

L.B. Clarke Middle School Chronicle

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Safe Pick-Up For Students At L.B. Clarke

Safe Pick-up Areas-XXXXXXXNo Pick-up Traffic/Parking-XXXXXXXCrossing Guard (PM Only)-XXXXXXXX

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and a great start to 2016. I am excited to see the kids back at school tomorrow!

This special one-page edition of the newsletter is devoted to safe pick-up for our students at L.B. Clarke. We have been trying to keep this issue front and center in your mind, as keeping our kids safe is the responsibility of all.

The traffic congestion at the end of the school day really lasts only about 15 minutes (3:10-3:25 PM). The following are proactive suggestions for picking up students at the end of the school day:

 Make plans to pick your child up in one of the designated "safe pick-up" areas labeled in GREEN on the map.

- Kids can get in the car from the curb on Parkway Boulevard behind school. This is a great place to pickup!
- Once students begin leaving the building, the circle drive starts flowing smoothly... as long as people pull as far forward as possible.
- <u>Beginning January 11th</u>, make plans for your child to use the crossing guard (pm only) and crosswalk at the intersection of Bellevue Place and Riverside Drive (YELLOW on the map).
- Do not drive, turn-around, park, or pick-up students in any of the areas marked in RED on the map. <u>These areas are</u> <u>NOT safe for traffic.</u> The areas marked in red along 45th street (bottom of the map) are part of the bike path.
- If you don't need to pick your child up right away, make plans to come a little bit later. Most students don't begin leaving the building until about 3:20pm. This will help spread the traffic out a little bit more.



- If you live close enough, encourage your child to walk or ride their bike to school. The exercise and fresh air is great!
- Meet your child at a designated spot south of 45th street. There are 4-way crosswalks at 45th Street/Parkway Boulevard and at 45th Street/Bellevue Place. These are safe points cross 45th street. The walk will do them good and save you some driving stress!
- Exhibit patience and follow the rules of the road.

Beginning January 11th, the Two Rivers Police Department will provide a crossing guard (pm only) at the intersection of Bellevue Place and Riverside Drive. I would like to thank the TRPD, City of Two Rivers, Two Rivers Buses, and **YOU** for your help and cooperation in keeping our kids safe.