

PARMALEE



ELEMENTARY

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

September 2017

Dear Parents,

We are well into the school year and are finally starting to fall into a groove. The kids have done a tremendous job following our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) to ensure that we have a safe and orderly learning environment. Now, we need the same effort from all of our parents.

Please pay attention to the following items of importance:

1. **One, two, three...eyes on me!** Students who are getting picked up in the front or back of the building must stand in line facing forward and help the adults identify their cars. Students have been engaging in very unsafe behavior such as pushing, shoving, eating snacks, etc...which then requires attention from the adults who are trying to get children in cars. We will be having a daily meeting with these students at the beginning of the day until the behavior is rectified. Please assist us in letting your children know that you expect them to follow the pickup line expectations.
2. **Just keep moving...forward!** Parents need to remember to pull all the way forward in the front pick up line even if your child needs to walk to meet you. We are trying to fit in as many cars as possible along the curb so that busses will be able to pull up in the driveway.
3. **Get your steps in!** If you need to park, do so in a designated parking spot. Please do not park in the pickup zones either in the front or back of the school. Parking delays cause great frustration and anxiety to other parents waiting to pick up their children.
4. **Don't look for the loop holes!** Parents who are parking on Matterhorn Drive along the road by the houses and then driving down Matterhorn are causing traffic jams in the front lot. If you need to pick up your children in the back, please use Weisshorn Drive or the back parking lot to get your children. Everyone has places to go, if all parents simply follow the traffic pattern, then we all get out sooner and safer.
5. **Be kind to each other!** We are a community. We appreciate when adults refrain from using inappropriate language or inappropriate hand gestures. We have young children on our campus

who are watching and learning from all the adults around them. Make sure you are modeling positive behavior and problem solving strategies. Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and Jeffco Schools Security have been contacted to help support our staff and children in ensuring that pickup remains a safe and pleasant time of the day for everyone.

6. **Teach independence!** In the morning, students are allowed to get out of their cars even without an adult opening the car door for them. We do this as a courtesy and as a way to greet our students each morning, but sometimes it is not possible to open every door. Please teach your children to be independent in safely getting out of the car, shutting the door, and walking to class. Most children are able to do this without the parent having to get out of the car.
7. **Be ready!** Please make sure your child has everything they need for the day when you pull up to drop off your child in the morning. Morning drop off is not the time for children to finish getting dressed, put things in their backpack, or eat breakfast. We need our kids ready to hop out as soon as you pull up.
8. **Make yourself known!** We purchased name plates and sent them home either at Back to School Night or in your youngest child's Friday Folder. Please place the name plate on your passenger side sun visor so that when you drive up, your last name is displayed. This helps us to match children and cars more quickly.

To close, I want you to know how much we love your children. While this letter may sound a bit cranky and forward, please understand that it is written with love and concern for every child, staff, and parent. I believe strongly that as the adults who are closest to our children, are our children's most influential role models and advocates. Thanks for joining forces with the Parmalee staff in ensuring we are outstanding in every possible way.

Sincerely,

Ingrid