

Getting to School Safely

Mary Lee Burbank School Safe Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Students assemble on the blacktop between 8:25 - 8:35 am. Teacher supervision begins at 8:25 am; unsupervised students should not arrive before then. At the whistle, students line up by class and proceed to their classroom.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Dismissal is at 2:50 pm on Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays and 1:40 pm on Wednesdays (except for scheduled early release days which end at 11:40 am). Students are dismissed in the following locations:

Kindergarten: Front steps (Talbot & Pellegrine) or playground (Cox & Chalmers)

1st: Front steps

2nd: Side door by Garden Classroom

3rd & 4th: Blacktop behind school

Grades K-2: please notify the teacher if someone other than a parent or regular caregiver will pick up your student.

As a community we have a shared responsibility to keep students safe. Recent evaluation of Burbank's routes to school shows the greatest danger to children is traffic congestion around the entrances to school.

Please follow these procedures to help all students get to and from school safely. Please share this important information with all caregivers.

Burbank Safe Routes to School Committee
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Changes for Fall 2017

- There is now **NO Parking on the left (odd) side of Sharpe Rd.** during drop-off and pick-up.
- **Parking is forbidden on both sides of the Sharpe Rd. curve.** School Buses cannot pass if cars are parked or stopped on the curve.
- The indented area on Sharpe Rd. is reserved for **school buses only** from 8am-3pm.
- **Rolling drop-off is now exclusively on Gale Rd.** Please do not drive through this area unless you are using the rolling drop-off.

Two Green Ways to Get to School Safely

Walk, Bike, or Roll!

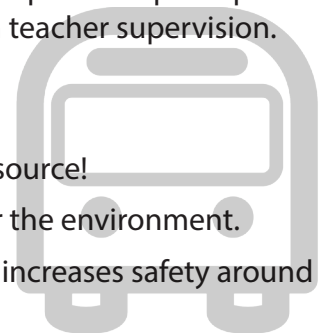
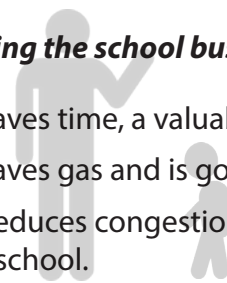
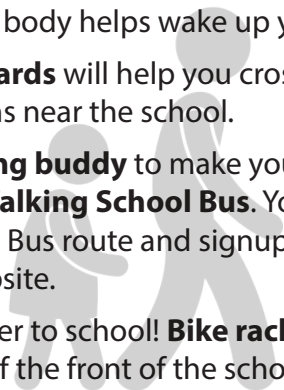
- Better for the environment.
- Moving your body helps wake up your mind.
- **Crossing guards** will help you cross safely at several locations near the school.
- Find a **walking buddy** to make your walk more fun, or **join a Walking School Bus**. You can find Walking School Bus route and signup information on the PTA website.
- Bike or scooter to school! **Bike racks** are located on both sides of the front of the school building.

Take the Bus!

Live too far away to walk? Use **Belmont's school bus program** (see the Belmont Public Schools website for details). School buses will drop off and pick up students on Sharpe Road, with teacher supervision.

Taking the school bus:

- Saves time, a valuable resource!
- Saves gas and is good for the environment.
- Reduces congestion and increases safety around the school.



If you need to drive to school...

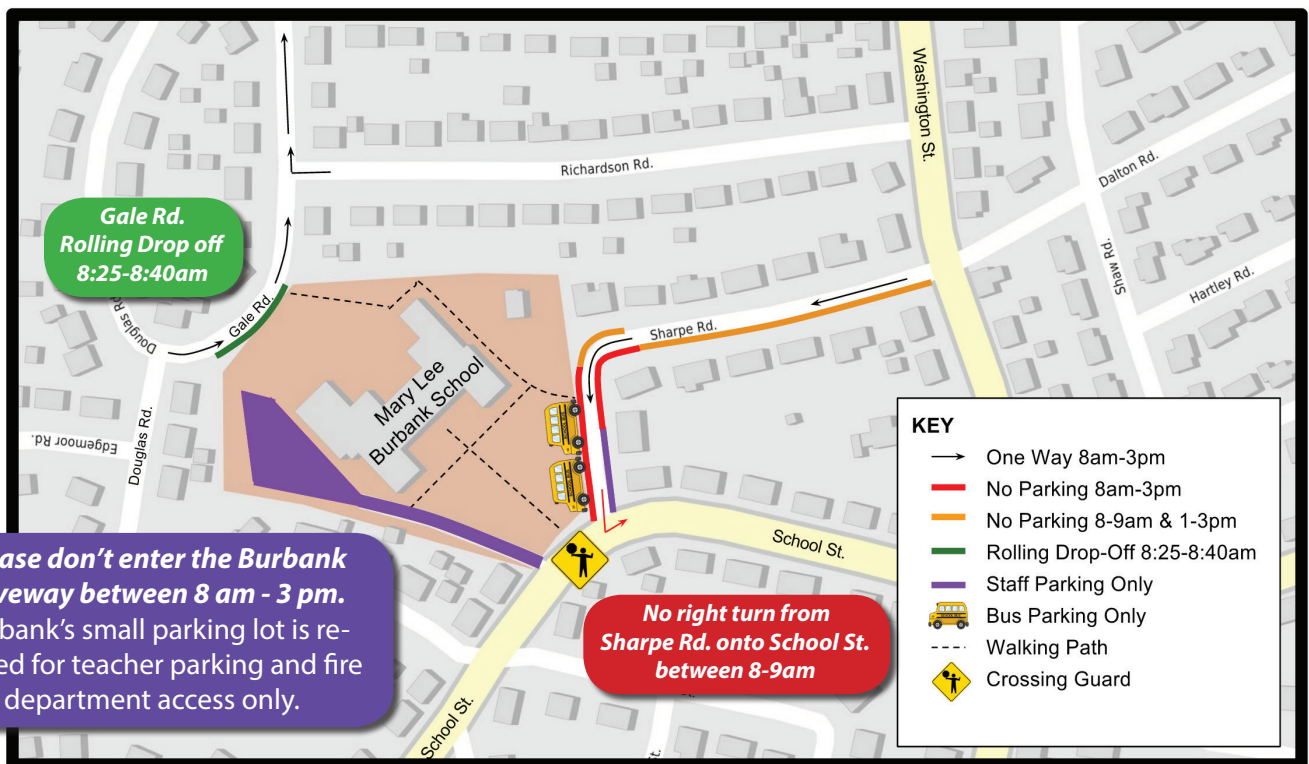
Use the Rolling Drop-Off

- There is a designated rolling drop-off area on Gale Rd. (see map).
- Gale Rd. is one-way during school hours between Douglas Rd. and Watson Rd.
- Approach slowly and pull up between the "No Parking During Student Drop off" signs.
- Have your child ready to exit the car curbside while **you stay in the car**.
- A teacher or chaperone will be at the curb from 8:25 am to assist children. Children should walk directly to the blacktop to line up with their class.
- Pull away as soon as it is safe to do so.

Carpool to school to save gas and time!

... or Park and Walk

- **Be courteous and safe.** Obey all posted parking signs, and do not block driveways, crosswalks, or sidewalks.
- **To save time, avoid the Sharpe Rd. school bus zone and the rolling drop-off on Gale Rd.** Please also do not park on School St., which has heavy traffic.
- Parking on Sharpe Rd. is restricted to the even (right) side of the street during drop-off and pick-up and **forbidden entirely on the curve**. Parking beyond the curve is for school staff and buses only!
- **Do not park or stop in the bus drop-off or staff parking areas during morning arrival 8-9 am and afternoon pickup 1-3pm, even for a short time!**
- **Sharpe Rd. is one-way** during school hours. Right turns are prohibited from Sharpe Rd. onto School St. between 8-9 am.



Afternoon Pick Up:

Please walk if you can! If you do drive, there is no rolling pick-up procedure at Burbank. In the afternoons you can park in a legal spot on side streets around Burbank, including Gale Road, and walk to the school to meet your child. Otherwise, please follow all the same parking rules as in the morning: **don't enter the school driveway, don't stop or park on the Sharpe Rd. curve or anywhere past the curve or you will block access for the buses, and don't park on the left (odd) side of Sharpe Rd.**