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PARKING LOT REMINDERS

I am writing this as a reminder to all parents that use our drop off/pick up zones along with the parking lot. This is always a concern of mine because it is the safety of all of our children. Here are some helpful reminders for everyone:

1. **Please do NOT leave your car unattended in the drop off or pick up zones.** This causes congestion in the parking area and hinders a smooth flow for everyone's convenience.
2. **Remember the speed limit.** The speed limit is 5 miles per hour when entering the parking lot at Explorer. It is also 15 miles per hour on the streets/avenues around the school when children are present. I realize that everyone has a place to go and is busy. However, the safety of your child(ren) and all children in general is our number 1 concern.
3. **When dropping off or picking up your child(ren), use the drop off/pick up zone or the parking lot.** If you need to get out of your car for any reason, the parking lot should be used. Staff parks in the back two rows so that the two front rows are open for parents to drop off and pick up students. **General rule: If you plan on taking longer than 30 seconds to drop your child(ren) off, you need to use the parking lot.**
4. **Child(ren) entering/exiting vehicles in the drop off/pick up zones.** When dropping off or picking up your child(ren), they should always exit the passenger side of your vehicle onto the sidewalk.
5. **The passing lane in front of the school should NEVER be used to pick up/drop off your child(ren).** This leads to double parking and the students have to move between cars. This is a major concern during our afterschool pick up times.
6. **The crosswalks should always be used when walking to or from the parking lot or crossing the street.** We have 3 crossing guards to help with students crossing W. 82nd Street and S. Beal Avenue before and after school. The crosswalk in front of the school and the two entering the West side of the parking lot do not have crossing guards, but are painted yellow and/or marked with cones for everyone's usage. Cars should **NEVER** be parked or students picked up in these or any crosswalks, which includes the crosswalk in front of the school.

Thank you for understanding and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Douglas Eppard
Explorer Elementary Principal