



CONSIDERING OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN COMMUTING TO SCHOOL?

TRAFFIC @ RLE...

**HECTIC,
Stressful, &
Overwhelming...** It can
be...**BUT... YOU** can
help!

DID YOU KNOW?

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL THOUGHTS

by RLE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Rutland Elementary wants every student and their families to travel safely to and from school. Year round we endeavor to maintain a safe environment for all. The winter months pose added challenges for us. Slush, snow, and dirt pile up making parking even **more** limited!

The Parking Lot...

- is for staff only😊
- is for designated vehicles that have an accessible parking pass
- is not to be used as a drop off area



The Lane Way...

- is closed to all traffic except fire, bus, staff, and vehicles equipped with an accessible parking pass.



Pro Tips for Parents

- Leave 5-10 minutes giving your family more time to arrive before the crunch of high traffic volume!
- Think about 8:15am and 2:15pm as the arrival time... perhaps you'll find a safe parking spot!
- Consider dropping your child off near the end of Hemlock Road at the paved sidewalk and have your child walk the short jaunt to school crossing at our school cross walk.
- Consider dropping your child off at the corner of Girard Road and Webster (near portables) at the paved sidewalk and have your child walk along the paved sidewalk to school.
- Please have your child exit your car curbside to avoid stepping out into busy traffic.

Fire Hydrant & Bus Zone

There are three *Fire Hydrant Zones*. Please note that "no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle" within 5 meters of a fire hydrant (as per Bylaw 8120 Part 4). This includes idling. As well, "no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle" within 30 meters of a bus zone (as per Bylaw 8120 Part 4). Our bus stop was recently relocated further up Hemlock Road and is now near the end of our field. These bylaws are part of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Reporting your Concerns

If you see any illegal and/or unsafe traffic incidents please fill out a "School Traffic Incident Report". Forms can be found at on the school website at rle.sd23.bc.ca under the **Contact Us** tab or at the office.

Other Plans to help...

- Dave Gibson, Regional Traffic Safety Officer, will be collaborating with our PAC and Admin to generate other ideas to alleviate some of our concerns
- Speed Watch Program will be coming to conduct some assessments on our area.