



### **SAFETY REMINDER- MORNING ARRIVAL and AFTERNOON DISMISSAL**

A healthy reminder needs to be made to be made for all regarding one of our greatest safety concerns – morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. The most difficult times are transitions.

Know that during arrival and dismissal we have adult staff managing student safety. Even so with the fast paced activity and lots of moving parts we need to be vigilant of our surroundings and keeping our precious ones as close as possible. Hand holding little ones and keeping to the sidewalks and away from transportation area is critical. Parent car drop off/pick up drivers need to go slow (5 m.p.h. or less) and stay focused (no cell phones please). Please monitor your driving and remember that PA state law requires that drivers not pass a parked bus- this is especially true in the mornings during arrival. Car riders are asked to kindly be dropped off at either end of the sidewalk and walk to the main entrance! During arrival it is better to park and carefully walk in than dash through the lot or at dismissal have a child walk to you on their own; often they see only you and not the oncoming traffic. With busy lives, appointments to keep and activity practice to attend, let's still take the time, just a few extra seconds or minutes to ensure their safety.

Helping your child to know their transportation plan, where they will go, where you will be and reminding them to use the sidewalk, will go a long way in calming down their anxiety and help them think about their surroundings. When you have assured them, they will be sure and follow the plan. Remember if the plan changes for dismissal make sure to notify the main office and teacher in advance. Detailed information about transportation is also in the **Parent/Student Handbook**.

Thank you!

