

March, 2009

Dear Prosperity Heights Families,

Thank you to the entire school community for your thoughtful, positive efforts to help us change the drop-off and pick-up routines before and after school. I have had many good conversations with parents about safety and teamwork, and I feel honored to be part of this community. It is evident from what I have seen and heard that you care about Prosperity Heights and the wellbeing of every one of its members. It is important for all of us to remember that we teach our children through everything we do and say. If we want them to become productive, law-abiding citizens who keep themselves and their community safe, then *we* need to be modeling those behaviors all the time, even when we're in a hurry or when it's cold outside. The staff at Prosperity Heights works hard to keep your children safe, and we need and appreciate your cooperation. Please help us by patiently following the line of cars as it moves south on Prosperity Avenue during drop-off and pick-up times. When cars try to squeeze in front of another vehicle that is dropping off or picking up students, it causes the entire line to stall (and it adds more danger to the setting). It will take another week to get the process smoothed out, but hopefully, your mornings and afternoons are becoming a bit calmer. If you have any questions or suggestions about these routines, please call me or stop by the office to talk to me.

On another note, we are beginning to think about spring conferences and springtime testing. Conferences will be March 12, 19, and 20. Talk to your child's teacher if you have not yet signed up for a conference time. These meetings are very valuable for parents to find out how their children are doing and to keep the lines of communication open. Your involvement and wisdom help us teach your children. The information our teachers can offer will help your child be successful in school.

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA-II's) will be on April 14, 15, 21 and 22 for grades 4-6. These are very important tests to show how proficient each child is with grade level reading and math materials. In the next month, we will continue to prepare students for success in all grade level materials. You can help by making sure your child does his homework, gets enough sleep on school nights, asks for help in school when she doesn't understand something, and reads for at least twenty minutes every day.

Thank you, again, for your interest and involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Stacey Kadrmas

Traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for children in Minnesota. Research shows that an appropriate child restraint such as seatbelts or childseats reduces injury by 59%.

