



# Mary Montgomery School

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Dear School Family,

Please review the following important reminders...

## ▪ Dropping Off and Picking Up your children

- ✓ I would like to remind school families the importance of being extra vigilant and aware when dropping off or picking up children at school. We have a responsibility to watch out for all our children. With the weather turning towards winter, we need to be aware of icing roads that make stopping and walking more difficult and snow banks that reduce visibility. I would encourage everyone to drive slowly and anticipate students crossing the streets.
- ✓ I would like to inform school families that we have had a 'near miss' – it was reported to the school office that a young student was nearly hit when crossing the Lyons Street at our new crosswalk this past month.
- ✓ A safety measure, I would encourage, is for an adult to walk the child across the street when dropping students off – using the crosswalk.
- ✓ I would like every to remind our children to cross all streets at an intersection – reminding them to look both ways and not to assume the vehicle will stop.

## ▪ Changing Plans

- ✓ I would like to remind school families to let us know when your child's 'normal plans' change during the school day. The end of our school day is very busy. This is really important if your child rides the school bus. We will assume that your child will be on the bus unless we have a note, a phone call or an email. It is very difficult for our school to make a number of phone calls at the end of the day as the buses are waiting.

## ▪ Lunches

- ✓ I would like to remind school families that our school has students with food allergies. We have two students with asphaltic allergies to nuts and eggs. Please take this into consideration when you are packing your child's lunches. Remember the product Nutella contains nuts.
- ✓ We encourage students to bring food to warm – up for their lunch. Please precook lunch items prior to sending to school. A good guideline to use – an item you send should take a minute or less to warm – up. We appreciate your help – it will allow all our children to eat their lunch in a timely manner.