

Parents,

Last year we changed our drop off and pick up area to try and alleviate some of the traffic concerns at the front of our building. As a school, city, and sheriff's office we have been working very hard to ensure that your students are safe each day coming and going to school. The district spent thousands of dollars to put a sidewalk in to the old city office and the school paid a couple thousand to have the parking lot of the old city office painted to indicate where cars drive and park. I want to THANK those parents that are following the drop off and pick up plan on a daily basis. It makes a huge difference in traffic at the front of our building.

Since the beginning of the school year, I have had three students almost hit by cars. Some of those were driver error and some were student error. One student was in a crosswalk and the car went through the crosswalk while she and her sister were in the crosswalk. The other incidents were students crossing without looking for cars. We have been lucky that these are near misses, but one day it won't be a near miss. I am begging you parents, please slow down around the school, follow signs that are posted, and PLEASE PLEASE follow the school's drop off and pick up plan. Just as a reminder, there are no U-Turns on the east side of the school, no double parking anywhere, and if you are walking your students across the street you MUST use the crosswalk. If you don't use the crosswalk, you are Jaywalking and teaching your students bad habits.

Our teachers are out on bus, sidewalk, city office duty to ensure your students are safe and following the rules. PLEASE respect the teachers that are out there trying to keep your students safe. They are doing their best and don't deserve to be yelled at, sworn out, or degraded. The drop off and pick up plan are on our school website. Please refer to the map for those instructions. If someone else is picking up your student, please let them know of our policy. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at jenifer.buist@ccsdut.org or call the school at 435-245-6442. We know that this plan is not perfect, we won't ever find that plan. It will only work if everyone pitches in and does their part to make it work. The feedback I have received from the city, sheriff's department, bus drivers, and most parents has been positive. PLEASE help us keep our amazing children safe by following the rules that have been put in place to keep them safe.

Thank you,

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