

Cougar Canyon Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the return to school and change in weather, I have received a number of complaints from local residents with regards to illegal and unsafe driving and parking practices around our school.

I know the start and end of the school day can be hectic for parents and, in particular, that finding parking can be a challenge. However, as I'm sure you would agree, public safety – especially the safety of our children – is and should be everyone's top priority.

With that in mind, I would encourage you to drive within the school zone speed limit and respect the pavement markings in and around our neighbourhood. We would encourage you to consider dropping your child(ren) a little further away from the school and letting them walk the remainder of the way. Please do not stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off.

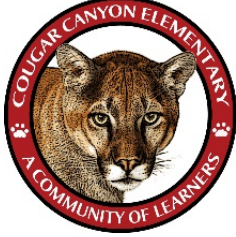
The Delta Police Department traffic section will be conducting ongoing enforcement in the area.

Please find below a reminder of some helpful road safety tips for you to share with your child(ren), along with the rules of the road for drivers.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this important matter.

Sincerely,

L. Alkema, Principal



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Tips for Crossing Roads Safely

- Cross where it's safe. If there is a designated crossing, use it, even if it means taking a detour.
- Stop before stepping into a road, driveway or lane.
- Look in all directions. Look left-right-left and over the shoulder for vehicles that may be turning.
- Listen for approaching vehicles that aren't visible but could be coming from a driveway or around a corner.
- Make eye contact with drivers so you know they see you and they know you see them. Remember that unless a driver is looking directly at you, they may not see you.
- Check that all vehicles are completely stopped before stepping into the road. Be certain there are no vehicles passing stopped vehicles – especially trucks or vans.
- Obey all traffic signs.
- Walk, don't run across the street, roadway or lane. Keep looking for approaching vehicles as you cross. Look left-right-left and over your shoulder.
- Don't wear headphones when crossing streets. Remember, you have to Stop, Look and Listen.
- Don't jaywalk. Cross only at corners or marked crosswalks.

Rules of the Road for Drivers

- Travel 30 km/hr or less near schools from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days.
- Obey all "no parking" and "no stopping" signs in school and park zones. Parked vehicles reduce visibility and are a traffic hazard for children. Also, please do not double park.
- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections. Wait until pedestrians have crossed the street before proceeding and never pass a vehicle that has stopped for pedestrians. Please do not park across crosswalks.
- Do not pass a school bus with its red lights flashing.
- Be alert at all times. Make eye contact with pedestrians so they know you see them. When children are present, please be extra careful.