Walker/ Rider Guidelines

Dear Bellerive Parents and Guardians:

Each and every year we continue to reflect on how we can do a better job of making sure we are keeping your child safe and secure. This year we know we will have more walker/riders than we have had in the past. Below are the guidelines we feel will help make this process smooth and safe for all.

To ensure that arrival/dismissal times run smoothly, safely and efficiently, we ask that all parents remain in their respective vehicle and pull forward when waved to do so by a Parkway employee. If assistance is needed, please wave an adult to come and aid. We also ask that you please refrain from using your cell phones and have your child exit from the right side of the car so they are not crossing traffic. **Students are not to be dropped off prior to 8:50.** We do not have supervision prior to this time.

We ask that you DO NOT park along the street and walk to pick your child up. The street around Bellerive is marked NO PARKING. This is also very dangerous because we don't want the wrong person to grab your child and go. If you have an appointment or activity and need to pick up your child early from school, please call the office 314-415-6050 and we will bring your child out to the awaiting car. We will not be allowing parents or guests into the building at this time. If you are physically picking up your child on foot, please pick them up from the front bench directly outside the school. All walkers will meet at the bench on the bridge and be dismissed by a Parkway employee before leaving school.

Each family will be given an assigned family number and placard. Students need to learn their family number. Please keep this placard in your car and **display it in the window until your child is in your car.** This will help us to quickly identify who belongs in the car. If your child is being picked up by someone other than their normal pick-up driver, please ask for an additional placard or have your child picked up from the front office. You can request additional placards <u>here</u>.

*If the placard is forgotten, students will need to be picked up in the office and identification shown.

To summarize:

- 1) Please turn cell phones off while the vehicle is on.
- 2) Students should not be dropped off in the morning prior to 8:50.
- 3) Please remain in your vehicle and pull forward only when motioned.
- 4) NO one should be parking around Bellerive to grab their child and go.
- 5) Please have your child exit from the right side of the car so they are not crossing traffic.
- 6) You must have a name placard in your car so we can identify who you are looking for.

Thanks for your cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of your children! We are working to create a Win-Win situation by keeping your child safe and also getting the line to move quickly.

***Diagram of Walker-Rider below.

Diagram of Walker/Rider

***Due to the large number of families choosing to pick up their children, your child will remain in their classroom until their family number is called. Once their family number is called they will head to the Walker/Rider area and stand on a green circle while they wait to enter their vehicle.

