



Nancy Young Elementary School

HOME & SCHOOL

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Dear Young Families,

The winter season is here and the number of students and parents moving through our drop off and pick up line has increased. Please review the drop-off and pick-up procedures for the car line. Listed below are reminders that will keep morning and afternoon dismissal moving smoothly and safely. Following drop-off and pick-up procedures will ensure the safe entrance and exit of all our students. In addition, please remember that students do go outside for recess when the temperature (including the wind-chill) is 5 Degrees and Above. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate outerwear for the daily 15 minute recess (hat, gloves, scarf, winter coat, etc.).

Happy Winter,
Ms. Morgan

PLEASE HELP! The most important thing in the world to all of us is the safety and security of our children. During the school day we provide constant supervision. Even after the final bell we monitor the children as they walk, ride, or bus-ride home to you. Please help us by reinforcing (and modeling) use of the crosswalks with your Young Dolphins.

Dismissal time is a busy time...especially on the roads surrounding your school. From our experience, the most hazardous area is Asbury Drive at the entrance to the *Sportscore* complex (community pool parking lot). Parents and students crossing directly to/from the community center, and not using a crosswalk at the traffic light, are making us very nervous. On Friday a parent and child darted out from the grassy median, going in the direction of the Sportscore, and were nearly struck by a bus making the right turn from Liberty onto Asbury. The bus driver was visibly shaken from the *near-miss*. This and many other dangerous situations could be avoided by simply using the crosswalk at Liberty St. **Please focus on safety over convenience and *always* use the crosswalks.**



Morning Traffic Procedures

- Due to the arrival of school busses the front parking lot will be closed at 8:45 am.
- The front circle drive is for busses, day care vans, and students with special accommodations. **For the safety of students, cars are not to pull into the circle drive to drop students off at the gym doors.**
- Please be courteous of our neighbors and be sure not to block their driveways.

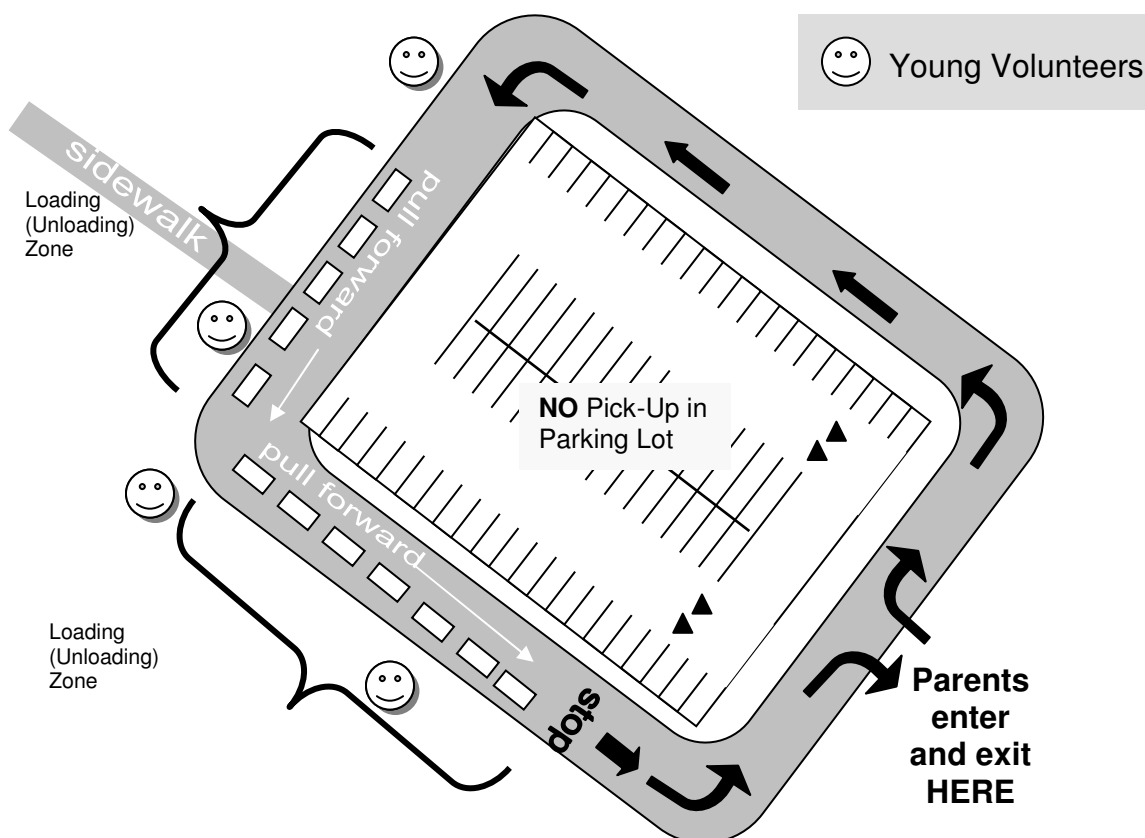
Afternoon Traffic Procedures

- The parking lot, in front of the school, will be blocked off at 3:20 p.m.
- The front school parking lot is for school buses, day care vans, and students with special accommodations. Children should meet their parents for parent dismissal at parent-pick-up.
- If you have business to attend to and need to enter the building, please come before 3:15 pm or wait until after 3:45 p.m. Please ensure your car is not parked in the bus stalls in the front lot between 3:20 and 3:45, as it blocks bus drivers from their assigned slots.
- Please be courteous of our neighbors and be sure not to block their driveways.

Pedestrian Safety

- Students should not be encouraged by parents to cross Asbury Drive. Please model safe and appropriate behavior by walking your students to Liberty and Asbury and crossing at the crosswalk with the crossing guard. If you are parked in the Sports Core parking lot, and you don't want your child to utilize the crossing guard or you choose not to use the Parent Pick-up and Drop-off, you must walk your child back and forth across Asbury Dr. We will not allow students to cross Asbury Dr. The safest way to cross Asbury is with the crossing guard.
- The **Parent Pick-Up and Drop Zone** is the safest way to pick up and drop-off your student before and after school.
- Please follow the traffic directions of our crossing guards. In addition, please remember to fully stop at the stop signs.

Parent Pick-Up & Drop-Off



PLEASE do NOT drop off or pick up students in the front school bus loading area
NOTE: It is a violation of state law to pass a school bus while it is loading or unloading children

Did You Know... that on any given morning or afternoon as many as 200 cars/trucks/SUVs pass through Young Elementary's parking lot to drop off or pick up children? The fact that so many vehicles safely and efficiently navigate the Pick-up/Drop-off area is a testament to our wonderful parents and our dedicated staff. ☺

With winter upon us, we thought it might be a good time to briefly review our Parent Drop-off and Parent Pick-up procedures. During arrival and dismissal please:

1. Pull your vehicle forward until the loading/unloading area is full
 - a. Look for signals from our staff members pulling you forward or asking you to stop
 - b. When all vehicles come to a stop students may safely enter/exit
 - i. Please exit your children on sidewalk side not into the traffic flow
2. When your child is safely in/out of the vehicle follow the line of cars out of the area1/
3. **Be flexible ☺ especially on inclement weather days**
 - a. On bitterly cold days, or when it is raining during dismissal, we will release children from the gym by calling them out a few at a time
 - i. Instead of having you roll down a window to tell us your child's name we've enclosed a Parent Pick-up Sign (on back of this sheet)
 - ii. Just clearly write your student's last name and post the sign in the passenger's side window
 - iii. A staff member will see the name and use a radio to call your child from the warm and cozy gym
4. **Thank you** for delivering the most precious cargo in the world ☺

Winter Weather Emergencies

Please make sure that your contact information (work, phone, and cell numbers and email information) is correct with the office. The Connect-Ed automated phone system will be used by the school and the district to notify parents about school closings, weather emergencies, and bus delays.

School closing information is announced through the following:

- Connect-Ed automated phone system
- Local television and radio stations (WGN and WBBM Radio, Ch. 2, Ch. 5, Ch. 7, FOX , WGN, CLTV)
- The district's website at <http://www.ipdsd.org>
- Email sent to 204 E-News subscribers
- The district's information line at 630-375-3015 (Please do not call your individual school)

Kindergarten 2010-2011

In January the office will begin collecting information about incoming kindergarten students for the 2010-2011 school year. If you, a neighbor, or a friend, has a child in the Young attendance area who will be 5 years old, on or before September 1, 2010 (as required by Illinois State Law), please contact the school office at 375-3800. The 2010 Kindergarten Information will be held at Young Elementary School on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm

| <u>December</u> | <u>January</u> |
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| 12/8: Young Chorus Concert | 1/4: School Resumes |
| 12/11: 5th Grade to Granger for Kaleidoscope Concert | 1/12: PTA Blood Drive and PTA Meeting |
| 12/18: Winter Party | 1/15: No School-Teacher Work Day |
| | 1/18: No School-MLK Observance |
| | 1/22: Report Cards Home |