

Dear Wildcat Family,

School starts back on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> and with that comes the return of .....the car line. This has always been an experience no matter where I have been over the past 23 years. Due to the age of the children, the elementary level always carries the bulk of any school system's car line. I wanted to bring to your remembrance some universal tips for assisting us in making the car line run as smoothly as a car line can at our elementary schools.

- 1) Have something in your car ready to hold up that visibly identifies who you are there to pick up (i.e., something your school has provided, a piece of typing paper, a paper plate). This helps our staff locate your student.
- 2) While waiting for school to end and on a residential street, please don't block the driveways to homes.
- 3) Make sure that there is consistency in who picks up a student. The younger students struggle when a different person picks them up each day (as does the faculty and staff).
- 4) Always yield to any buses who are traveling in the vicinity while in the car line.
- 5) Make sure to keep your speed down to ensure that students are safe.
- 6) Pull up in the car line as far as you can in order to get the maximum number of cars into the car line.
- 7) Please stay off your cell phone and other electronic devices.
- 8) Everybody can't be first in the pick-up line. It is a well-kept secret that if school gets out at, say 2:40, if you drive through at 2:55 you will zoom right in and zoom right out. We have faculty there until all students are picked up and most students like the extra few minutes to spend with their friends socializing. This could be the best tip of all.
- 9) During rainy afternoons, the car line will move slower. Be patient with us and arrive a little later if you can.

Again, this is not an exhaustive list but just some observations I have made over the years. I appreciate your patience as we tackle the first week and each day the car line will improve as we all learn the procedures. If you get the chance to thank the faculty and staff of each school for their work in the car line, please do so. They work hard in all kinds of weather to do all they can to help our students remain safe.

Look forward to seeing you on August the 7<sup>th</sup>.

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