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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Greetings, Hawk Families! It makes sense that with the bitter cold temperatures this winter, more students are getting rides to and from school each day. With this increase, daily traffic is up, leading to potential danger for our students as they exit vehicles on the street and in the parking lot. We have reached out to the River Edge Police Department and hope that their presence helps promote safety. I would like to offer some advice/reminders when arriving at RDMS and ask that you help your students develop safe habits when walking towards the building each day.

- On a normal day, the doors open at 7:40 AM with homeroom starting at 7:50. When the temperature falls to a certain number and/or precipitation causes a major disturbance, students will be allowed in at 7:30 AM.
- Cars choosing to drop off at the main entrance are reminded to pull up as far as possible around the circle and students should exit the vehicle swiftly and attentively with all belongings in-hand, ready to go.
- Cars choosing to drop off in the back parking lot off 5th Avenue should pull up beyond the back door so that more cars are able to stop and drop off. Stay to the right, single file if possible, and encourage your student to exit on the right to avoid stepping into oncoming traffic.
- If dropping off on side streets, pull over only on the side of the road that has a sidewalk and encourage your student to exit on that side. Additionally, please abide by the local traffic laws by practicing patience and maintaining the proper lanes.
- Please drive slowly, cautiously, and be mindful that all students want to be on time so they may be tempted to dart towards the building or take "short cuts". Together we can keep our kids safe and on time!

As a final and unrelated note, items from the *Lost and Found* have been spread out, on display in the front lobby. Students will have two weeks to retrieve missing items. All items that are not claimed prior to the winter recess will be donated. We currently have jackets, sweatshirts, pants, pencil cases, lunch boxes, and water bottles. I will remind our students to look over the course of the next couple weeks.

Best Regards,

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