

# Lakeview Elementary School

## Before/After School Safety Rules & Reminders

**\*\*Please Read This Information Carefully, Some Information Has Changed\*\***

**2024/2025**

Every school day, within the span of 15 minutes, approximately 350 students arrive at Lakeview Elementary. Of those students, approximately 60-75% of them will be driven to or from school. Depending upon the time of the school day, those vehicles choose between three distinct drop-off scenarios: using the school's **Front Lot**, **Back Lot/Blacktop**, or **Olde School Road**.

In order to get all students safely into and out of school we need your help. We are asking for all families at Lakeview Elementary to take the time to carefully read the information below. **IT IS FOR YOUR OWN CHILD'S SAFETY!** We want to work together to create the safest environment possible for our children.

This document outlines the proper procedures for dropping off your child in the morning and picking up your child after school dismisses. It also contains general parking lot rules that we are expecting all parents and drivers to respect and abide by.

### **Start of School Day/Drop-Off Procedures (7:50-8:15 AM)**

\*If you need to drop students off before 8:00 each day, please contact the YMCA to sign-up for AM Y-Care.

### **Back of School/Playground Blacktop (Not to be used in the AM)**

#### **Front Lot (Recommended any time after 7:50 AM)**

- **DO NOT** park on any area with yellow lines. These include by the front door or to the north of the Kindergarten doors. These are **NOT** parking stalls. These are cross walks for our children.
- **ALWAYS YIELD** to buses entering the lot.
- Pull into the Front Parking Lot in a **SINGLE FILE**. Do not form two lines.
- **DO NOT** block the cross walk on Olde School Road while waiting to enter the Front Lot, and do not block the sidewalk crossing the Front Lot.
- We recommend waiting until you are near the front doors to have your child exit the vehicle or they can easily access the safe walk zone along the front of the building. Children should exit on passenger side.
- **DO NOT** drive around busses or other cars that are dropping off students. Please stay in line.
- **RESPECT** any staff or parent volunteer who may be out helping to maintain a safe parking lot.
- If it is **RAINING** please plan to arrive to school a few minutes earlier than usual as traffic in the Front Lot increases dramatically. Please note that there should never be two lines of cars in the Front Lot, and vehicles should never cross into areas painted with yellow lines.
- **DO NOT** drop off or park in any handicapped stalls or stalls facing school when dropping off. It will be very difficult to back out of one of these spots during busy drop off times. If you must park in the Front Lot to drop off your child(ren), use the spaces facing Commercial Street.

#### **Olde School Road (Recommended between 7:50-8:15 – unless inclement weather):**

- Park along the side of the fence by the playground (not the inset part of the sidewalk by the building). Have your child exit on the right passenger side towards sidewalk. Student may then walk the playground pathway to enter the back of the building or walk to the pathway at the front of the building.
- If you must park across the street on Olde School Rd. you are responsible for getting your child across the street safely. Please do not park in front of residents' driveways or mailboxes.
- Have your child walk the sidewalk to the front of school or the blacktop path to the back of the school.
- If using the front walkway of school, please have them walk in the designated yellow walking area of the front parking lot located **between the parking spaces facing the school and the school building**.
- Avoid making any illegal U-turns or Y-turns. **Do not double park cars or park near the intersection and fire hydrant.**
- Please proceed with caution and avoid cutting off or going around vehicles unexpectedly as students may be getting out of vehicles.

## **End of School Day/Pick Up Procedures (3:00-3:10)**

### **Olde School Rd (Recommended option):**

- **DO NOT** park within 15 feet of the cross walk/stop sign at the corner of Old School Rd and County Rd A. **DO NOT** park in front of fire hydrant. **THIS IS ILLEGAL.**
- Please try to park on the side of the road closest to the playground. Keep children on sidewalk as much as possible.
- If you must park across the street on Olde School Rd. you are responsible for getting your child across the street safely. Please do not encourage your children to run across the street to get to your car.
- **DO NOT** park in front of residents' driveways or mailboxes. **DO NOT** make any illegal U-turns or Y-turns.
- **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK NEXT TO ANY PARKED CAR.**
- Dogs are **NOT** allowed on school grounds at any time. Please remain on the sidewalk outside the fence or in your vehicle with your pet(s).

### **Front Lot (Not Recommended in PM - Use with caution):**

- **DO NOT PARK IN ANY AREAS WITH YELLOW STRIPED LINES. This includes the area to the north of the Kindergarten exit doors and Olde School Road entrance.** These are cross walks for your children.
- **ONLY** park in designated stalls. **DO NOT** park behind the buses.
- The front lot has a **ONE WAY** traffic flow pattern. **DO NOT EXIT ONTO OLDE SCHOOL ROAD.**
- Once school is dismissed - you may NOT leave until the school buses have left the lot. Please do NOT back out into the school bus area while waiting for the buses to leave.

### **Back of School/Playground Blacktop (Use with caution since this is not an official parking lot):**

(Vehicles should NOT arrive sooner than 2:45 in this area due to children having recess or instructional activities outside)

- **IMPORTANT** - Form two rows of cars facing the grassy field to the West. **DO NOT** park facing the playground equipment (North) alongside the grassy field. if the back lot is full, park on Olde School Rd. (Olde School Road is preferred to using the Back Lot-Play Area)
- **DO NOT** park in areas marked by yellow cross walk lines or orange traffic cones. Cars should **NEVER** drive on or over the grassy areas of the lot. These areas are **SAFE ZONES** for our children.
- Parents are encouraged to escort their children to their parked cars.
- Cars should **NEVER** back up in the Back Lot. Cars should **NEVER** back into parking spaces in the Back Lot.
- When exiting the Back Lot, be aware that the driveway has an "in" lane and an "out" lane. Please stay in your lane.

### **Lastly:**

We feel that if parents/guardians take their time, have patience, watch their surroundings, follow these procedures, and make good choices, we can avoid any unnecessary accidents at Lakeview School. Our Lakeview Lasers have the right to believe and expect that **ALL** adults are watching out for their safety.

### **Remember:**

- When a crossing guard is assisting children across Commercial Street or Olde School Road, **NO CARS** in that intersection should be moving, even if you are turning away from the crossing guard.
- **PLEASE STOP AT ALL STOP SIGNS.** Also note that there should never be more than one car turning left at a time from Olde School Rd onto Commercial St. There are not two left hand turn lanes.
- Handicapped Parking is by permit only. Proper tags should be displayed on your vehicle.
- **SPEED LIMIT IS 15 MPH WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT.**
- Avoid talking on your cell phone while driving around Lakeview School.
- **YIELD** to buses entering the front lot.

**THANK YOU** to our parents who use caution and good judgment when driving and parking in our lots and around our school!

Sincerely,  
Lakeview PTO, Principal & Staff