



ZEELAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Afternoon Pick-Up for **Yellow** Car Line

*Preschool-5th Parents and Students using the **Yellow** Door/Door I/Preschool Parking Lot
***Pick-Up** Only

We continue to assess our pick-up procedures related to student safety. We have several thoughts and ideas for next school year, but we also have a few simple changes we are making **immediately**. These immediate changes are specifically for the **Yellow** Door/Door I/Preschool Parking Lot and relate to **Pick-Up ONLY**.

Immediate Changes:

- **Y5-5th Student Waiting Area In Front Of Playground Wall** - The students will wait in front of the playground wall/fence in the area behind the cones ONLY. The students will not be allowed to play on the hills or sidewalks but must wait in the area designated by cones. They will wait to be released from this area by the staff members as they see you arrive in your car or on foot.
- **Y5-5th Parent "Walk-Up" Waiting** - If you typically walk up to the preschool entrance to pick up your child:
 - Please wait on the sidewalks near the preschool entrance.
 - Wait for the designated staff member to release your student from the student waiting area.
 - Please do not enter the waiting area to find your student on your own or call them over to you.
- **Preschool Parents**
 - Please pick up your preschool child from your normal classroom door as usual.
 - If you remain to pick up older students, please wait for your Y5-5th students near the preschool entrance on the sidewalk. The playground needs to remain free of parents for the 8-10 minutes it is used for the Y5-5th safe pick-up.
- **Y5-5th Car Line Waiting:**
 - Please have your colored car line tag in your car window so our staff can easily and safely retrieve your student by name.
 - If you need more car line tags, please email zcsinfo@zcs.org and we will get more tags home in your child's backpack.
 - Always **pull ahead** as far as you are able to wait for your student to be released to you.
- **Playground Remain Parent-Free During Pick-Up Time:** The playground needs to remain free of parents for the 8-10 minutes it is used for the Y5-5th safe pick-up.

Your child(ren) will become familiar with the phrase “**Pick-Up Ready**”. Their teachers will be teaching and reinforcing these “Pick-Up Ready” expectations with your child(ren). We ask for your help in reinforcing “Pick-Up Ready” behavior by reviewing these expectations with your child(ren) as well.

“Pick-Up Ready” Means:

- Dismissal is not free-time, play-time, or recess. Playing on the playground is **NOT** an option while waiting for pick-up.
- Instead we’d like dismissal to be seen like a transition to a special like music, art, or P.E. The expectations would be that:
 - Students who **WALK** with their teacher walk keeping their hands to themselves.
 - Older students who pick up younger siblings and walk out Door I **WALK DIRECTLY** to Door I and to the waiting area. No running. No stopping along the way to chat with friends.
 - Students **LISTEN** and **FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS** from the staff on duty outside as they would follow instructions from their teacher.
 - Students **WAIT PATIENTLY** and **LISTEN** for their names to be called so they are immediately ready to walk to you or your car.