

Dear Glen Rock Middle School Families,

As we begin the school year, it is important to remind everyone of the need to be aware of traffic safety around our school.

Please talk with your children about being cognizant of the vehicles around them. I have seen students attempt to cross the street away from the crosswalks. Mr. Pepe and I have spoken to several of them and reminded them of safe practices. I have also seen students standing on the edge of the curb while waiting to be picked up. It takes just an second for a car to get to close to the curb and hit a student. Encourage your children to walk on the sidewalks, look both ways when crossing the street, use the crosswalk, and cross by the crossing guard. I also remind you to be vigilant when driving during student arrival and dismissal time. It is sometimes too easy to become distracted and that is when accidents happen.

As a reminder – the following are the drop-off/pick-up areas and procedures:

The designated student drop-off/pick-up area is located along Kirkwood Place, opposite the school tennis courts. Drivers need to be aware of several changes to that area as well, which are necessary to ensure student safety and a reasonable flow of traffic during arrival and dismissal times.

First, parking on Kirkwood Place is on the residential side of the street. Drivers will form a queue along the tennis court side with student drop off and pick up anywhere along the right curb side. The center lane will remain open for through traffic and to allow staff members to enter and exit the Hamilton parking lot. There will be no public access to that lot or the Hamilton Circle during arrival and dismissal times.

In order to help alleviate some of the anticipated congestion at the Hamilton Avenue/Harristown Road intersection, parents are encouraged to continue to utilize nearby side streets for drop-off and pick-up of students. A crossing guard will be posted at the intersection of Belmont Road and Harristown Road to assist students who can then easily enter or exit the building through the Auditorium Lobby.

The Middle School parking lot is for staff parking only and is not for student drop-off or pick-up.

Also, please do not allow students to exit or enter your car on Harristown Rd. in front of the school. This is an unsafe practice.

Let's all work to keep our children safe.