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### **NORTHMONT PARKING LOT POLICY**

For all of us who drive our children to and from school. We recently had a scary situation that frightened our Safety Patrol members and potentially created a dangerous situation for students, staff members, and parents. This situation involved the parking lot and a driver trying to exit at a time that was not safe to do so. In light of this incident, we are changing our parking lot policy.

Effective immediately, we will no longer have our Safety Patrol children manning the parking lot gate that allows entrance to the parking lot from the street. Instead, we will be locking the parking lot gate when the Safety Patrol begins their duty in the morning and at dismissal and will not unlock the gate until the Safety Patrol has finished their duty in the morning and the afternoon.

The parking lot entrance gate will be locked at approximately 7:40am and unlocked at approximately 8:00am. In the afternoon the gate will be locked at approximately 2:15pm and unlocked at approximately 2:30pm on Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri. On Tuesdays it will be locked at approximately 1:00pm and unlocked at approximately 1:20pm.

If you need to access the parking lot for any reason before or after school you will need to be in the parking lot prior to the times stated and you will need to be prepared to stay in the parking lot until the stated ending times. Again, there will not be a Safety Patrol student posted at the parking lot anymore so there will be no way in or out between the times stated in this message.

This policy is specifically to ensure the safety of our children, staff, and community members and we appreciate your cooperation with it, even if it is a bit of an inconvenience to come early to access the parking lot, and wait for the gate to be unlocked. I would also like to remind all of us to slow down and be patient during drop off and dismissal.

For those of you with older children, you may want to designate a drop off and pick up spot and have your children meet you at the car, rather than fight the traffic at those times.

Remember, this is about the safety of ALL of our children!

Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding!

Mrs. Hollis