

August 2010



Dear Beach Families,

Important Drop Off and Pick Up Changes:

Due to traffic changes on Concord Street (bike route) as well as due to safety concerns for students as they are dropped off and picked up at school, there will be a change in the drop off and pick up pattern for the 2010-11 school year. Our intent (school staff and PTA) in making these changes is to provide a safer situation for students as they are dropped off at school in the morning and as they are picked up in the afternoon. (SEE MAP ON BACK)

- **Humboldt Street is closed to car traffic at the beginning and end of school day.**
- **Concord Street will be closed between Humboldt and Wygant every day from 8:15 – 9:00 and from 2:15 until 3:30.**
- The Beach parking lot is being reconfigured to enable a circular pattern for individual vehicles to drive up, drop off or pick up, and then drive out of the playground.

When You Bring Your Child To School

We strongly recommend you select one or more of the prioritized recommendations listed below to get your child to and from school safely and with least aggravation for you.

1. Walk or bike to school or ride public transit, as frequently as possible
2. Check into and establish a carpool with neighbors/friends.
3. Stop a few blocks from school and walk to school from there.
4. If you cannot use any of the options listed above, use the circular parking lot to drop off your child.

If students walk to school or are dropped off at school by a parent before 8:30, the students should proceed down the outside playground steps and go to the east entry door on the playground to wait for 8:30 to enter the school.

Picking Your Child Up At The End Of The School Day?

If you are the parent of a **kindergarten through second grade** student you will pick up your child from the teacher on the playground at the end of school (unless the student is riding the bus). To do this, you will need to park (Unless walking or biking☺) somewhere off school grounds. Streets to consider are Blandena (on the south of school – parking only legal on one side of the street), Concord (between Wygant and Blandena), and Denver Street, and Alberta Street.

Third through eighth grade students have additional options. These include: walking or bicycling to and from school; having your child walk to a designated meeting area (off campus) each day; and/or getting picked up in the school parking lot.

These are big changes for our school community, but we are trying to create the safest situation possible. There will certainly be problems and challenges especially the first weeks of school. I ask for your patience, understanding and constructive suggestions during this time.

Sincerely,

Tom Breuckman, Principal

BEACH ELEMENTARY: Morning and Afternoon Traffic Changes

