

Deerfield Run Elementary School: The New Kiss & Go Lane

Student safety is our number one priority. We continue to search for ways to improve the flow of traffic and promote student safety in the very busy parking lot at Deerfield Run. **On Monday, August 29, 2016**, we will be implementing the "Kiss and Go" Lane. This new set of procedures will allow us (and you!) to be more efficient with parking lot traffic. For the safety of our children it is extremely important that we all become familiar with the proper procedures for dropping off children in the morning prior to the start of the school day. We cannot afford for our children to be harmed because parents do not follow the rules for parking, loading/unloading, stop signs, crosswalks, and bus zones at the school. We also need to teach our children to obey the traffic signs and to always look before crossing a street or moving within a parking lot. It's going to take the commitment of all of us: parents, families, administrators, teachers, and children to ensure that we make Deerfield Run the safest school it can be. Deerfield Run's Staff (Parking Lot Monitors) and students (Safety Patrols) will assist with the kiss and go process each morning.

Procedures:

1. The Kiss and Go Lane is located at the far right side of the school parking lot along the sidewalk. This is the designated drop off area in the morning prior to the start of the school day. **DO NOT** Leave your car unattended in this lane or in the parent drop- off lane leading up to the kiss and go lane.
2. The bus lane along the front curve is a FIRE LANE. Between the hours of 7am-4pm, no cars should be left unattended here.
3. The Kiss and Go Lane is for student drop off only. Adults may not exit the vehicle.
4. When using Kiss-and-Go, pull as far forward as the parent drop- off lane or car in front of you allows. Pull all the way down to the end of the parent drop- off lane. This is a single car lane.
5. Children should **ALWAYS** exit vehicles curbside (to the right), so please adjust any car/booster seats to enable safe exiting from your vehicle. Your child should be 100% prepared to exit the car with all the belongings. They need to be able to do this independently. If they are unable to do this, you need to find a parking space so you can assist them.
6. Once your child has exited and their door is closed, wait for the parking lot monitors to signal for you to exit the Kiss-and-Go Lane promptly and safely. Do not sit and watch your child walk along the side walk leading up to the school entrance.
7. No one may exit the vehicle on the left side.
8. The Kiss-and-Go system will only be staffed for drop-off in the morning from **7:25 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.**
9. Starting at **7:25 a.m.** the parking lot monitors will be in place to operate the kiss and go lane system. **DO NOT drop students off early at the kiss and go lane. Parking lot monitors must be present at the kiss and go lane in order to drop students off.**

10. The first section of the parking lot is designated for staff parking and for handicap parking only. There are blue signs that indicate this. Do not stop behind the handicap parking only area.

Other Safety Reminders for the Parking Lot

Just a few reminders to help minimize congestion as well as hazardous conditions:

- Please drive slowly through the parking lot **(5mph)**.
- **Please park only in designated visitor parking spaces.** Please do not park in the bus zone , the no parking zones, and the staff parking spaces
- Please make sure your child is ready to unload with backpacks, etc. before moving into the kiss and go unloading zone.
- **You may not turn left on to ROUTE 198 from 7:25 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.** This helps to alleviate congestion in the parking lot.
- Do not utilize your cell phones.
- Remember, children arriving at school after 8:00 A.M. are considered tardy and need to check in at the office.

