IMPORTANT INFORMATION! PLEASE READ!

Traffic Pattern Information

We worked with the Berkley Department of Public Safety to review our existing traffic pattern and the signage posted around our facility. Although it is impossible to create a perfect system, overall we have been happy with the results and things will remain the same for this school year. We will continue to have a City of Berkley crossing guard at the corner of Oxford and Hamilton. We will also have our Safety Squad students available at the parking lot crossings, Oxford & Hamilton and Hamilton & Harvard.

ADULT SAFETY PATROL

We are looking for volunteers for the Adult Safety Patrol. With enough volunteers, we hope to provide an adult presence at the corner of Hamilton and Harvard, as well as the parking lot pedestrian crossings. If you are willing to volunteer (even one morning or afternoon per week would be a BIG help), please contact our principal, Beth Meacham, on (248) 837-8801.

PARKING

There are not enough close parking spaces around ANY school for each parent to individually walk their children into the building. If you want to walk your child to the door because of their age or other circumstances, you should plan to park on the next block and walk them to school. By having students walk to and from school or around the school to the other side, we are also promoting a healthy lifestyle. Occasionally, people will find a close place to park, but you should not plan on it. Spaces are limited at Rogers Elementary, as they are at all schools.

The **parking lot is strictly for staff parking** and this will be enforced. In the past, there have been several reports of parents parking in the staff lot, leaving their vehicles, and walking children to the building. The staff members have tags to identify their vehicles and any vehicle without a tag will be towed and/or ticketed.

We have clearly marked the drop-off and pick-up lanes with yellow lines. **CARS CANNOT PARK OR WAIT IN THESE AREAS DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP.** Public safety personnel have informed us that standing cars delay them when an emergency occurs. In addition, it is important for students to be on time to school so that they have a positive start to their day. Please do not make other students late by delaying the drop-off line.

It is important that **ALL** Rogers parents use the traffic pattern. Here are a few additional rules to follow so that our drop-off and pick-up times are safe for all our students, parents, and staff.

Parents **cannot park** along the east side of Hamilton during drop off in the morning or pick up after school. Many precarious situations have occurred when parents double-parked along Hamilton. Parking on Hamilton blocks the street, slows traffic moving along Hamilton and makes it incredibly dangerous for any student who attempts to cross in that area. Parents who need to pick up students from the Hamilton entrance must park down on Larkmoor or Harvard and walk to school or have their child meet them at a designated location.

- **DROP-OFF AND PICK UP** – Please refer to the Traffic Pattern map for Drop-Off and Pick-Up areas along Oxford and Hamilton. Please understand that you are **NOT** allowed to park in these areas or stand in the areas after dropping off your child in the morning. If you want to monitor your child until the bell rings, you must park along a side street and walk up to the school. Parking in Drop-Off areas blocks traffic and prevents other parents from dropping off their children. During Pick-Up after school, you are allowed to stay in your vehicle in designated areas to wait for your child.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to use the parking lot to drop off their students. There is absolutely **NO DROP-OFF or PARKING** allowed along the north side of Oxford. We do not want students attempting to run across Oxford to get to the parking lot or front entrance doors.
- Children must **ALWAYS** use the designated cross walk at Oxford and Hamilton. We do not want any injuries because parents try to save time and have children run across the street. Even when you are watching from your car, you may not see the traffic clearly. We cannot tell you how many times parents say they almost hit a child darting out between cars as their parents sat in the car.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** cross at Larkmoor.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** block the drive-ways of our Rogers neighbors. They are coming and going at the same time we are dropping off and picking up every day and it causes inconvenience to our neighborhood residents.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** block the drive-ways of our Staff Parking lot. We share staff with three other buildings in the district and those staff members need to be able to get in and out of the lot at varying times throughout the day.
- Left turn **ONLY** (7:30-8:30am & 3-4pm) out of the parking lot drop-off and pick-up area.
- Students coming from the west on Oxford should stay on the sidewalk going to and from school. There are two Safety Patrol members to guide them across the driveways when the traffic clears.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO DROP-OFF OR PICK-UP** in the west end of the parking lot. Please make sure students are dropped-off and picked-up in the designated areas.
- When driving through the drop-off and pick-up areas, **DO NOT** go around vehicles to get out. **Please be patient.**
- When dropping-off and picking-up, pull up as far as possible to allow several vehicles to drop-off or pick-up at the same time.
- Fourth and fifth grade students may exit the building out the west playground door at the end of the day if they are meeting a sibling.
- When dropping off in the parking lot area, **ALWAYS** drop off on the building side where the yellow lines are painted. **DO NOT** get out of your vehicle and help your child out of the vehicle and **DO NOT** let your child out on the inside lane of the parking lot. **THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS**. If your child needs assistance getting in or out of the vehicle, please plan to park and walk your child to the building.
- The tardy bell rings at **8:05 a.m**. Shortly after the classes enter the building, the parking lot door will close and be locked. Any students being dropped off late will need to walk around to the Oxford door and sign-in at the main office.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE give a little of your time so that your child and other children are safe.
THANK YOU AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION ☺