

A MESSAGE FROM THE KEY BISCAIYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Welcome back to another school year! Each year the student population at the Key Biscayne K-8 grows, and with it grows the traffic. 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). From 4-17 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 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 W. Enid Dr. or McIntyre St. west of the school not only holds up traffic, but causes 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.

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

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