



Linden Middle School
"Where Eagles Grow"
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please read the following:

THIS IS WHY WE NEED TO KEEP THE CHILDREN OUT OF THE BUS LOOPS AND OUT OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY....PLEASE DON'T LET THIS REPORT BE FROM LINDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL....

Description of Event:

Our driver (d.o.h. 4-21-03) while on a morning home-to-school route entered a middle school driveway and was approaching the school building entrance when involved in a pedestrian collision. The initial police investigation indicates as our bus was passing students walking on the sidewalk one of the students pushed another. The student fell into the driveway and was run over by the right side dual wheels of the bus. The 12 year old male student was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The above is an actual news event regarding student safety and the use of bus and parent pick-up and drop-off areas. Safety is our first and foremost priority for our students. Accidents happen, and Linden Community Schools put safety measures in place in an effort to minimize accidents.

We do expect all school traffic be routed through the driveway off Lobdell Road. Busses and service vehicles ONLY are allowed to use the driveway from the high school. Staff of Linden Middle School also follows this expectation.

Do NOT use the parking lot area when dropping off/picking-up your student. Not only have parked cars been hit, pedestrians report reckless drivers in the parking lot and fear for their safety. Yes, the lines are long which causes a frustrating wait. However, if we work together, we can avoid lines and limit waiting time.

1. When dropping off a student for school, use the WHOLE sidewalk. Students can leave five, six, and seven cars at a time. Waiting to reach the sidewalk leading to the main door for dropping off students is inconsiderate of others and creates frustration.
2. Drop students off early. Students enter the school at 7:15 AM. High traffic time in the morning is 7:25-7:40 AM.

We know that this may appear to be a little thing. I do not want to be the school in the newsletter. A hurt child is a large price to pay to learn a lesson.

Let's be safe, work together, and be courteous of others.

Sincerely,

Julie Brown