

## **Reminder for All of Us – Slow Down and Drive Carefully!**

The recent tragic, fatal accident on Butterfield road has hit our community hard – much grieving and calls for action on many levels. As residents of Sleepy Hollow, one thing we can all do now (and forevermore) is pay attention to our own driving and additionally, remind our kids of the safe biking/walking rules of the road (see below). And importantly, given the nature of this accident, do not drive after drinking and/or taking drugs... appoint a designated driver, call uber or lyft, take public transportation if possible or just stay where you are.

Safe Driving Tips for driving in a school zone and beyond:

- Slow down - The simplest thing any driver can do when walkers/bikers are on the road is to slow down.
- Allow More Time – You never know when roadwork/other can make traffic even more congested – give yourself more time than you need.
- Learn the Rules - Schools usually have places for parents to drop off and pick up children. Never block pick up and drop off areas.
- Yield to Pedestrians - Remember to yield to children/parents/pedestrians in crosswalks as they have the right-of-way.
- Carpool - If possible, carpool with other parents to pick up and drop off children.
- Talk with Teen Drivers - Remind your teen drivers to slow down on Butterfield and be extra careful in and around school zones.
- Just a reminder to all drivers that we are required to stop for the stop sign when activated on a school bus. Be extra cautious proceeding given kids will be near/in the roadway.

Parents, please remind your kids of the Safe Biking “Rules of the Road” and make sure your kids can demonstrate safe cycling habits before they ride by themselves:

- Stop, Look and Listen before entering or crossing a road – Regardless of whether you are on foot or wheels always Stop, Look Left-Right-Left, and listen before entering traffic.
- Bike in the same direction as cars – Drivers do not look for wrong-way traffic.
- Obey stop signs and traffic lights – Identify upcoming intersections and how to negotiate them.
- Communicate – Use hand signals and waves to communicate with traffic.
- Make sure your child always wears a helmet!

Thank you for making our community a safer place for all!

*Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee*

