



Maple Leaf School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

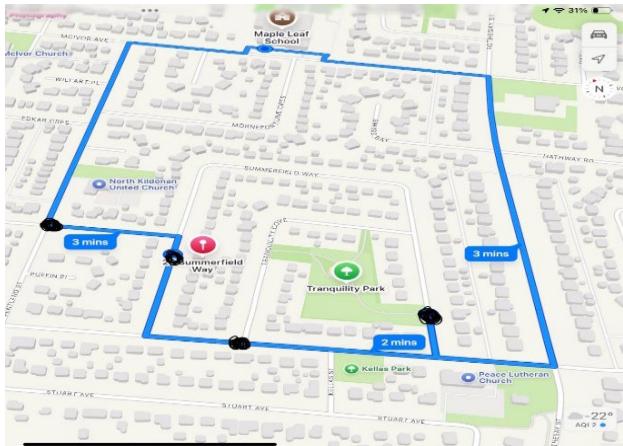
Many families, perhaps even you, have shared the challenges of getting your child to school in the morning. This may result in students being late and missing mornings at school. Over time, this can impact on a child's learning and, as the gap grows, children can lose interest in learning.

Maple Leaf School offers a Walking School Bus. **The Walking School Bus is NOT a bus ride.** It is an adult who walks with a group of children to school every morning.

How does this work?

- All interested parents/guardians must sign the permission slip.
- All children **MUST** be READY to go when the facilitator comes by.
- **There will be NO KNOCKING on doors.**
- The walking school bus facilitator (a school staff member) will walk the children to school wearing a bright yellow and orange patrol vest for high visibility.

The Walking School Bus Schedule and Route



1. The facilitator leaves from **Maple Leaf School at 8:50 a.m.**
2. The facilitator walks south from McIvor Avenue up Rothesay Street to Gilmore Avenue and Tranquility Cove. Then proceeds to Summerfield Way, Fortier Avenue, Pentland Street then returns to McIvor Avenue and up to Kayhans Drive and returns to Maple Leaf School.
3. A child can join in on the walk anywhere along the route
4. The Walking School Bus goes to school every school day, Monday to Friday

The Walking School Bus will be cancelled when winter temperatures reach -27C, as RETSD patrol guidelines suggest not exceeding 10 minutes of exposure outside at this temperature. It is your responsibility to bring your child on these colder days.

If you are interested in having your child participate in the walking school bus, please fill out the information on the backside and send it back with your child. **Only children who are registered for the Walking School Bus can participate.**

Sincerely,

Jamie Evans
Principal



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Please fill out this form and send it back with your child if you are interested in having them join the Walking School Bus.

Walking School Bus Permission Slip

I would like my child _____ in grade _____ and room _____ to be included in the Walking School Bus every day.

I am interested in **VOLUNTEERING** to walk with the facilitator and the children:

_____ Everyday

_____ Circle best days for you to help MON TUES WED THURS FRI

I will ensure that my child is ready at the scheduled time for the Walking School Bus. I give my permission for my phone number & email address to be given to the Walking School Bus facilitator in case of changes or cancellations.

I understand that my child must be respectful and follow the guidance of the Walking School Bus facilitator and/or other Walking School Bus supervisors, or they will no longer have the privilege of joining the group.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____