

Crescent Parking Lot

Be part of the solution.....not part of the problem!

Yellow Loading/Unloading Zone –

The yellow curb is for loading and unloading **ONLY**. Cars should not be parked along the curb. If you want to park, please park in the parking stalls.

Drive Thru Lanes –

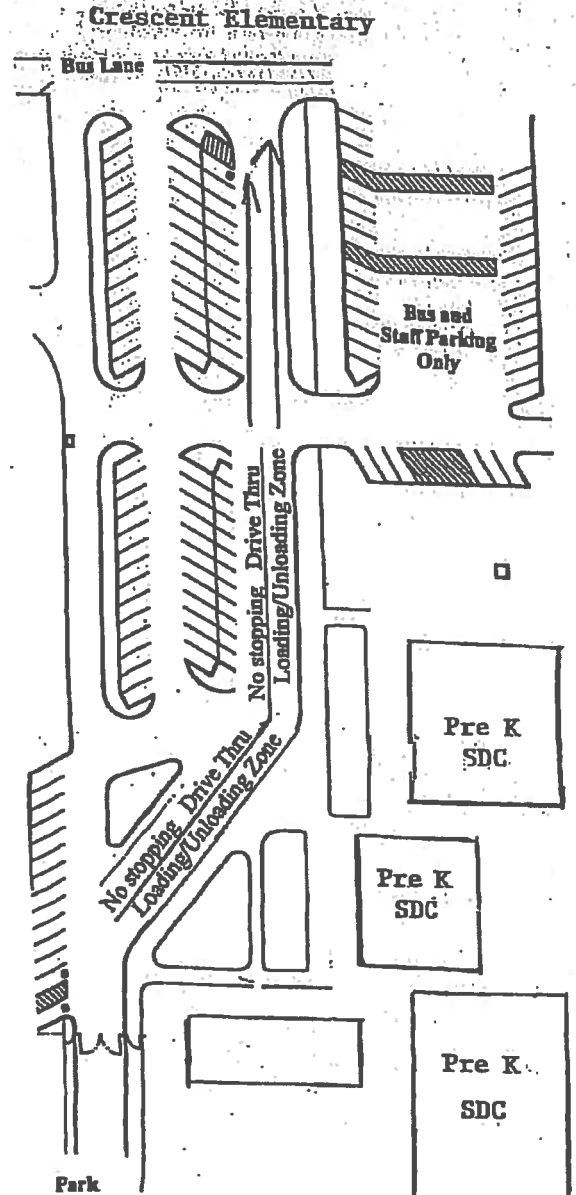
Do not stop your vehicle in these two lanes. Please drive in a single lane and use your turn signal to merge into another lane.

Bus and Staff Parking Lot –

This lot is for staff and bus use only.

Peralta Park –

There is no supervision in the park. You may want to park your vehicle at the park and walk on campus to meet your child.



Please be courteous to other drivers. Everyone wants a safe parking lot. Adults need to set good examples for our students. If children see adults breaking the rules, children interpret this to mean they can also choose to break the rules. Please be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Thank you for your cooperation.



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2015-2016 Parking Lot Safety Procedures

Dear Crescent Families,

Traffic at school during drop off and dismissal times can be frustrating for parents, and dangerous for students. Our school shares the parking lot with our District's Orange Pre-K SDC program, which is housed on the lower campus. In order to help provide a safe environment for all of our Crescent students, we ask your cooperation with the following parking lot procedures.

- **Do not park and leave your car unattended in the yellow loading zone.** If you need to go to the office, talk with another parent, or leave your car for any reason, you must park your car in a parking space in the main parking lot or at Peralta Park. Please note that the loading and unloading yellow curb rule is not just a Crescent rule, but a traffic law in the state of California.
- **If using the yellow loading zone, continue to move your car forward as those in front of you are leaving.** This will help continue the flow of traffic and will also discourage others from maneuvering around you; whereby, causing danger to children getting in and out of cars.
- **Make sure children are prepared to get out of the car quickly and safely when dropping them off in the morning.** Have their backpacks, lunches, etc. packed and ready to go by the time you get to the curb. This will decrease the time at the loading zone and increase the flow of traffic. Basically, drop off and pick up your children quickly to allow cars to get in/out of the parking lot faster.
- **Park in available parking spaces whenever possible.** The bus parking lot is for **staff and buses only** and will not be available for additional parking before or after school, or throughout the school day.
- **Do not allow children to cross the parking lot without an adult.** If you are parked in a parking space, please go get your child and walk them to the car using the crosswalk in front of the school office.
- **Do not double park next to the loading zone or stop in this drive thru lane.** Cars must be parked along the curb when dropping off or picking up children.
- **Do not drive in the middle of the two drive-thru lanes, which are next to the loading zone.** The school parking lot has two lanes and a loading zone. Stay in a single lane and use your turn signal when merging into another lane.
- **Do not block the bus exit by the front office and science center, which leads up to Gerda Drive.** The buses must be able to exit the parking lot in a timely manner.
- **Be aware of students at all times once you enter the school parking lot.** Do not speed, use cell phones or text, which could cause unsafe situations for our students.
- **Do not drop off or pick up students at the bus exit gate off Gerda.** This is an exit area for our bus drivers only. **Neither cars nor students may enter or exit this gate.** All 1st – 6th graders must use the main parking lot, and kindergarten students only should use the Gerda gate by the kindergarten classrooms.

Additional suggestions to alleviate the parking lot congestion are:

- Carpool with friends and neighbors.
- Consider using the school bus transportation system to and from school.
- If you live blocks away, walk to/from school.
- Park in the Peralta Park parking lot and walk children to/from school.

With the exception of kindergarten students and siblings of kindergarten students, there is no access to our campus off Gerda Drive for 1st – 6th graders. This is the drop off and pick up area for kindergarten only. All 1st – 6th grade students must enter the school through the parking lot.

- **All 1st – 3rd grade students** – Parents should pick up students promptly at dismissal times, which are **12:05 on Wednesdays and 2:10 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.**
- **All 4th – 6th grade students** – Parents should allow the parents with primary students only to get in and out of the parking lot before picking up your children at **12:20 on Wednesdays and 2:25 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.**
- **All kindergarten students** - Parents should drop off and pick up students on Gerda Drive only. When dropping off, please walk your child through the Gerda gate and wait in the fenced area outside room 503 until one of the kindergarten teachers is present before leaving your child by the classroom. When picking up your child, please pick them up at the Gerda gate only. Please pick up your kindergarten child promptly at **12:00 on Wednesdays and 2:05 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.**
- **Siblings of kindergarten students** – Parents may drop them off on Gerda with their kindergarten child. These students must wait in the fenced area outside room 503 until a kindergarten teacher opens the gate to enter the rest of the campus. This gate will also be open at the end of the day for siblings of all kindergarten students.

All of us at Crescent want to make this a safe and successful environment for your child. Thank you for your active support and cooperation. Please note that we will continue to monitor and work on improving the parking lot situation whenever possible. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email me at mtamaki@orangeusd.org.

Sincerely,

Shelé Tamaki
Principal

-----Please return tear-off below-----

We have read and understand the above policies and agree to abide by the Crescent parking lot procedures in order to ensure the safety of all Crescent students and families.

Student Name _____ Teacher Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____