

# Oak Ridge Elementary School

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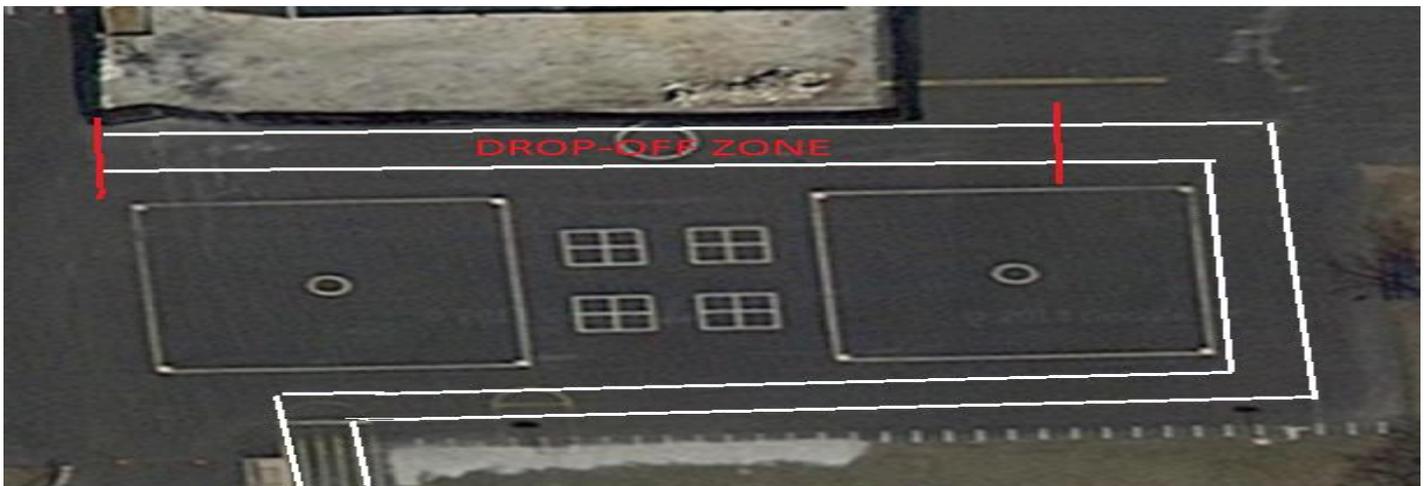
Oak Ridge Families,

We have been working with the Palos Hills Police Department regarding our Arrival/Dismissal traffic situation on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Arrival/Dismissal traffic is causing severe congestion and safety issues on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We have worked out some new procedures which we will begin implementing Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>. New procedures which apply to both Arrival and Dismissal are as follows:

- All traffic entering our lot must do so by heading **NORTH** on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
***No left hand turns from vehicles heading south on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue into the Oak Ridge lot will be allowed.***
- When exiting the Oak Ridge lot, all traffic will head **NORTH** on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
***No left hand turns to head south on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be allowed.***

Arrival procedures are being adjusted as follows:

- There will now be **TWO** lanes of traffic around the blacktop when dropping off your child(ren) for the school day. There will be a DROP-OFF ZONE along the north side of the black top (see photo below). This is currently where your child(ren) exit the vehicle. We will have cones marking the DROP-OFF ZONE. **If your car is within the coned DROP-OFF ZONE, your child(ren) may exit your vehicle. You may not pull away after your child(ren) exit your car.** We will dismiss specific lanes of cars from the DROP-OFF ZONE once we are certain children are safely out of the area. As stated above, you will then exit the Oak Ridge lot by turning right. **No left hand turns will be allowed.**
- Once we clear the DROP-OFF ZONE, we will re-load the area with waiting vehicles.



Dismissal procedures in our lot will remain the same with the exception of **no left turn onto 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

We appreciate your flexibility as we work through this issue. We are working to ensure everyone's safety on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue, whether they are part of the Oak Ridge community, a pedestrian or a passing motorist. Safety is our number one goal!

Partners in Education,  
Miss Reich and Mrs. Reingruber