

August 2018



Dear Parents:

Welcome back to school! We are excited to begin a new 2018-2019 school year at La Jolla. We would like for you to review our parking lot/drop-off and pick-up procedures for this school year, and please note changes.

In the past some parents have chosen to drop their students off directly in front of the school or at the Willowgrove/Fairmont crossing area. **Please note that a parent will need to cross their own students to ensure their safety.** Parents, please follow the law; **do not park illegally (red curbs, handicapped, in crosswalks); no U turns in a school zone; follow the speed limit etc.** You will be cited by MV Police/Sherriff's Department.

A preferable and safer drop-off area is the Rockwood Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone, please remember to: Enter on Rockwood, pull all the way forward to the end of the driveway. This area is **supervised in the morning from 7:30 to 7:58 and after school from 2:30 to 2:45.** Before school drop-off area flows smoothly as students are dropped off at various times by parents and students get out by themselves without holding up the line. **Your student will be safest at this drop-off point as they are able to stay on the sidewalk all the way onto campus without coming into contact with cars on the street or in the parking lot.**

For the Rockwood Drop-Off, if you are in the inside lane, please have your child prepared to exit out of the right side (side closest to the school) of your vehicle with backpack in hand. Or, you may use the outside lane to drop them off from the left side of your vehicle. Students will be crossed by staff if they are dropped off in the left lane. All drivers must stay in their cars at all times, **vehicles may not be parked or be left unattended. Do not stop your vehicle in any crosswalk zones (particularly when turning right from Oliver onto Rockwood) while waiting in line.** The city crossing guard needs the crosswalk to be clear of vehicles so that students may be crossed safely.

After school all students (except Kindergarteners and bus riders) are walked to the Rockwood area. Cars need to pull up until they get to the front of the line for loading. Students will come to the front of the line with a staff member who will assist students to load into the first two cars in the line to keep the cars flowing in the lane.

Students who are walking home or are meeting their parents at a designated spot will come out the gates at Rockwood pickup area and proceed home from that location.

At 2:30 only bus riders will exit through the front doors of the Administration Building.

Walkers and bike riders need to use the crosswalks at Rockwood and Willowgrove for safe crossing before school and after school.

The new drop-off and pick-up for Kindergarten students will now be at the west end of the school, by Hastings Drive.

Willowgrove Main Parking: Only busses, staff vehicles, and vehicles with handicapped tags (to access handicapped parking only) may enter this parking lot area from the entrance. All other vehicles will not be allowed to drive through the parking lot for the safety of our students. Parent volunteers and school visitors may park in the upper portion of the parking lot provided they are parked within a legal parking spot.

*****For the first three days of school (Aug. 15-17) parents may park in the upper parking lot so that they may walk their students to meet their class and teacher on the playground (the classroom number is written on the playground) from 7:50 – 8:00 and they may follow the teacher/class to the classroom door. Parents must exit the campus by 8:10 so that we may secure the campus for safety. Then starting Aug. 20 we will return to our regular locked campus/district policy and parents must sign in at the front office prior to entering campus.**

If you are interested in volunteering as a parking lot helper, please sign up in the school office.

Thank you!

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