



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

I find myself in the position of having to be extremely direct in my message today because as most of our families and all of our students know – my first job is the safety of your children!

I found myself this week watching and attempting to intervene in terrifying scenes – each and every day – at both arrival and dismissal. Cars disembarking students while double parked with students walking in between cars, cars parked across the street from Franklin and students and/or adults running across the street, cars parked illegally all around the school and drivers not responding to staff who are attempting to direct traffic, support your child's safe exit from the car or accept verbal redirection when engaging in illegal, unsafe practices.

The Summit Police support our efforts in keeping everyone safe; however, their attention is often required at other locations during our arrival and dismissal. Our behaviors dramatically change when they are present which indicates to me that those who are not following established procedures and traffic patterns are aware of their behavioral choices.

I am **IMPLOING** you to please think of our children. Their safe arrival and dismissal from school can easily be accomplished if we demonstrate respect and courtesy. I am asking for you to set the example – through your actions and safe behaviors while not asking them to disrespect the rules i.e. exit/enter the car while double parked on Warwick, running across the street on Blackburn and Warwick outside of crosswalks and sidewalks and laws that allow all to be safe.

As always, if you have questions, are unclear about the traffic patterns, car line procedures or legal parking areas, please reach back. I am happy to provide resources and/or clarification.

Please work with me to keep everyone safe.

Take care of yourself and each other.

Mrs. Tierney