

Dear Ridgeview Families,

With changing Fall weather coming and without staggered start and end times, we have seen more traffic and it appears to be a longer process of children getting out of vehicles, etc. WVPD have witnessed this increase in traffic this week, and everyone seems to be aiming to arrive at the same spot which is creating an unsafe situation.

Here is some helpful information for a stress-free morning drop off or afternoon pick up experience...

We are encouraging parents to drop off and go to keep things moving for the next group. We also have lots of space to spread out for pick up and drop off.

In particular along Mathers Ave we see parents leaving their vehicle. This area is a No Parking zone and is designed for "Pick Up and Drop Off." While you're able to stay in your vehicle with this signage – we are encouraging a "kiss and go" to keep things moving. Drivers are not permitted to leave their vehicle here. Also, please do not stop and drop at the school driveway (coned off) or neighbour's driveways. This creates an incredibly unsafe situation and that's not what we want around a school. Arriving 5 minutes early also makes a huge difference and reduces stress – or better yet, park on Kings and walk up to start the day off on the right foot.



If you want to walk your child to the school and leave your vehicle - park along Kings Ave, where there are no restrictions. This is especially the case after school should you want to use the playground with your child. **Kings Ave is where you should park if you are staying to avoid stress and the rush!**

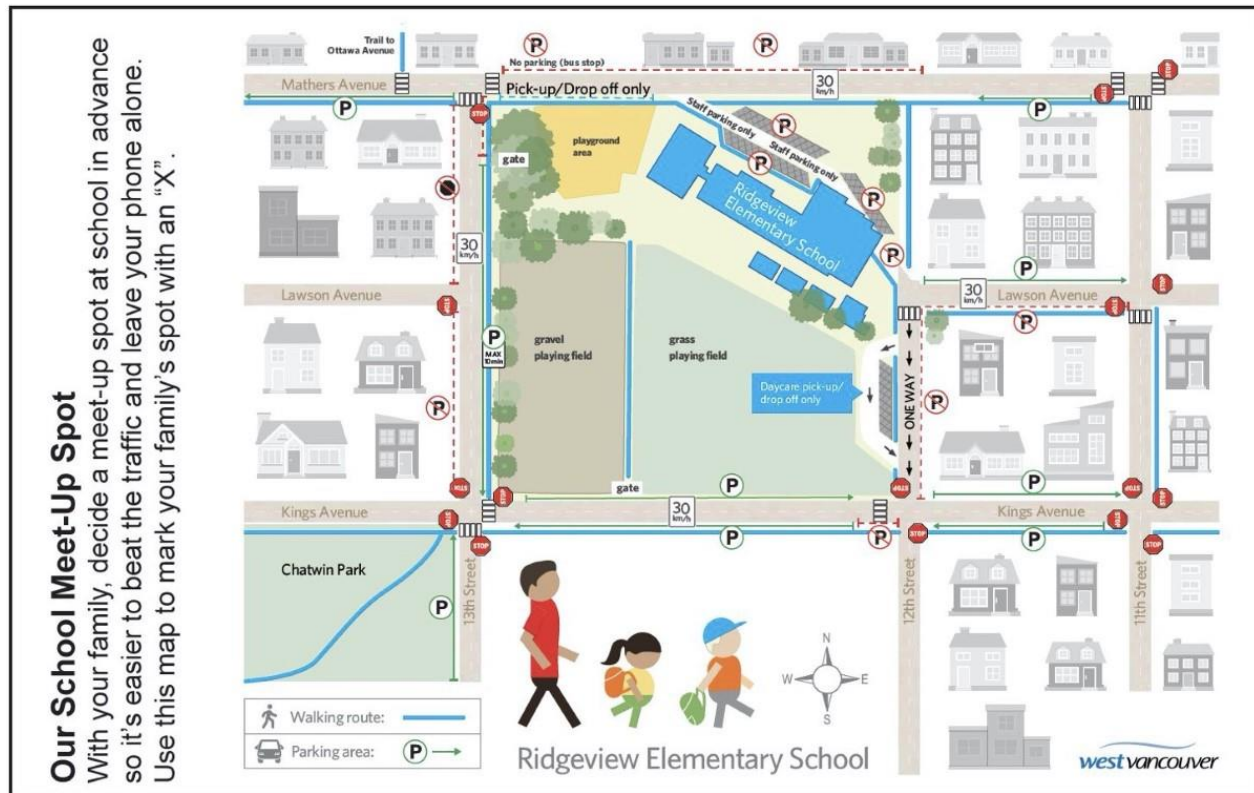


Along 13th, there is signage posted as "10 Minute Pick Up/Drop Off only". For the best interest of student safety – once your child is dropped off – please proceed with your day. We are seeing double parking and congestion that creates some stress in this zone. Please respect the 10-minute maximum on 13th and not there is no stopping on the west side of 13th (the side away from the school). Dropping your child on the far side of the street creates a dangerous situation as they try to cross the street.

Importantly, we cannot have people driving through school property in the staff parking lot to drop off late students or to "drive thru" to access the lower parking lot off 12th Street. Please use Lawson Rd. to access the lower parking lot which parents are able to use – the upper lot is for staff, expected visitors or people requiring Accessible Parking (displaying appropriate permits).

Lastly – below is the "Arriving to School" map designed by the School District and the Municipality, which is in each student planner. It is a great reference to know where you can park and walk:

Walk to School Safe Routes



Your support and understanding is appreciated. We have asked Bylaw and WVPD to frequent the area in the coming days to manage any continuing parking issues.

Warren Zerbe
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