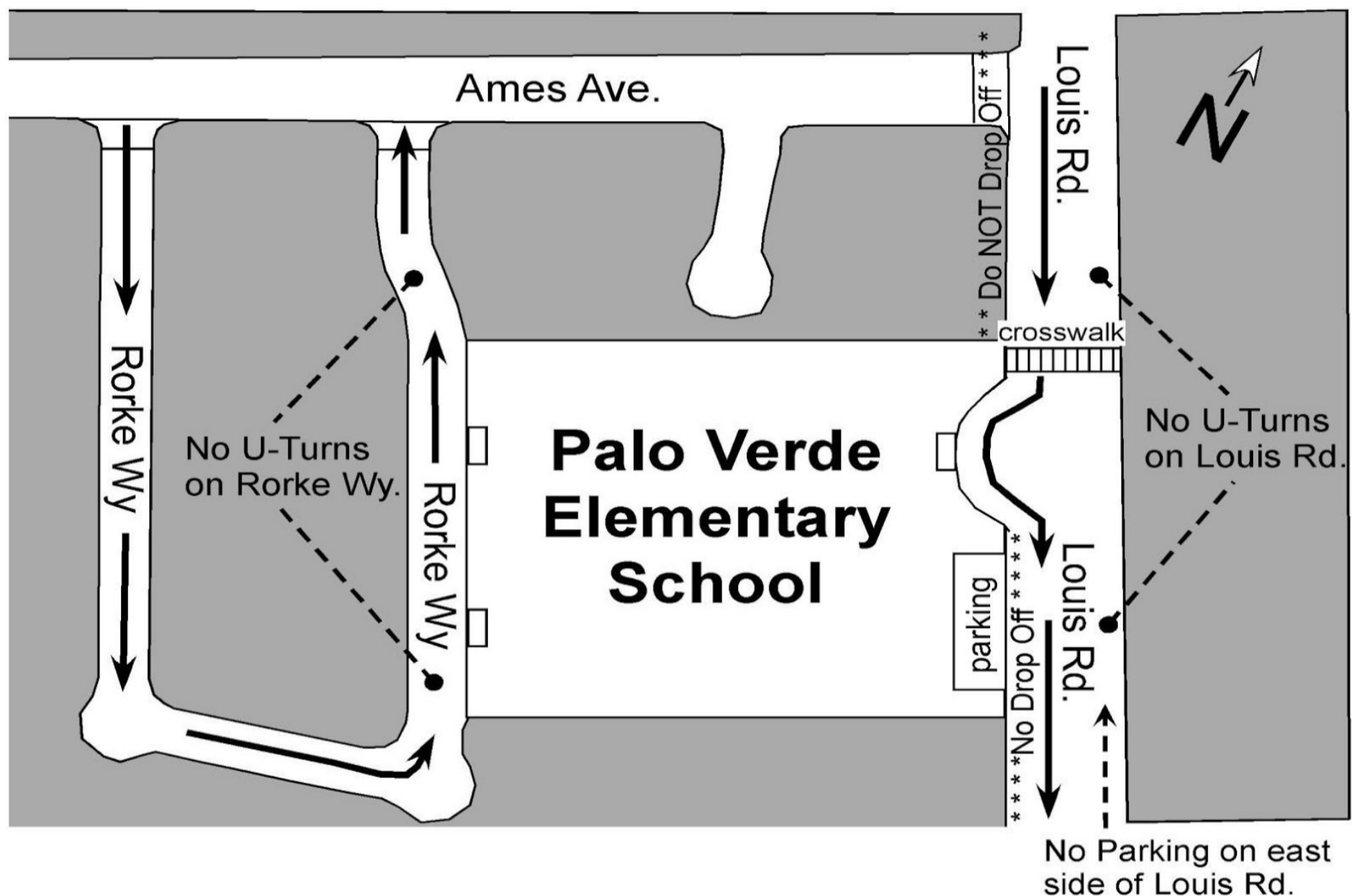


# SAFE VEHICLE DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP GUIDELINES



The sunny weather & our walkable neighborhoods allow many children to travel to school via bike, scooter & on foot. This is healthy for kids & the environment. Together we have an obligation to help keep all of our children safe. Do not let a rushed morning cause harm to others. Please take your time, **slow down & respect the traffic laws**. Most kids cannot judge car speed & do not yet always “look both ways”. If you see something that concerns you please leave a note in the traffic safety bin in the office or send an email to [paloverdeparent@gmail.com](mailto:paloverdeparent@gmail.com).



When driving to school, please use the following safe drop-off guidelines (see map above):

- ö **Yield to children & parents in crosswalks Louis Rd & Ames/Rorke. Stop & look before turning.**
- ö **NEVER leave your car with the engine running.**
- ö **Do not double park or drop off next to a parked car.**
- ö **Avoid U-turns & turnarounds.** Use the loop nature of Rorke Way to avoid dangerous U- turns or backing up. No U-turns allowed on Louis Rd.
- ö **Do not allow children to exit vehicles on the street side** on Louis or Rorke. Open doors could hit bicyclists & cause students to walk among the vehicles. Students should always exit on the school side of vehicles.

*Continued on next page...*



- ö **No left-side drop offs:** Stopping curbside on the wrong (left) side of the road to drop-off is dangerous & illegal. This is unsafe & should never happen.
- ö **Enter the Louis Road drop-off from the north.** Exit the drop off area heading south.
  - Curb-side drop offs should occur on the “right” side of the road only.
  - Stopping & letting students out in the front parking area on Louis, causes an unsafe situation for students exiting cars & for bicycle riders passing by the school. **It is illegal to drop students off or wait in the bike lane near the parking lot on Louis.**
  - Please do not allow students to exit the car prior to entering the yellow zone on Louis. Open doors will block the sidewalk. Please wait until you are in the yellow zone to have students exit.
  - **U-turns in front of the school on Louis are illegal. You will see signs stating that this in a no U-turn zone.**
- ö **Please do not park cars in the fire lane outside or the driveway near the MP room gate on Louis.** This not only blocks the way for students getting onto campus but causes an unsafe situation between pedestrians & cars. Do not pull into this fire lane/driveway at any time.
- ö **Enter Rorke Way (loop) on the street nearest Ross Road.** To do a curb-side drop-off, enter Rorke on the street closest to Ross Road & travel along Rorke counter clock-wise so that children exit curbside on the right side of the road & your car. Then you may proceed to exit Rorke on the eastern branch of the loop.
- ö **No Parking in the red zone on Rorke near the Kindergarten classroom entrance gate.** The red zone is a bus pick up zone & no cars should ever be parked in this red zone.
- ö **Consider parking on Ames:** It is helpful when drivers park on Ames & walk their children to the back gate. Thank you to those who already do this.
- ö **Be mindful of neighbors.** Don't block driveways.
- ö **If you see something, say something:** If you see another driver being unsafe, please gently remind them of a safer way. Working together, we can all be part of protecting our children.
- ö **Look both ways:** When you are pulling away from the curb, look in front & back of you for bicycles on the road.
- ö **Leave early & drive slowly & carefully at all times near the school:** Allow yourself enough time. Most dangerous behavior & accidents happen when drivers are rushed.

Just a friendly reminder from your fellow parents & the Palo Verde PTA



