

Arlene Hein Elementary
ANNOUNCES
Changes to Parking Lot Procedures
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For the past two years we have been grappling with how to improve the flow of traffic while keeping students and staff safe. Currently, we have drivers exit the parking lot by turning RIGHT and going TWO blocks before making a U-turn (for those wanting to head West on Bellaterra). For the most part, this seems to be working well.

Most of the problems we continue to have are occurring in the parking lot itself. The **MAIN PROBLEM** is that some drivers leave their car unattended in a NO PARKING ZONE. Some cars are also ILLEGALLY blocking the **HANDICAPPED PARKING**.

The only place you can park and leave your car is in a designated parking space.

To help matters, the following will be done in the next few weeks:

1. Paint curbs RED so that drivers know that they are in a NO PARKING ZONE. Cars left abandoned are subject to ticketing by police services.
2. Block off one lane of the driveway so that drivers can only enter the parking lot using the far right lane. This is also the drop off lane closest to the curb. (Drivers have been letting off students in the outside lane and having them cross traffic to get to the curb. It is TOO DANGEROUS for the students.)
3. Put new signs out that clearly mark the curb area as a NO PARKING ZONE.
4. Continue to encourage parents to park on the side streets and WALK their child to school.
5. Encourage drivers to:
 - a. make a complete stop at the stop sign and not roll through the intersection
 - b. avoid coming partially or fully into to the crosswalk and stopping, thereby preventing students to cross
 - c. (for those heading west on Bellaterra) not create a right turn lane turning onto Toscano and rolling through the crosswalk

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND SUPPORT!