

# Fort Washington Elementary School

## *Traffic Patterns and Safety Procedures*

Dear FWES Community:

The education and safety of your children is our prime consideration at Fort Washington Elementary School. We are committed to insure a safe and secure environment for our students, staff and visitors. We are concerned about the safety of our FWES family at the beginning and end of each school day. In cooperation with the Upper Dublin Police Department the following rules are in effect.

- Vehicles will be restricted from making a left hand turn into our parking lot between 8:30am and 9:00am and 3:00pm and 4:00pm daily (except buses). The Upper Dublin Police will monitor this traffic pattern and ticket those who fail to comply with these directives.
- Please use the designated carpool lane, which is supervised by a staff member. The front of the school is NOT a drop-off area. It is reserved for District buses and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit vans.
- Do NOT park in the aisles of the parking lot. We know the carpool lane can be long but it is for the safety for everyone that we ask you use it and not try to bypass the line by pulling in an aisle.
- Drive slowly and BE AWARE! Small children can be hard to see and are fast! Be respectful and patient.
- Children will not be permitted into the building until 8:25am except for before school activities. The only door that will be open before then is our main door to the school. This is a major safety concern because children are not supervised until our staff reports at 8:25am. Please do not drop your child off at the carpool line early since this door will be locked. Children will be questioned if they arrive before 8:25am and if they are not involved in a before school activity (YMCA, band, orchestra, AM Reading Academy, etc.) parents will be called to return to school to pick their children up.
- We strongly encourage bus students taking the bus to and from school when we have inclement weather. We have been observing more and more cars and less and less students taking advantage of our bus services.

We need your help and cooperation to correct these ongoing situations that are having a significant impact on student safety. The teachers, staff, and parents value your interest and your involvement in our school and we want to continue to encourage your participation in ALL activities at FWES.

