

January 7, 2026: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety During Arrival and Dismissal

Good afternoon Seely Place Families,

We are writing to share important reminders and clarifications regarding traffic and pedestrian safety during arrival and dismissal. Your cooperation is essential to keeping our students, families, and staff safe during these busy times of day.

Arrival Procedures:

During morning arrival, families may use either lane to enter Seely Place and drop off their children. Please be sure to pull all the way forward when approaching the drop-off location so traffic can continue to flow. For safety reasons, adults should remain in their vehicles during drop-off. If your child needs assistance exiting the car, please park and walk your child to the door. Students should always exit the vehicle from the passenger-side door. We also ask that families refrain from speeding during arrival, even if you are running late. Slowing down helps keep everyone safe. Please also refrain from distracted driving in and around the school (and always).

Dismissal Procedures:

During dismissal, the middle lane is designated for kindergarten and first-grade students and their siblings. The far right lane and larger circle are designated for students in grades 2–6. As a reminder, kindergarten dismisses at 2:55 p.m. The middle lane must remain available at that time so families can pick up their kindergarteners without waiting in line.

If you arrive at Seely Place *after* 3:00 p.m. and there is no line in the middle lane, you may use that lane. In this case, staff will call your child in grades 2–6 to the smaller circle for pickup. We ask that families follow this practice only after 3:00 p.m. As with arrival, students must enter vehicles from the passenger-side door during dismissal.

Pedestrian Safety:

We have also heard concerns related to pedestrian safety. As a reminder, the crosswalk directly in front of the school is not used during arrival or dismissal. Pedestrians should follow the sidewalk around the loop to cross the street. Additionally, cars should not park on Seely Place or Henry Street, as this creates safety concerns and obstructs visibility. Whether parked or driving, we ask that all drivers use extreme caution, remain alert, and be mindful of pedestrian traffic at all times.

As you are likely aware, there are no crossing guards at Henry Street and Seely Place or at Seely Place and the school driveway.

Thank you for your care and cooperation in following these procedures and for your partnership in keeping our community safe. Please remember to share this information with anyone who picks up your child from school.

Warm regards, Eve Feuerstein and Nate Peterson