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**WALKING (or bicycling) SCHOOL BUSES**

**Families - Let’s start a healthy, active transportation movement by walking (or bicycling) to school together at least once a week!**

**What is a Walking School Bus?** A Walking School Bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults (if bicycling, it’s called a bicycling school bus).

**Why should I form or join a walking school bus?**

* Enable kids who may not be able to walk/bicycle to school to do so safely.
* Share responsibility and build connections with other parents and children
* Reduce congestion and air pollution
* Spend quality, healthy time with children on the way to/from school
* Increase eyes and adult presence on the street and enhance personal safety

**Does Our Elementary School have any Walking School Buses?**

Yes – we know parents are walking and bicycling with children already, we just don’t know who you are! **Please contact your principal or return the Walking School Bus enrollment form (on reverse) if you would like to start a walking school bus route OR are already leading a walking school bus and are willing to share that information with the school community and enable other parents and/or children to join you.** The more we as a community share, the more we as a community can participate.

**What information will be shared about each Walking School Bus?**

**Walking School Bus scenario #1**

**Leader:** any parent currently walking or bicycling to school & willing to have other parents and/or children join him/her!

**Meeting point:** wherever that parent chooses to meet (at your home, on a corner near your home, etc)

**Contact**: parent name, phone and/or email

**Departure Time:** whatever time and day(s) of week the parent decides

**Route:** typically displayed on a map

**Walking School Bus scenario #2**

**Leader:** any parent interested in being stationed at a designated meeting point even if they do not currently walk or bicycle to school, and willing to be at that meeting point at least once a week at a designated time.

**Meeting point:** either a point determined by the SRTS school team (such as a local park), or by the interested parent

**Contact**: parent name, phone and/or email

**Departure Time:** whatever time and day(s) of week the leader or SRTS team decides

**Route:** typically displayed on a map

***Note****: Parents either need to accompany kids OR check with the Walking School bus leader in advance to ensure that there is enough adult supervision to allow your child to join.*

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