

## Chávez Elementary Traffic Safety Committee

We have created a safety plan so all students arrive at school and are picked up from school in a SAFE way.

The plan will reduce congestion in the parking lot, in front of the school (on Maple Grove Dr.) and on the side of the school (Pinelake Dr.) at both arrival and dismissal times and will keep our crosswalks visible for the safety of our children.

If you drive, walk or bike your child to or from school, please read the guide and determine a plan for getting your child to school safely and ensuring the safety of all Chávez students on their way to and from school.

## If You Bike to School . . .

Helmets are strongly encouraged when riding a bicycle to school. MMSD requires bikers to have a helmet on school grounds.

Board of Education Policy states that a student age 10 or older may ride a bicycle to school. (The principal may make exception upon written request by a parent.) The school guidelines ask that an adult accompany young bikers (under age 10) to school.

It is important that you walk your bike when you get to the front of the school near the entrance. Please remain on the sidewalk and off the grass. Riding bicycles on the playground is not permitted.



It is important to lock your bike in the bike rack during the school day.

## If You Walk to School . . .

Always use the crosswalks and crossing guards to cross streets—don't cross mid-block. A crossing guard is located on Maple Grove Rd. at Pinelake Dr. / Keswick Ct. Student safety patrols are located on school grounds to help students cross through the bus/van lane.



## If You Drive to School . . .

We recommend that you park and/or drop off your children in the following areas:

**Maple Grove:** Drop your child off in the No Parking area, which allows for stopping, but you cannot leave your car unattended. If you choose to drop off across street heading north (towards PD) **please have your child cross with the crossing guard at Pinelake Dr. / Keswick Ct.**

**Pima Dr., Pinelake Dr. or Keswick Ct.:** Park and walk with your child to school, except in designated No Parking areas.

**Front Parking Lot:** You may park in designated parking slots only. **Do not park/leave your vehicle unattended in the traffic loop of the front parking lot.**

Please travel in **one direction only** through the school parking lot in order to maintain a continuous flow of traffic. Do not drive through the parking spaces to exit.

**The teacher's parking lot** (rear lot behind school) is for **staff only**. This is not a drop off, pick up or turn around area.

**We are creating a right turn only when leaving the front parking lot in the**



**afternoon.** This will help ease the congestion in the parking lot by allowing cars to exit in a timely manner.

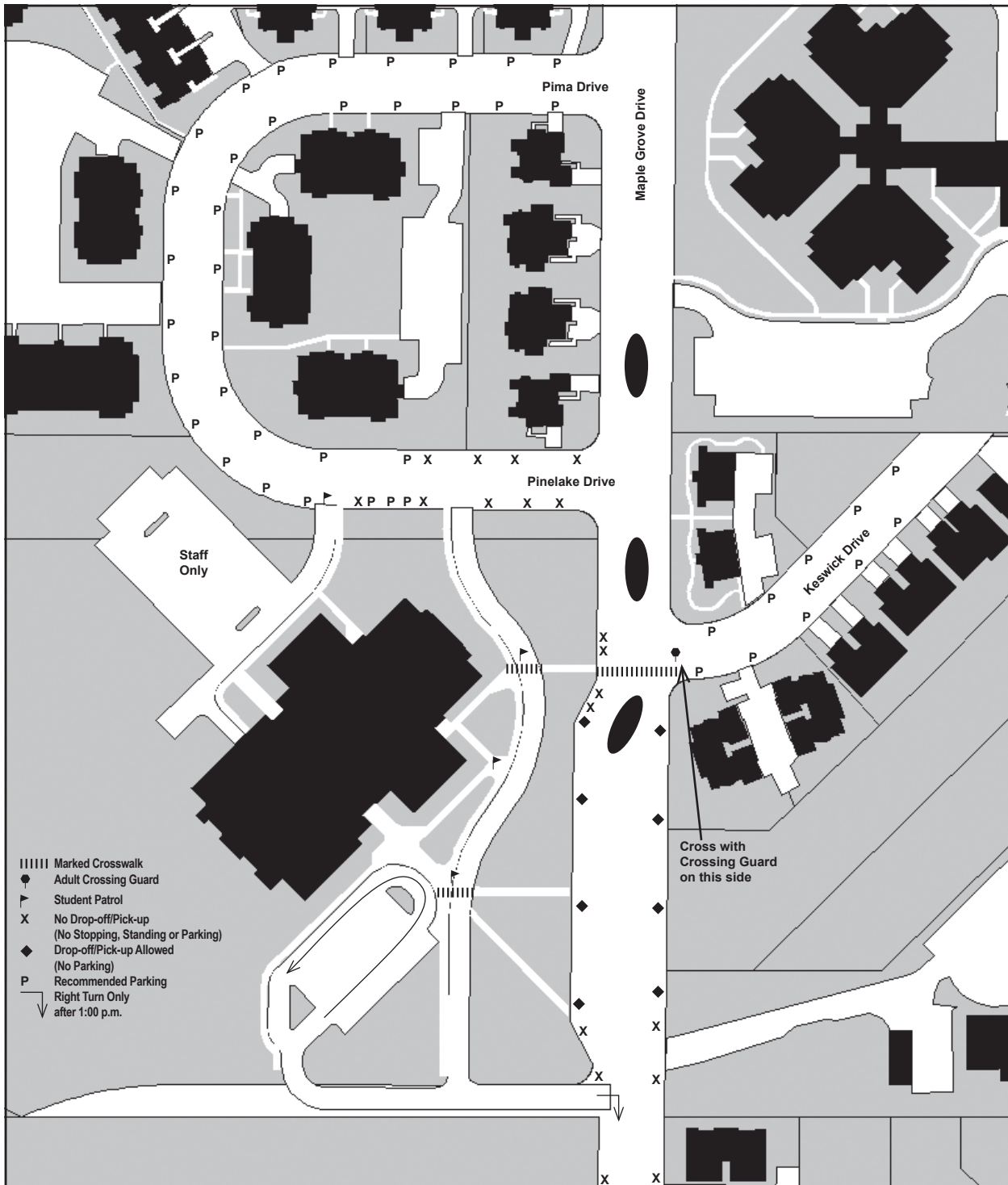
**U-turns are illegal anywhere on Maple Grove Rd.**

**Parking is NEVER allowed in the bus lane during school hours.**

## Observe All Street Signs and Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Laws

The Madison Police Dept. will ticket any parent/caregiver who breaks these laws while dropping off/picking up their child.

- Speeders Hotline (266-4624) can be used to report unsafe driving.
- "No Parking" areas do allow for drop off or pick up, **BUT you cannot leave your car unattended!**
- "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" means just that – **student drop off/pick up is NOT allowed.**
- **It is illegal to leave your car unattended in a fire lane. It is also illegal to park within 10 ft. of a fire hydrant.**
- It is illegal to park within:
  - 4 feet of a driveway
  - 20 feet of a crosswalk
  - 30 feet of a stop sign
- Motorists must yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing a street at any marked or unmarked crosswalk where there is no traffic signal. **Pedestrians do not have the right of way when crossing mid-block. Please use designated crosswalks.**
- It is illegal to double park to drop off/pick up your child, even if you remain in the car. This disrupts traffic and is not safe. This holds true for both street and parking lot traffic.



# Chávez Elementary Traffic Safety Brochure

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