

OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY AFTERNOON PICK UP DIRECTIONS

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INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO IS AT THE END OF THE POWERPOINT

IMPROVING THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC

- In an effort to ease the amount of traffic backing up to 32nd avenue South, we are looking at changing the course of the line in which cars wait to pull into the parking lot.
- This re-route would also ease the flow of traffic in the pick up line as well as help ease the exit of our parking lot.
- This, just like any change, will take a few days to get down. But with a little patience and a dedication by everyone to adopt the changes, we will see an improved experience in the afternoon loop.

WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

- The first change we are going to make is that we are going to attempt to have everyone leave our parking lot and exit via Kirsten Lane, which is just a little left of a straight line out of our parking lot.
 - This will relieve the bottleneck between our two driveways in our south parking lot.
 - This will also ease traffic flow further back in the loop as we will be waiting less time for folks who have been trying to take a left hand turn out of our lot.

CHANGES.....

- The second change will be a new place to wait to enter the lot. We have been entering from either side of 27th street, which can be tricky. Now, we are going to have everyone utilizing the loop come in from the south, with the overflow lined up along the south end of 27th Street and wrapping around 33rd Avenue.
 - This will have all loop traffic coming from the same direction, to clear any confusion as to whose turn it may be to enter in.
 - This will also prevent us from accidentally blocking the exit with our own pick up line.
 - Traffic can decide to continue to use Kirstin Lane to get to 25th Street, or utilize Ruth Drive to get back onto 33rd Avenue south to loop back to 28th Street and get to the light on 32nd Avenue.

CHANGES....

- The third change will be that folks who would like to park and utilize the crosswalk to pick up students from the building should use the traditional 27th line to pull into our lot using the same entrance, park their cars, and then exit the lot traveling straight out utilizing Kirstin Lane.
 - This traffic won't need to wait for the loop unnecessarily, and won't be tempted to enter via the exit of our parking lot.
 - This will enable us to have a “double lane entrance” with the loop traffic and the parking traffic clearly understanding who is parking and who is using the loop. Just be mindful to watch for signals and don't assume a turn is coming. IN WINTER MONTHS, THIS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE. USE CAUTION AND GOOD JUDGEMENT!!!

FAQS

- *Why utilize this now?* – We are seeing an increased risk of an accident or of traffic backed up to 32nd avenue. We believe 33rd Avenue will help this be a safer alternative.
- *How is this system better?* – We believe that the idea of going straight out of the lot will keep traffic flow moving more fluidly. We also are thinking that outside of OGE traffic, there are maybe 10 vehicles that utilize 27th Street, making it an ideal situation where we are able to pretty freely move in and out of our lot, if we are not in our own way.
- *Will we still stagger dismissal times?* – Yes, we will continue to have our dismissal times as they have been. Pre-K dismisses at 2:45, K-1 dismisses at 2:55, and 2-5 dismisses at 3:05. Please keep these times in mind when entering the lot.

FAQS....

- *Where do the pick up lines start?* – For our Pre-K families, nothing really changes, except your path into the lot. For our K-I families, the holding line that has been formed will continue. Once that backs up, the line continues outside the lot, on the Northbound lane of 27th street, parked along the curb. For our 2-5th families, being sensitive to the time, they park behind the K-I families as best they can at the already formed line (if not formed yet, they start the line parked along the northbound lane of 27th Street, and wrap around the corner on the north side of 33rd Avenue, parked along the curb).
- *Why not take a left turn out of the lot to get to 32nd Avenue?* – For the time being, we want to keep traffic flowing. In the future, this may be an option, but we would like to see how much of an impact that would have after we have had a chance to see how the plan works. This could be a possibility in the future, but for now, we want to monitor traffic flow.

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

- Here's an instructional video to help better clarify the idea. We encourage you to look back at notes if need be after seeing the video.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LS5e7UveYEQ&feature=youtu.be>

