



## PRESS RELEASE

- I. DATE OF PRESS RELEASE: August 3, 2011
- II. ANNOUNCEMENT: Livermore Police to focus on traffic safety around our schools
- III. INFORMATION:

### It's that time of year again.... Back to school 2011

The Livermore Police Department would like to remind parents and students about the following back to school traffic safety issues:

**Bicycle:** If your child rides their bicycle to school, make sure they wear their bicycle helmet correctly. Also follow all the bicycling laws i.e. riding on the right-hand side of the road (same direction as traffic), stopping for stop signs, and a maximum of one occupant per bicycle.

**Pedestrian Safety:** Students must cross at the signal lights or marked crosswalks. Any students observed crossing in the middle of the street (jaywalking) may be cited. This also includes trips off campus at brunch and lunchtime.

**Driving in school zones:** Abide by all traffic laws - remember the speed limit in school zones is 25 MPH when children are present (regardless of the posted speed). Also keep in mind the safe speed for conditions may be quite a bit slower in school zones due to increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic, so drive cautiously.

**Parking at the school:** The school's parking area may have been re-stripped or posted so please abide by all parking zones in and around the school. The parking zones are strategically placed for you and your child's safety.

- Red curb** - You can never stop, stand or park your vehicle in a red zone.
- Yellow curb** - Drop off only, you may not park and exit your vehicle.
- Green curb** - Time limit parking, regulated by a posted sign or curb marking.

Driving and parking in school zones can be a hectic time. Try the following tips; they may make your journey more pleasant.

- Arrive early** - Even 5 minutes earlier can make a difference.
- Car pooling** - One seatbelt per occupant. Park a block away. Walk to the school.
- Pre-arrange a Pick Up Spot** - Make sure the location is safe and legal for you to stop in.

As part of our continuing Parking, Education, Enforcement Program (P.E.E.P.) the Livermore Police Department's Traffic Unit will be monitoring the schools at drop off and pick up times on a daily basis. Citations may be issued to drivers who do not follow the rules.

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us to keep Livermore children safe.

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