

Cameron Street Walking School Bus

Walking School Bus Program Information for Parents

Q: What is a Walking School Bus (WSB)?

A: A Walking School Bus (WSB) is simply a group of children who walk to school together under adult supervision following a specific route and schedule.

Q: Why should my child participate?

A: WSB is a safe, convenient, healthy and fun way for your child to travel to school with their friends. It offers them fresh air and exercise before the bell rings, which in turn will help them be more alert in class, less stressed, and develop a life-long healthy habit. In addition, when more kids walk to school, traffic around schools is reduced.

Q: Who is running the program?

A: Environment Network in partnership with Healthy Kids Community Challenge, Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU).

Q: Is it safe?

A: Each WSB will be led by an adult ambassador who is responsible for a maximum of 10 students. Routes to school use the road, sidewalk and winter-maintained pathway networks in Collingwood and respect all rules of the road. More kids walking means less traffic congestion, which increases the safety around schools.

Q: When will the WSB operate?

A: We will be starting WSB at Cameron Street P.S. on January 9, 2017. It will run every regular school day from September until the end of June. It will operate in the morning only.

Q: Where and when will my child meet the WSB?

A: We will be meeting in the parking lot at the corner of Campbell Street and Maple Street. The WSB departs at 8:40am every morning. Please arrive a few minutes before the scheduled time. The WSB will not wait for late arrivals and door-to-door or other special stops will not be offered.

Q: How do I register my child?

A: There is no registration for this WSB. Drop your child off at the corner of Campbell and Maple Street a few minutes before 8:40am, check in with the WSB ambassadors to let them know your child will be joining the WSB that day.

Q: What if we miss the WSB?

A: As the parent/caregiver, you are still responsible for ensuring your child gets to school on time.

Q: Can my child bring their bike, scooter, roller blades, etc?

A: No.

Q: Can I or another caregiver walk with the group?

A: Yes. However the WSB ambassador will be the adult in charge of the group at all times and you will be asked to respect their authority.

Q: What happens during bad weather?

A: In general, the WSB will operate in all weather conditions, unless school buses are cancelled. The WSB will not run on bus cancellation days. Parents/caregivers will be notified through the Cameron Street Public School website in the event of a cancellation.

