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Dear Parents:

This letter is sent home yearly; it continues to be important. In these uncertain times, family discussions about health and safety are most prudent. Below are a few important issues to discuss with your children in a positive and reassuring manner. After all, we want all of our children to be healthy, safe, secure, and yet aware.

Please continue to instill in your children that they should never respond to a stranger's questions or approach a person in a vehicle who might be asking for directions. If anything of this nature should occur, they should inform you immediately. It is beneficial that children play in groups while outdoors and wear protective gear and helmets if riding bicycles or razor scooters. Additionally, Internet service provider (e.g., AOL) password swapping, use of chat rooms, or giving of any personal information over the Internet are additional areas of concern.

In the continuing interest of safety, for those parents who pick their youngsters up at the end of the day by car, please review the following dismissal procedures: Please adhere to the following **dismissal procedures** for those parents who pick their youngsters up at the end of the day by car.

1. Please use the **appropriate ENTER and EXIT** gates to and from the parking lot.
2. Please **enter prior to 2:50 PM and pull into an available parking space.**
3. Cars will not be permitted to enter the lot from 2:50 PM until the buses leave at about 3:10 PM (gates will be blocked/closed). Please exit in single line. If you have time constraints, please utilize street parking.
4. Our custodial staff will monitor the exit gate and lot; please follow their instructions.
5. I encourage parents to have all children sit in the rear of the vehicle, using seat belts.

Lastly, during the winter months, we try to provide outdoor recess, weather permitting, and we ask that your children come to school appropriately dressed with warm coats, hats, and gloves.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of these issues, please feel free to call me. My door is always open.

Sincerely yours,

Adam D. Winnick  
*Principal*