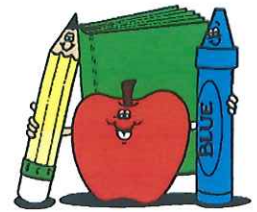


## **\*\* WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL \*\***



Welcome back to another school year here at the Key Biscayne K-8 Center. We hope you had a great summer and your children are ready for the new school year! Please take a moment to read the information below. We have in excess of 1,200 children making their way to and from school each day. These rules are in place to make the drop-off/pick-up process run smoothly. Every effort is being made so that your children can have a safe and wonderful year.

The Key Biscayne Police Department is working to protect your child by enforcing the traffic statutes and speed limits. Your assistance is necessary to ensure a safe environment for your child. **Please respect the *Speed Limit, No Parking and No Stopping or Standing signs.* They are there for a reason.**

There are only **THREE (3)** drop off and pick up areas. **There is no drop off / pick up on any of the side streets surrounding the school.** By dropping off your child on the side streets, you force thru traffic to go around you and into oncoming traffic, creating a hazardous situation. Additionally, when you park across the street from the school, your child may go between parked cars to cross the street to reach you. The below listed areas are the **ONLY** acceptable areas for drop off / pick up. Please find the correct area that your child should be dropped off and use that area. Students **will not** be allowed to enter through the gate on the south side of the school.

### **DROP OFF RULES**

Drop off lanes are for drop-off only during the hours posted on the signs. You may not park and walk your child in. There will be Safety Patrols at each drop-off area to assist your child while they exit the car. Please have your child ready to exit when you near the **front of the line**. Drivers should remain in the car and pull all the way up. This will help the flow of traffic tremendously.

The younger children, grades PK, kindergarten, first and second will be dropped off at Drop #2 (see attached map) on West McIntyre St. From this location the children will proceed to the elementary school cafeteria where they will be supervised until their teachers pick them up. Students are not allowed to wait in the hallways, at the bike racks, on the playground or in front of their classrooms. This is done for your child's safety. Please remember that PreK-1<sup>st</sup> grade students should be in the cafeteria waiting for pick-up no later than 8:10 AM. Students arriving after the bell rings at 8:20 AM will be required to go to the Main Office and pick up a late pass.

The drop off area for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be Drop #1 on Glenridge Road. You will no longer be allowed to turn on to W. Enid Drive after dropping off your child from the circular driveway. You must turn right onto Glenridge Road.

The drop off area for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders is Drop #3 by the Ridgewood Road entrance, **NOT by the Middle School cafeteria on W. Enid.** From this location the children will proceed to the cafeteria for breakfast and/or proceed to the covered P.E. shelter. They are to remain in this area until picked up by their teachers. They are not to be in the area of the bike racks, hallways or playground.

### **PICK UP RULES**

If you pick up your child after school, please write the name (s) of your child (ren) on the attached paper, preferably with a dark colored marker. Display this in your front windshield so that the teachers and security personnel will be able to direct your child to your car. If you need additional papers, please let us know. You **will not** be permitted to park and leave your car in the pick up lane at either location. **YOU MAY NOT STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET TO EITHER DROP OFF OR PICK UP YOUR CHILD.** No child will be permitted to run between stopped cars to get into your car. This is done for your child's safety.

## PICK UP AREA #2

PK through 1st grade will be dismissed at 1:50 PM from this area on McIntyre St. Second grade will be dismissed at 3:05 PM at this same area. If you are picking up a student and are not in a vehicle, please proceed to the elementary cafeteria to pick up your child.

## PICK UP AREA #1

Third and fourth grades will be dismissed at 3:05 PM from this area.

## PICK UP AREA #3

This pick-up area is for fifth grade students and Middle School students who are dismissed at 3:05 PM. Please instruct your child to wait for you on the sidewalk next to the school. It may take a few extra minutes for you to get your child, but this will ensure their safety.

Attached you will find a map of the school indicating drop-off/pick-up areas.

## PARKING

There is parking located around the perimeter of the school on Glenridge Rd. (east side of the school), and on W. Enid Dr. (south side of the school). If you are visiting the school, please make use of these spaces. Additionally, you may park next to the sidewalk curb area on Ridgewood Rd. and on W. McIntyre St. at any time **other than** the drop-off / pick-up times which are posted on signs along the roadway. Please read and follow the attached parking ordinances. Additionally, please do not park in front of the gates leading to the field. This area **must** be kept clear in case of an emergency that necessitates getting police cars and/or fire-rescue trucks on to the field. You **will** be cited, and your vehicle may be towed if you block these gates as it is a safety violation.

Please refrain from using your cellphone if you are driving in the school area during arrival and dismissal times as it could cause you to be distracted and compromise the safety of the students. If you follow these simple rules and exercise safe driving, you will be helping to maintain a safe environment for all our children.

If you have any questions, please contact School Resource Officer Vicki Hernandez at (305) 365-5555.

Sincerely,

*Silvia Tarafa*  
**School Principal**

*Charles R. Press*  
**Chief of Police**



## **A MESSAGE FROM THE KEY BISCAIYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Welcome back to another school year! We want to help make sure each and every student gets to and from school safely; therefore, we will be vigorously enforcing the traffic laws in the areas immediately surrounding the school. Some of the areas of concern in the past year have been:

1. **Excessive speed** on the streets leading up to, and surrounding the school. Remember, the speed limit during the posted times immediately before and after school is lowered to 15 mph. All other times the speed limit for the interior streets of the Village is 20 mph.
2. **Seat Belt / Child Restraint use.** The laws regarding seatbelt/child restraint use are very clear. Children up to age 3 **MUST** be in a child restraint device (car seat). Children ages 4 & 5 are **required** to be in either a car seat or a booster seat. From 6-17 they **MUST** be in a booster seat or wearing a seatbelt, no matter where they are sitting in the vehicle. Everyone, adults included, must wear a seatbelt if they are sitting in the front seat.
3. **Parking Violations.** There are some violations that will not be tolerated. These include: blocking the driveways that lead to the school field. These driveways must remain clear at all times in the event of an emergency that necessitates getting a fire/rescue truck or other emergency vehicles onto the field, and blocking a crosswalk or sidewalk. All of these are safety violations. Additionally, parking in the drop-off/pick-up lanes during the posted 'No Parking' times. These lanes must remain clear so that traffic can flow freely. Please use the designated drop-off/pick-up lanes. Dropping off or picking up your child on roadways adjacent to the school not only holds up traffic, but may cause them to have to cross the roadway without benefit of a crossing guard in a dangerous place.
4. **Helmet use** for those students who ride a bicycle to school. The law states that anyone under the age of 16 operating a bicycle **must** wear a helmet that is properly fastened below the chin.
5. **Distracted Driving.** Please remember that texting and driving is now against the law. If possible, please refrain from using your cellular phone at all while driving in and around the school during arrival and dismissal times so that you may keep your full attention on the road.

If your child walks or bikes to school, please instruct them to use a route with sidewalks. The streets approaching the school with sidewalks would be W. McIntyre Street to the east and west, and Woodcrest Road to the north and south. We strongly discourage the use of W. Enid Drive because of the large amounts of trucks pulling in to and out of the Winn-Dixie loading zone.

With your help we can have a safe, accident-free school year!

**Charles R. Press**  
Chief of Police



**Ofc. Vicki Hernandez**  
D.A.R.E./School Resource

## PARKING ORDINANCES

The Village of Key Biscayne Police Department would like to remind everyone of the county ordinances governing vehicle parking. This reminder is to ensure the safety of everyone as well as decrease the demand for ticketing. Certain situations at the school such as drop-offs, pick-ups, assemblies, and parent-teacher conferences, create obvious problems. The following laws should serve as reminders when driving and parking in the Village.

Vehicles may not be parked on or over a sidewalk. Any vehicle parked in such a way as to cause a pedestrian to go into the street to go around the vehicle, will be ticketed.

You must park on the same side of the street that your vehicle is traveling on. You may not park opposite the flow of traffic.

You may not park on or within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection, or within 20' of a stop sign.

You may not park where a sign states "No Parking".

Vehicles may not be parked within an intersection.

You may not double park a vehicle (park on the roadway next to a vehicle that is already parked in the swale).

You may not park, if it blocks a private or public driveway.

You may not park a vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

You may not leave a child under the age of 6 inside a motor vehicle, unattended or unsupervised, with the engine running.

You may not leave an unattended, vehicle parked with the engine running or the keys in the ignition.

You may not park so as to obstruct traffic.

These are just a few of the parking laws that concern parking near the school. If you do receive a citation, you have two options to resolve it. You may pay the ticket or you may request a court hearing. If you request a court hearing, you must go **IN PERSON** to the "Clerk, Circuit and County Courts, Parking Violations Bureau, 140 West Flagler, Room 102 in Miami. You have 30 days from the date of the citation to either pay it or request a hearing.

If you have any questions concerning the parking laws listed above, do not hesitate to contact the Police Department at 365-5555.



NOT TO SCALE

