



MIRALOMA ELEMENTARY

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To: Miraloma Parents and Guardians

From: Ron Machado, Miraloma Elementary School Principal

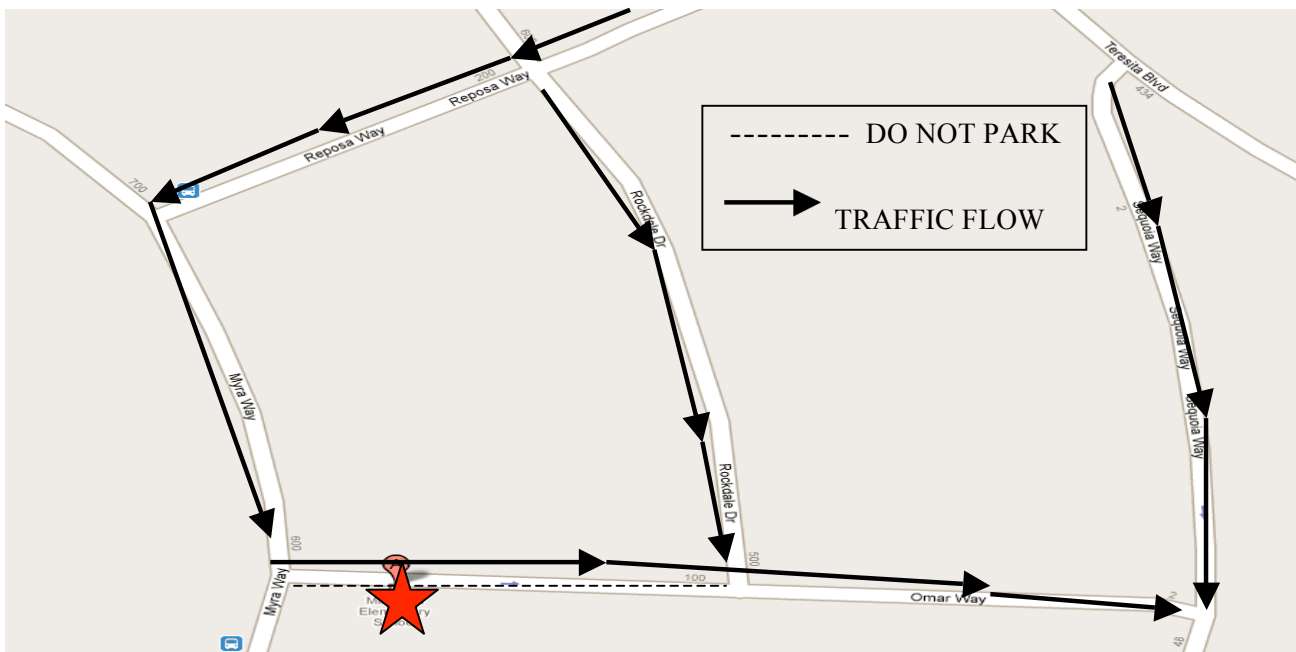
RE: Miraloma Elementary School Traffic and Parking Guidelines

I would like to caution our parents about the serious problems previously experienced by residents in the immediate vicinity of the school during our morning arrival/drop-off time, especially in instances of blocked driveways and roadways due to cars being parked illegally. It is important that we maintain a positive relationship with our neighbors, and this we can do by being careful not to park in or across driveways, at corners, or on sidewalk bulb-outs. Please be extremely mindful that obstructing driveways poses an unacceptable burden on residents and strains the school's relationship with the surrounding community. Cars parked illegally at corners and across bulb-outs impede the flow of traffic and can cause danger in the event of an emergency.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of all in the Miraloma parent, teacher, and student community to take responsibility for finding appropriate parking and for being courteous to residents. *Even driving to school and parking presents valuable teaching moments: opportunities to teach our students to be polite, respectful and to obey the rules.*

I strongly encourage parents to carpool, to leave home earlier, and to seek parking a few blocks away from Miraloma. This, too, sets a good example for children who increasingly will need to develop skills for coping with busy lives.

Traffic congestion can be reduced by following the route as outlined on the map below. The map also shows areas of available parking within comfortable walking distance from the school.



Your partnership with the school is the key to the successful implementation of these procedures, and we know we can count on you to make them a reality. As a given, we want to maintain a good relationship with our neighbors and provide the most secure, efficient, and safe environment possible for our community, especially our students. Please read the following traffic rules and procedures.

The following procedures will be enforced for the 2010 – 2011 school year:

- All state of California traffic rules must be followed.
- Instructions of school faculty must be followed.
- Double parking, as well as parking in driveways, blocking driveways, red zones, white zones, bus zones and across bulb-outs are prohibited by vehicle code 2250.
- Use of cell phones while driving is prohibited.
- During posted hours, right turns are not permitted from Sequoia into Omar or from Rockdale into Omar.
- Jaywalking and exiting a vehicle in a non-curbside lane is strictly prohibited.
- Members of our community are expected to exercise patience at all times. Honking of horns disturbs the neighborhood and must be used only as a warning of imminent danger.
- Drivers must not park in the school's white zones during the posted hours unless otherwise directed by school faculty. These times are reserved for the drop-off and pickup of students.
- Drivers must circle the block, should a curbside location not be available.
- During arrival and dismissal times, students disembark or embark in the most expeditious manner to prevent unnecessary backup or delays.

Instructions from school faculty and volunteer parents during arrival and dismissal should be heeded at all times. School faculty will be on duty daily during arrival and dismissal times. Parents will be contacted immediately should they or their alternate be observed in violation of the traffic/safety procedures.

We sincerely appreciate the great majority of our families who always follow traffic guidelines, and we strive to have 100% participation this coming year.