



# WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Learning and Leading for Tomorrow*

## **Bates Elementary School**

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Dear Bates Families,

Creating a safe school environment is one of the key factors for an effective school. At Bates, it is our goal to create a climate and culture where all our students, parents and teachers feel safe and secure in and around our school. This safe and secure feeling must extend out into the parking lot before and after school.

In the morning as you drop off your student, the drop-off lane is open. This is our **KISS & GO ZONE**. Please pull up next to the sidewalk to let your student out of your vehicle from the passenger side **ONLY**. *Please do not drop off your students in the parking lot or in the second lane of traffic.* If your student needs assistance exiting the car, you must park your car and walk your student to the front of the school to ensure a safe crossing from the parking lot. Students should not be permitted to walk past parked or moving cars unescorted. These drop-off procedures are the same as we have observed in the past.

At dismissal, students in grades K-2 will be walked to the main entrance by their teacher. An adult should meet them there and walk them to the parking lot. Students in grades 3-5 will be allowed to exit the building where they will wait at the front of the building, and walk along the sidewalk to your car entering on the passenger side only. No students will be allowed to leave the side walk unescorted. Do not call your student to your car if you are parked in the main lot. **Parking is NOT PERMITTED in the Bus Loop or along Gudith Rd. south of the parking lot exit.**

The parking lot at Bates School is a very busy place. With the close proximity of the parking lot to the school, it is critical that we all follow the pick-up and drop-off expectations to ensure the safety of all our students. By following these safety precautions daily, we can all do our part to promote the safe and secure feeling we work hard to create here at Bates School. Thank you for your cooperation!

Cherie Godfrey