One challenge every month The Driver takes the challenge, the Passengers enforce the rules

Mindful Driving Challenge for October Boldly Going Forward Because We Cannot Find Reverse

Your mindful driving challenge for October is to always go forward around the school, no U-turns or backing up.

When we're busy and rushed, just getting from point A to point B is enough of a challenge. We don't usually take the time to plan out how to then get to point C (or back to point A). Luckily cars are usually small enough to make U-turns to get us out of sticky situations. However, during a U-turn, our car is temporarily taking up the entire road while we do not have 360° of visibility. U-turns are legal on most residential city streets if there's no sign prohibiting it, but only when there is no oncoming traffic in any direction for 200 feet. So if you see a car coming in front or behind you (and there almost always is at drop off and pick up times), it's both illegal and dangerous. This month we challenge you to look at your route to and from school ahead of time and plan it out so that you only go forward and never have to make a U-turn or find reverse.

These Challenges are brought to you by the Cupertino Safe Routes to School Program. Check out Cupertino's <u>Back to School page</u> for tips and resources on getting to school safely.

