

ATTENTION, McClure Elementary and ECEC Parents:
URGENT INFORMATION re: construction on 61st St.



November 15, 2013

Dear McClure Elementary and Early Childhood Education Center parents:

Effective Tuesday, Nov. 26, the City of Tulsa will begin a new phase of road construction on 61st Street. The City has heard the community's request for safety improvements, and now the work begins for these, including sidewalks on both sides of 61st Street, a stoplight at 61st and Yorktown, and a turn lane into the McClure Elementary parking lot. The road construction will last 6-10 months, and unfortunately will disrupt traffic and parking for both schools during that time. We ask that you be patient while we wait for the end result. Below are the traffic and parking changes for both McClure Elementary and McClure ECEC:

For McClure Elementary:

During construction, 61st Street will be completely closed between Rockford and Yorktown, and you will not be able to enter the school parking lot from 61st Street. All 61st Street traffic will be redirected to the access road north of 61st Street. All vehicles entering the school property will enter from a temporary driveway on Yorktown near the intersection (see below).

Changes for Monday, Nov. 18: To prepare ahead for the road project, we are changing our parking lot to help traffic flow smoothly and allow students to arrive safely to school. The construction crew will make changes this weekend that will create one large parking lot and traffic loop for cars.

Please read these instructions carefully and use the attached map to help understand the changes that are happening:

Student Drop-Off/Entering McClure Elementary: Beginning Nov. 18, parents and visitors will enter McClure from a driveway on the northwest corner of the parking lot, near the intersection of 61st St. and Yorktown Ave. This driveway is accessible *only* from Yorktown. When entering the parking lot from the new driveway, cars should drive west and curve around to the drop-off area for students at the front of the school or park in the spaces and walk students inside.

Exiting McClure's parking lot: **Traffic will not be allowed to turn left (north) on to Yorktown.** Cars **must** exit right from the parking lot, traveling south on Yorktown. Parents may choose to take Yorktown south to 71st Street, or take 67th west to Peoria Ave. Please be extra careful as cars will be coming out of the CAP Tulsa parking lot onto Yorktown. **You may not** drive through the CAP Tulsa parking lot to turn left onto Yorktown.

Please note:

- **You may not stop on Yorktown to drop off students.** We will have many more cars driving on Yorktown and the street will get backed up if cars stop. This is very dangerous!
- We highly recommend that parents and students leave home 15 minutes earlier than their usual time. In a few weeks, everybody will be used to the "new normal."

Student pick-up: All parents must enter through the gym/front of the school to pick up students at 2:50 pm. Due to the increased traffic on the east side of the school, Kindergarten pick up will no longer happen from the east doors. Parents must park in a parking space, **not along the curb**. Students who walk will be held until 3:00 pm to give traffic a chance to clear before we send them home. **This is for student safety.**

Bus riders: The procedure for bus riders will remain the same. All school buses and daycare vans will use the large loop and then move into the bus lane, as usual.

For CAP Tulsa/McClure ECEC:

Child drop-off and pick-up: Parents who enter from 61st Street to drop off at McClure ECEC, will continue to turn left on Yorktown and enter the first ECEC parking entrance as normal. Parents traveling north from Yorktown will also continue to enter in the designated ECEC parking entrance. Traffic in the parking lot will continue to flow one way.

When exiting, you will not be able to turn left on Yorktown. Parents may choose to take either Yorktown south to 71st Street, or take 67th west to Peoria Ave.

Parking: **Parking will not be allowed on Yorktown.** Please do not park off the road or in a non-designated parking space of the parking lot. This will help traffic can continue to flow through.

We ask that all parents drive slowly and watch carefully for families walking on and near the school grounds. Please talk with your children about being safe and staying away from construction equipment and work areas.

Remember, when the project is complete, we will have great improvements including sidewalks on both sides of 61st Street, a stoplight at 61st and Yorktown, and a turn lane into the McClure Elementary parking lot. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as we continue to work very hard to keep McClure Elementary and ECEC a safe place for all students and families!

Sincerely,

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