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“Your Part in Keeping Wickliffe Safe”

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Dear Parents,

Over a year ago, we spent a great deal of time reviewing and putting into place various safety procedures (e.g. evacuation drills, etc.). During that time, I gave special effort to what I think poses the greatest safety risk for most schools -- *automobile traffic patterns*. It's a difficult one because we can't drive *for* people and the school staff aren't police officers. And so, it depends on *drivers* being safety minded and using common sense. It depends on *you*.

In particular, we've made a special effort to keep the after school pick up at the Big Toy parking lot time safer. Here's what the school has done and what you can do:

1. A stop sign was placed by the parking lot exit. *Please remember to stop before exiting.*
2. A walking path was built by the UA maintenance department. This path goes from the swing area of the Big Toy to the Eastcleft Road sidewalk. Last year, kids and parents did a good job of using it. *Parents and children should not walk through the parking lot to get to cars parked on Eastcleft Rd.*
3. For parents who use the Big Toy parking lot to pick up children after school, the kids line up with a staff member and are released *in the order* that your car is in line. This means you may have to wait longer, but it also means it will be a lot safer. **If you want something a little bit faster, then you may want to park along the curb on Wickliffe Road and have your child meet you there.**

Safety is an attitude. As you drive around the school, please make every effort to slow down, be patient with other drivers, and be extra aware of the children who are walking to and from school.

Sincerely,

Fred Burton

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