



# The Wildcat News

The Official PTA Newsletter  
Monthly Update



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 3/4 – Book Fair



Feb 13 – Valentine’s Parties



Feb 21 – Market Day Pickup



Feb 10 – PTA Meeting

Feb 13 – (Half Day)

Feb 16 – No School, President’s Day

Feb 21 – PJ Day



## A REMINDER ON THE RULES FOR PINEAPPLE FLAG DAY



When it’s raining, snowing or just plain cold out, Washington School’s PTA provides drop off service for your children. These people are volunteers, braving the elements to help us out. Let’s give a big hat’s off to all of our lovely parents who volunteer! **THANK YOU!**

One way to help them out is to follow the rules. Here’s a reminder!

**Rule #1: DO NOT Get Out of Your Car. Ever.** You love your little one and want to send him on his way to school with a kiss. That’s lovely. But if little Johnny won’t get out of the car with a volunteer’s help, or he’s not ready to say “goodbye,” park your car in a legal spot, walk to the crosswalk and walk him over to the entrance. Otherwise, stay in your car. And when the car in front of you moves, you move.

**Rule #2: DO NOT Park Across the Street and Walk Your Child Over in the Middle of the Block.** Maybe you’re thinking you don’t want to go around the block because you want to save time... Cars and buses are coming and going in both directions. It’s DANGEROUS to jaywalk on Whitewood. We don’t want anyone to get hurt! If you want to park across the street instead of waiting on line, walk over to where the Crossing Guard is, and cross legally.

**Rule #3: DO NOT make a K-Turn on Whitewood.** In the same vein as parking and jaywalking, turning your car around in either direction is DANGEROUS and holds up traffic. Keep it moving in the same direction and go around the block. Surprisingly, it will not make you any later to work.

**Rule #4: DO NOT Cut the Line.** It doesn’t matter that there is a gap. Believe me, we’re all waiting for those drivers to get off their phone, or to stop chatting, or to stop blowing kisses and move up. Besides that, SOMETIMES there’s a gap for a reason – School buses are pulling up periodically and need that space to drop off. The volunteer is making room for them. Zipping into that gap is DANGEROUS.

**Rule #5: DO Move Swiftly.** As you are pulling up near the curb, please make sure your doors are unlocked and that your child gets their seatbelts off and has their bags in hand. This will keep things moving faster as well.

In short, a little politeness goes a long way in the car lane (and beyond). Remember, being behind the wheel of a car doesn’t make you invisible. We see you. We *all* see you. Including our children. So let’s try to set a good example!



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