



SAFETY PATROLS

What is the Safety Patrol Program?

It is a leadership program sponsored by AAA. Our patrols are responsible to help create a safe environment for our students in and around our school. Patrols are instructed to **never** stop traffic. Only police officers and adult guards have the right to stop vehicles. The law does not give a school Safety Patrol member that right.

What DO patrols do?

*Assist their classmates in “looking both ways” and telling them when it is safe to cross the street.

*Report any potential dangers such as unsafe behavior of classmates or unusual situations (i.e. running, pushing, bullying, unusual strangers, etc.) to the patrol sponsors and/or administrators. They are never taught to put themselves in danger.

As drivers, we know it can be confusing and at times, are very hesitant when there are children walking around. As stated above, our patrols are **instructed to never stop traffic**. They are taught to instruct their classmates to **wait for cars to pass before proceeding**. Although we all feel the need to stop in the middle of the road to allow students to cross, our Safety Patrols will not instruct their classmates to cross when this happens. As part of the program training by AAA, **Safety Patrols are taught to instruct their peers to stay on the sidewalks until there are no vehicles**. This is for obvious safety reasons. Any confusion in this area could have a terrible outcome.

Please remind your children to show kindness and respect to our patrols. They are an asset to our school community in helping to keep a watchful eye and to report any concerns that they see. Our Safety Patrols are performing their jobs as they were trained by AA A and they are following the directions of the Patrol Sponsors.

We appreciate your continued support of our Safety Patrol Program and the safety of all our students. Together we can ensure the safety of all the children.

Please feel free to express any concerns you have and notify us of potential safety issues that you may observe.

Thank you!

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