Hello Parents!

In preparation for the start of the school year, the Fairfield Police Department School Safety Unit would like to share some safety reminders for our walkers, riders, and drivers.

You will notice that we have crossing guards at certain intersections approaching several schools. Crossing guards have been placed at these locations to help reduce the risk of pedestrian-involved accidents. You can help increase the efficacy of these measures by doing the following:

- Cross the street at intersections only.
- Follow the directions of the crossing guards.
- Walkers should wait on the sidewalk until the crossing guard verbalizes that it is safe to begin crossing the intersection.
- Anyone riding a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard should walk the bicycle, scooter or skateboard across intersections. Wait for the crossing guard to verbalize that it is safe to cross.
- Anyone riding a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard should not weave in and out of traffic. Stay to the right and cross at intersections only. Wait for the crossing guard to verbalize that it is safe to cross.
- Drivers should be aware of and obey the crossing guards’ signal to “STOP.” Watch for a raised “STOP” sign and/or a raised, outstretched hand. Remain fully stopped until it is clear that the crossing guard is no longer signaling you to stop.

If we all work together we can increase the safety of our children’s commute to school and reduce the potential for pedestrian-involved accidents. We hope you have a wonderful, safe, 2015-2016 school year!

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