound Police Department.

Following these rules will not only help to ensure the safety of all our families, but it will also help in getting you to and from school as efficiently as possible. If you have any questions about these safety reminders, please feel free to contact me.

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