

Rain and Traffic Safety at HFGS

Dear **HFGS Families, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Friends,**

I had the opportunity to be able to observe and serve on Elk Ave. during our school drop off these first two rainy days. There was this excitement and gladness among our families as they return to school.

Let us please continue **to use the entrance gate close to our Kindergarten classroom.** It does provide a longer queue for vehicles approaching to stop and drop off students quickly. We also noted **the need to have adult volunteers** to assist in opening and closing the car doors; helping carry a child's backpack; and reminding parent/guardian - drivers to move their car toward or off the edge of the roadway / sidewalk. Please sign up to be a volunteer to escort children from car to school. This way, we are able to do our morning drop off and afternoon pick up easily and quickly, and primarily to reduce the school zone traffic congestion.

Other ways to help are to:

1. Allow for extra time before driving.
2. Plan to be early as preparation is paramount to a stress-free drop off.
3. Stay aware of the need to be quick and safe.
4. Switch off your phone.
5. Use the cross walk with your child.
6. Avoid backing up from a neighbor's driveway.
7. Avoid any kind of conflict and stay positive.
8. Look after your car and check the car behind you.

Stay warm and dry during these cold days.

While we are grateful for the rain, let us also pray for those affected by floods caused by too much water. Our students have been reminded of walking carefully and avoiding wet floors. There is no running and their break periods are temporarily held in the classrooms.

Happy New Year and thank you for your cooperation.

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