



## **To Haycock ES Community Crossing Guidelines from Beeda Lee-Pawlak Your Fairfax County Police Crossing Guard**

**Hello Haycock Elementary Families,**

Hope all are ready for a new school year! I'm happy to report that I'm back as your Fairfax County Police Crossing Guard for the 2019-20 school year at the intersection of Haycock and Westmoreland. I know everybody is excited and ready to get started, and with that, car and pedestrian traffic will be heavy and hectic for the first 2 or 3 weeks or so. For the parents and students who will be walking to and from school, I have a few guidelines to help things run a bit more smoothly. Please read the list of guidelines below and make certain to go over them with your children if they will be walking to and from school this year. I greatly appreciate your support, cooperation, and patience.

- When I am present at the intersection of Haycock and Westmoreland I will be stopping all directions of car traffic to allow pedestrians to cross from all direction at one time. However, I have a method of cycling car traffic and pedestrians, so please be patient.
- When I am present, please do not press the pedestrian crossing buttons located at each corner on light posts. I will be your crossing signal. Please wait for my verbal command "CROSS" before crossing.
- Please do not follow me when I am entering the intersection to stop car traffic. I will make certain that all directions of car traffic have completely stopped before letting pedestrians enter the cross walk to begin crossing.
- Please do not begin crossing until I say "CROSS". At this point, all pedestrians at all corners should cross with purpose and focus, but do not run.
- I will ask student patrols to hold pedestrians by saying "HOLD THEM" or "PLEASE STAY", this is your signal to please stop and stand at the corners/curbs. If you are already in the middle of crosswalk, please finish crossing. Please do not run.
- Please obey the student patrols (they will hold their arms out to their sides to signal not to enter crosswalk) and my verbal commands. Do not try to enter the cross walk after I have indicated to patrols to "HOLD THEM" or I have said "PLEASE STAY". This is very important, because I'm about to let the car traffic resume moving.
- Please make certain to cross at the crosswalk. Do not step off the curbs outside of the crosswalk to begin crossing.
- If you are on a bike or scooter, please dismount your bike or scooter, and walk them across.
- Please know that I will cross your children as if they are my own, with firm and direct commands. My only goal is to keep your kids and you safe.

**See you at the crossings!**

**Beeda Lee-Pawlak**

**Fairfax County Police Crossing Guard**