

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DR. CHARLES BEST Student Pick Up and Drop off for the next few weeks

Happy New Year Everyone,

The regular snowfalls that have turned our beautiful Mundy Park into a Winter Wonderland will undoubtedly continue to create problems for the pick-up and drop off of students at Dr. Charles Best. Our district crews have done a fabulous job clearing our driveways and parking lots but of course the sheer volume of snow has created many challenges. Even in ideal weather conditions, drop off at our school is problematic so the narrow, icy and slippery conditions certainly intensify those challenges.

Please consider the following:

- Carpool whenever possible and consider dropping off much earlier than usual to avoid the congestion.
- Students are encouraged to walk or take the bus whenever possible but are reminded to use extreme caution as sidewalks have seen various levels of clearing and may be snow or ice covered, uneven and slippery.
- Consider dropping off students at the Coquitlam Alliance Church parking lot and avoid the congestion around the school altogether. Students walking to the school from there are reminded to be extra careful and to wear proper footwear as sidewalks are slippery even where they have been cleared.
- **PLEASE AVOID BAKER DRIVE.** The road is only one lane wide at this time and will be crowded with local neighbourhood and elementary school traffic.
- As always, **DO NOT DROP OFF STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL ROUNDABOUT!** This is a huge safety concern and also very dangerous to the flow of traffic entering the driveway from Como Lake Avenue.
- If you do enter the driveways please consider only exiting westbound (even from the middle entrance/exit) as the 'safety lane' for traffic leaving Best and traveling Eastbound has not been cleared.
- The upper (East) parking lot by the field has been cleared and is suitable for drop off but the challenge may be trying to exit the lot as the far east driveway entry/exit is single lane.

Thank you for avoiding our driveways and parking lots for the next few weeks. Our day custodian will be hard at work early in the morning clearing paths for the students to access the main building and portables. Please remind them to wear proper footwear and to be extra careful entering the building as the extra moisture makes the floors very slippery.

On behalf of the staff, we wish you and your family all the very best for a fabulous 2017!