

The Midvale School Safety Committee has implemented a safety plan so that all students arrive at school and are picked up from school in a safe way. The plan reduces congestion in front of school at both arrival and dismissal times.

Parents, neighbors, school staff and city personnel helped to create a plan that began in the Fall of 2002 and has been updated in the Fall of 2003.

Part of the plan included a change in signs. This change took place last Spring.

Midvale School students and staff continue to work with the Madison Police Department and the Madison Health Department to improve safety for all students and families.

We need the cooperation of all parents and caregivers to ensure safety for students and families at Midvale School.

Thank you for your help and support.



NO PARKING

No parking signs are posted in front of Midvale School. These signs mean that you can not leave your car unattended. You can drop your child off in this area but you cannot get out of the car. When dropping off students in the morning, you must do so after 8:20 to avoid the time when the buses are arriving. At the end of the day, students may not be picked up in the bus loading area because of the space needs of the buses.

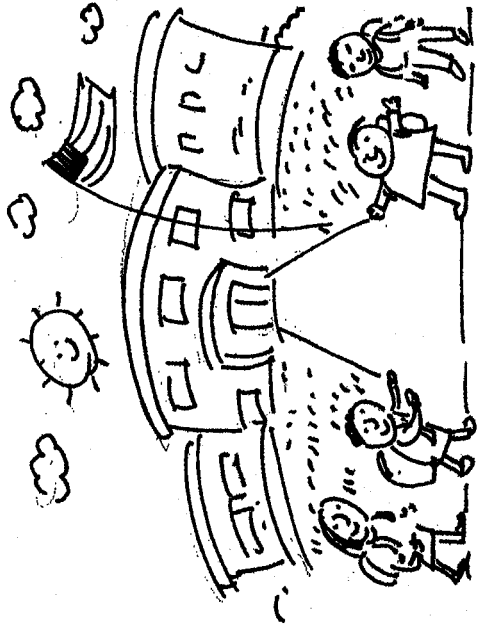


NO STOPPING OR STANDING PARKING

No Stopping Standing or Parking signs during school hours are located on the side of Caromar across from Midvale School. These signs mean that you are not able to stop your car to drop off a student, wait in the car for your child or park the car and leave it unattended. This is against the law and violators can be ticketed.



Loading Zone signs are located near the corner of Caromar and Clifden. It is acceptable to park your car in this area, walk to the crossing guard and cross the street at the corner of Clifden and Caromar.

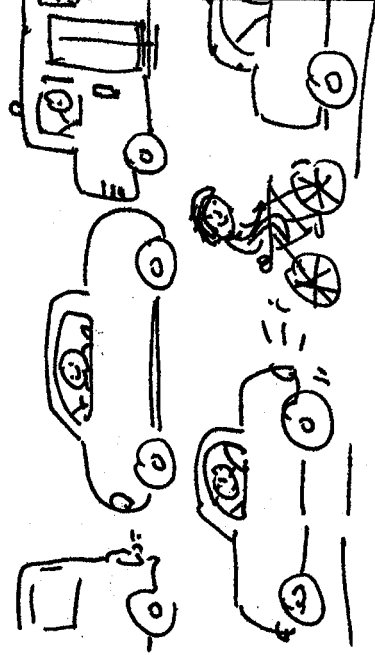


Midvale Elementary

Student

Drop-off and Pick-up Plan

2003-2004





If you walk to school....

- When you walk to school it is very important to cross at the crosswalk or with a crossing guard. It is not safe to cross in the middle of the street
- On Mineral Point Road there is a crossing guard at the corner of South Owen Drive.
- On Midvale Boulevard there is a crossing guard near the entrance to our playground.
- On Caromar there is a crossing guard near the loading zone.
- There are also crosswalks with flagged crossings on Caromar Drive and on South Owen. When you use the flagged crossings, raise the flag high in the air, look to the left, then look to the right, and then look to the left again before you cross the street.

If you take the bus to school....

- It is very important that you walk to the bus stop in a safe way. It is important to cross the street at a crosswalk.
- It is also very important to wait for the bus on the sidewalk and to stay away from the street.
- When you are on the bus it is important to obey all the school rules so that you have a safe ride to school.



If you drive to school....

- It is recommended that you drop your child off on the school side of the street after 8:20
- Buses stop to drop off and pick up students in front of school. Cars cannot stop or stand in this area from 8:00 - 8:20 and 3:00 - 3:20.
- Caromar Drive, near Clifden, is the recommended 10-minute pick up and/or drop off area. The crossing guard at the corner of this intersection will cross you in the crosswalk.
- South Owen Drive, near the crosswalk, is another recommended area to park for drop-off. Then students can walk to school through the crosswalk. (There is a crosswalk, with flags, at this location.)
- Caromar Drive, across from the school building is a No Stopping, Standing, or Parking area during school hours. Cars may not stop to drop off a child, wait for a child, or park to come into school. It is not safe for children to cross in the middle of the street without a crossing guard. Drivers will be ticketed if they do stop, stand, or park in this area.
- Caromar Drive, towards Keating Terrace allows for parking. When you park in this area it is important to cross at the crosswalk, using the flag.



If you bike to school....

- It is recommended that you wear a helmet.
- The school guidelines ask that an adult accompany young bikers to school
- It is very important that you walk your bike when you get to the front of the school near the front entrance.
- It is very important to remain on the sidewalk and off the grass
- It is important to lock your bike during the school day.

FYI

- It is illegal to park within 4 feet of a driveway, 20 feet of a crosswalk and 30 feet of a stop sign.
- Motorists must yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing a street at a marked crosswalk where there is no traffic signal.



Please observe all traffic, parking and pedestrian laws.

Thank You!