



### **Tips for Dropping Off/Picking Up Your Child Safely**

Kameyosek has been fortunate to have had no serious incidents occur with a child being injured due to traffic around the school during drop off and pick up times each day. Recently there have been several reports by parents, of concern over practices by parents dropping off and picking up their child. We feel it is important to review with our families a few safety rules that will ensure your child is getting from the car to the schoolyard safely.

First, whenever possible park on the side of the road that is next to the curb and the school yard. Your child should exit the car on the side that opens to the school yard. If you must park on the opposite side of the street due to volume, your child should still exit on the side of the street where the curb is. Opening the door to the street side and getting out can expose your child to an oncoming car.

When your child exits on the opposite side of the street, they should proceed to the corner crosswalk to cross the street. Exiting from the curb onto the street between, behind or in front of a parked car could again expose you and your child to serious danger. Children are easily excited and distracted and may dash out to see a friend and not look to see a vehicle coming down the street. One mother who called us with this concern, stated that a mother and a child just started crossing in the middle of the street, without looking, with jacket hoods up and their heads down, and she had to brake suddenly to avoid hitting them.

Secondly, if you do drop your child off by parking for a moment in the staff parking lot, which is not recommended, please do not let your child out unescorted, to walk through the parking lot, to the sidewalk. The children are small and it can be very difficult to see them over the hood or trunk of a car. Please escort your child across or through the parking lot if you do choose to stop in this area.

Finally, U-turns in this area are a high risk maneuver due to the children being dropped off/picked up. Please drive an extra block or to an open driveway, rather than risk using a U-turn which makes visibility to see a child even more difficult.

Thank you and please remember these safety tips when dropping off or picking up your child at school.