

## **Attention All Parents**

Please join us in supporting Castlebay Lane's TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM that will hopefully improve the safety of ALL OF OUR CHILDREN!!! Currently, one child is hit by a car EVERYDAY in the LA Unified School District which is a staggering statistic.

**Therefore, in a desire to be as proactive as we can in the area of safety, we will continue our Traffic Monitor Program for the 2009-10 school year (beginning early October). Each classroom will be assigned just one week per year for which they will provide traffic volunteers, and we are asking each family to fulfill at least one 30-minute shift/child/year.**

Additionally, several years ago the school established a carpool lane for parent convenience. At this time the LAPD is willing to continue to allow our carpool lane, but we need adult volunteers to make this happen.

Your Room Parent will organize the traffic monitor assignments for your class. At least one week before your class is responsible for traffic, each family will receive a sheet with their class traffic assignments. **Please find your name on the sheet and show up for your volunteer times that week on the street indicated (Castlebay Lane or Bowmore).** You will also receive a TRAFFIC MONITOR INSTRUCTION sheet that will tell you specifically what to do.

**If you are not able to fulfill your shift time, you are responsible for trading with someone in your class or finding a substitute by calling another Castlebay parent.** We really would like to keep Castlebay's Carpool Lane because it benefits both those who use it, and those who do not!!! For instance, if the carpool lane were taken away, the entire Castlebay population (over 845 students) would have to park on the side streets SEVERELY DECREASING the already limited parking. Please know ANYONE in your family over 18 is welcome to participate (siblings, grandparents, nannies) as long as younger children's safety is secured. If you need to switch shifts or ask for a substitute to fill in for you, use your Castlebay Directory.

Remember, your classroom will only be required to come up with volunteers for one week this whole year! Additionally, PATH has hired Castlebay mom, Kay Hurst, as a traffic supervisor to assist you. Lastly, the program is a great way to meet other parents as we join efforts in making this the safest school we can.

In recent years, several schools in this area have had tragic & fatal accidents in their carpool lanes—so the reality of danger is there. That is why we are committed at Castlebay Lane to do whatever we can to make our streets safer.

**Thank you for your cooperation in protecting our priceless children!!!**

*Anne Bierling*, Traffic and Safety Chair

*Kay Hurst*, Traffic Supervisor

*Vivian Ihori*, Principal

