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Leslie C. Pearson, Principal

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a chance to participate in this year's McKinley World's Fair. It was a wonderful event featuring the toys, dress, food, music and other cultural artifacts from over 20 countries representing McKinley's diverse population. A heartfelt thank you goes to the PTA and to the volunteers, donors, and performers who helped make it a memorable day.

This month we have our second parent workshop related to math. The topic is Algebra and we will be meeting in the cafeteria on Thursday, November 14 at 6:15 pm. The workshop will last about 45 minutes and be immediately followed by November's PTA meeting.

During parent interviews, many of you have expressed frustration with the traffic flow situation at McKinley, both during drop-off and pick-up. In response, I have convened a Traffic Committee, comprising parents, McKinley staff, Fairfield Police Officers, and Fairfield Public Schools central office staff, to observe and make recommendations for improvement. The Committee held its first meeting and began tackling the 8:45 morning drop-off procedure. While we await the outcome of the Committee's work, it is important that we all know and follow the drop-off procedure currently in place:

- Cars enter property through McKinley's 2nd driveway, pull up to "Stop, Kiss, Go" sidewalk and exit by bearing left on Thompson. This lane should be fastest in and out. (Please refer to the map on back.)
- Cars wishing to park should also use 2nd driveway. Upon exit, these cars will form a 2nd lane parallel to the "Stop, Kiss, Go" lane. This lane yields (waits) for "Stop, Kiss, Go" lane to exit first.
- o Cars in "Stop, Kiss, Go" lane should not cross into the 2nd lane.
- Cars are held for walkers crossing at crosswalk and buses entering/exiting McKinley on Thompson St.
- It is important that directions from staff members directing traffic be adhered to with courtesy.
- o Parents with business at school are encouraged to arrive after 9AM.

Finally, I would like to encourage all parents to **register on Infinite Campus**. This is fast becoming Fairfield Public Schools' main method of communication with parents. Once registered, your account will travel with you from one school to another in our district. If you are not registered, please come in to McKinley for assistance. Our goal is 100% registration by June 2014.

Best wishes, Leslie C. Pearson

