

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

**Student safety is a concern for all of us. We ALL have to work together to make it happen.**

Year after year, the Copper Hills Elementary staff, PTA, and School Community Council see and hear about dangerous behavior during drop-off and pick-up times. **All it takes is one dangerous move to injure a child.**

### **All Areas Near Copper Hills**

- Please set your minds for patience near the school and until you have completely left the school zone. Watch your speed, stay alert and focused. We have close calls year after year.
- Double-parking is dangerous and kills traffic flow. Triple-parking is worse.
- If you must get out of your car *for anything*, please pull into a marked parking stall.
- Please do not allow your children to run between cars to get to you.
- Idling is especially unhealthy for children—even more intense in cold winter inversions. Recent studies reveal that idling more than 10 seconds uses more gas than restarting anyway.

### **Central School Zone and Crosswalk**

- The safe, legal speed limit in front of our school is 20 mph when the lights are flashing. At all other times, it's 25 mph. ALL vehicles are required by law to abide.
- The law requires that ALL vehicles yield to pedestrians at crosswalks, with a crossing guard or without. Be courteous to pedestrians in the crosswalks, and at street corners near our school. Drive slowly and stop fully for them!

### **East Drop-Off Area**

- To keep the flow smoother, steadier, and safer in the lot and on the street, please only enter at the West entrance near the school marquee. Please only make right turns from the exit.

### **West Drop-Off Area and Parking Lots**

- To keep the flow smoother, steadier, and safer in the lot and on the street, please only enter at the far West entrance. Please use the correct left-right lanes at the exit.

**We ALL have to work together to make safety happen.** Thank you to all safe drivers during drop-off and pick-up.