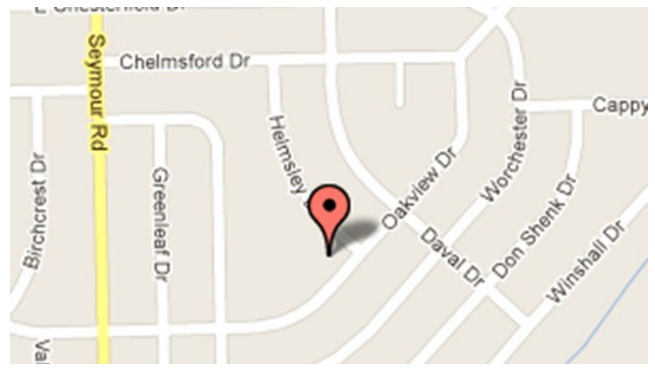


For Safety Sake! Arrival & Dismissal Procedures for Syring Elementary



VEHICLE DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

There is a designated area for dropping students off and picking students up in a private vehicle. PLEASE do NOT drop off or pick up your child on Oakview Drive or Helmsley Drive. Dropping off or picking up students on these streets is a safety hazard, disrupts traffic flow, and in most cases is illegal as posted by the city of Swartz Creek. The designated area is a special lane just off of Helmsley. It is a one way flow of traffic. Parents pull up to the curb closest to the front door to drop off, and parents line up in the pick up lane to wait for pick up. PLEASE do NOT leave your vehicle in the lane or down Helmsley Street in line without a driver in the car, as it creates a safety hazard and blocks the flow of traffic. If you need to leave your vehicle, pull into a parking spot or park in a legal parking area on a side street (not the side where vehicles are lined up to enter the pick up lane).

Each family will be given a special sign to place on your visor or in your windshield on the passenger side. These signs will list the names of your children so that adult supervisors can quickly locate and help load your child/your children into your vehicle. We keep students waiting in a supervised area and only allow them to load into vehicles within the designated loading zone (indicated by cones). This is to keep students safe, and make sure that they are only picked up by a designated adult. Vehicles are then asked to quickly exit the lane, allowing others behind to pull up and load. If your child is not outside when you pull into the pick up lane, then we ask that you pull out and around to the back of the line or pull into an available parking space to wait. Talk to your child about the importance of quickly meeting you in the designated area when school is dismissed. Despite long lines at times, within 10 minutes of student dismissal, everyone has exited the area. Ten minutes of time to keep our students safe is definitely worth following the correct procedures.



WALKING OR RIDING BIKES TO SCHOOL

Many of our students live close enough to walk or bike to school. We encourage parents to allow your child to walk or to walk with your child if at all possible to help ease the traffic congestion around the building. Talk to your child, or walk with your child and model following the directions of our fifth grade safety patrol students, which are stationed at all the main school intersections. Students and adults should ONLY cross streets at intersections. Also, if students ride a bike to school they are asked to dismount the bike as they approach the building and walk the bike on the sidewalk, to avoid hitting other students. Students should not ride their bikes across the grass.

RIDING BUS TO SCHOOL AND HOME

Students load and unload in the bus ONLY lane in front of the building on Oakview Drive.

STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUILDING UNTIL 8:32 a.m., unless they are eating breakfast, in which case they are allowed to enter at 8:20 a.m. Please try to time your child's arrival to school no earlier than 8:20 a.m.