



January 10, 2013

Dear Hearst Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that Winter Break gave you time to spend with your family and friends and that you also had some time for rest and relaxation. As we begin a New Year and we set goals with New Year's Resolutions I want to share with you one of our school's concerns and a resolution. I have been working with our staff, School Site Council and PTA in regards to the concern for **student safety** when waiting to be picked up at our 2:50pm dismissal.

Concerns:

- Students are waiting for their rides in non supervised areas to be picked up
- Students playing in the quad area
- Students playing on playground unsupervised
- Students waiting for siblings from Pleasanton Middle School (PMS) in unsupervised areas
- Students being picked up in front of the Multi-Use Room which has a sign that says it is not a loading/unloading area
- Students being picked up in the front of the school not waiting by the yellow line.
- Students waiting in front of the old marquee unsupervised
- Cars waiting in a pick up line and our staff on duty is trying to locate their child while trying not to hold up traffic
- Students not waiting at the Daycare pick-up area
- Students not knowing who is picking them up and the location of the pick up

New Year's resolution:

- I ask that each family has a conversation with their child in regards to pick up safety at our 2:50 dismissal.
  - If your child walks or bikes home they need to leave right after school and take the same path home.
  - If your child is being picked up by a vehicle they are in one of our two supervised pick up areas:
    - Drop Off Area A in front of the school at the yellow line.
    - Drop Off Area B at the back loop of our school
  - If your child has a sibling at PMS they are to wait in Drop Off Area A (yellow Line)
  - If your child is picked up by an authorized daycare they are to wait by the bike rack (there is an orange sign that indicates this area)
  - Please note that this system has been put in place for student safety.

I appreciate you taking the time to communicate with your child what they should do to make sure that they are safe. If you are running late please give a call to our office at 925-426-3772.

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We have found success with our 1st-3rd grade dismissal by having all students exit by the flag pole. If we do not see improvement with the above request by Friday, February 1st we will need to implement the following process.

- 1st-3rd will continue to be dismissed at the doors by our flag pole
- **NEW:** 4th and 5th grade students will be walked by their teacher to the push bar gate between the Multi Use Room and our B Building. Students would then proceed to Drop Off Area A or B.

I thank you in advance for working with us to provide a safe dismissal.

Sincerely,



Michael Kuhfal  
Principal