

Friday, October 21, 2011

Hi Dr. Weber,

I hope all is well with you and your family. I've had one or more children attending Byrd for 15 years now and your ideas to implement a better pick-up/traffic pattern make perfect sense. If followed, there is no reason that they wouldn't be effective.

We avoid pick-up and drop off in front of the school as much as possible because it is so hectic, but sometimes due to the weather or timing, we do go to the front and every time it is just horrible — due the inconsiderateness of others.

This morning, we had the “select few,” those who seem to feel that their children deserve to be dropped off right in front of the walkway, going to the front door.

The consequence? There is a line of waiting cars from the cross walk to the back corner, while no one is pulled over in the space from the crosswalk to the front corner.

Drivers don't pull out to go in front of everyone because we don't know if there will be a spot, and we think that if we are patient and all move up one-by-one in a methodical fashion, it will be orderly and efficient.

Why should my child have to run out in the rain and walk the length of the block worried about being late, as we are in a holding pattern? Mind you, he didn't melt.

What makes this mom and others like her, feel that their child or children are better than anyone else's and need to be dropped off right in front of the door?

At pick-up, when every spot is taken in the front, you have another mom who feels she can pull up *on the right* (again by the crosswalk), park, put flashers on, and get out of the car to pick up her children. To make things worse when getting out of her car and running across the street, she doesn't even look to see if any cars are coming...unbelievable!

I realize that you are doing all you can and appreciate your efforts. As I said, the traffic pattern that you and the police department came up was a wonderful idea: I wish we'd had it 15 years ago. Please realize I'm just venting here.

Unfortunately, there are a few out there who are unable to follow the guidelines that have been set up and make it very unpleasant for the rest of us.

Maybe yet another reminder as the winter weather approaches? Maybe one or two more people will get it? I don't know...

Anyway thanks for reading (listening as they say).