

September 9, 2016

Dear Titan Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to take a moment and thank all of the parents that came out last evening to our Fall Open House. It was a full house, and our staff was so happy to meet and greet our students' parents. Hopefully each of you left with a better understanding of your child's day, and you had the opportunity to begin or rekindle the parent-teacher relationship with your child's teachers.

The more important purpose of my letter today, however, is to bring to your attention some points regarding student safety. As I stated in my letter from earlier this week, safety is our first obligation to you and your child. If your child is one who walks home, rides his or her bike, or gets picked up from campus in a vehicle, please help him or her observe the following:

- Cross Seventh Street **ONLY** at the designated crosswalk at the east entrance to the large parking lot at W Hillary Circle. We have a supervised crossing with a crossing guard at this location to ensure students' safety. I have personally observed parents parking their cars on Muirwood Ln, directly across from campus, expecting their children to walk unsupervised across Seventh Street at that intersection, which is **extremely dangerous**
- Bike riders must walk their bikes on the sidewalks on campus property and pay attention to traffic coming into and out of entrances and exits to parking and drop-off areas. It is also best practice to wear a bike helmet, even though at this age students may reject this idea because it doesn't "look cool"

We also ask that parents help us in the morning and the afternoon by driving their vehicles all the way forward in the front circle drive, even if it means going all the way down to the exit, so that we may accommodate as many vehicles as possible on the circle drive at the same time. Have your children exit on the passenger side of the vehicle, and do not pass other cars on the left in the circle drive. Our staff will assist in directing operations on the circle drive.

Safety is our first obligation to you and your children. I greatly appreciate the feedback I have received thus far from parents and community members regarding matters of safety. It is truly a team effort to ensure that every student is kept safe at all times, and I am so glad to be on your team!

In closing, be on the lookout in the U.S. mail mid-week next week for your child's Progress Report #1. It will also be viewable in Skyward Family Access at some point on Tuesday morning. We also invite parents and community members to join us for our VIPS (Volunteer in Public Schools) Coffee on Monday, September 19th, at 9:00 in the Library.

Blessings to you and your family as we start the weekend!

Kindest regards,

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Principal

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