

# WOODLAWN EARLY YEARS SCHOOL



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*Woodlawn School is an environment where education and culture empowers our students to grow into caring, connected and contributing global citizens.*

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Dear Families,

We have noticed that several families have been using Barkman Avenue to drop off their children in the mornings and as a pick up location after school. There are many exceptionally large snow banks on Barkman Ave. making drop off and pick up there very dangerous. Our staff have witnessed several incidents in which students have climbed over large snow banks to access the sidewalk. We do not want any of our students to slip into oncoming traffic and are therefore urging you to use the church parking lot on Henry Street or Penner Street for drop off and pick up. There is a crossing guard at the corner of Penner Street and Barkman Ave. from 8:30-8:53 and 3:45-4:00 to help students cross the street. Please escort your children across Henry Street before and after school.

Here are the other traffic guidelines that we have previously posted on our website. It is very important that these guidelines are followed for the safety of all our young students. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation.

- Students should not arrive at school before 8:30. There is no supervision on the playground until that time.
- Please use the church parking lot across from the school to park and help your child cross the street. In the afternoon there is a crossing guard at the bottom of the steps in front of the school from 3:45-3:55. Please avoid cutting across between parked cars.

- Parking is not permitted on Barkman and there are signs that indicate this. The bus drivers have a difficult time getting through.
- There is a crossing guard at the corner of Barkman and Penner from 3:45 - 3:55. Please encourage your children to leave school promptly and to cross at the corner with the crossing guard.
- There will be a crossing guard helping students cross at Hespeler and Barkman. The crossing guard will be there from 8:30 to 8:50 in the morning and 3:45 to 3:55 in the afternoon. Please encourage your children to get to and from school promptly.
- We have a new bike cage for children to park their bikes. The bike cage is located behind the basketball courts. Please review bike safety with your children and make sure they are wearing a helmet. Children should bike in pairs or small groups.
- Walking to school is great, but children should always do so in a group. Help your child make arrangements to walk to and from school with neighborhood friends.

We want to help our students be safe on their way to and from school and we appreciate you taking the time to review these safety guidelines with them. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of us at anytime.

Respectfully,

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