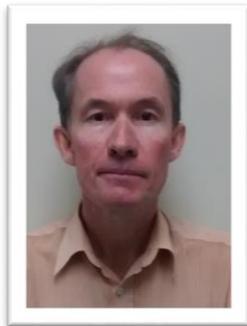


# Welcome to the Walking School Bus!

We are very excited to have your child walking on the bus this year! The Walking School Bus (WSB) Program is funded by the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) and administered by the Ottawa Safety Council (OSC).

Please find attached your WSB route and stop times. It is important that your child meet the WSB Leader at the designated stops and times. As well – please review the attached “Rules of the Bus” with your child prior to the start of the school year.

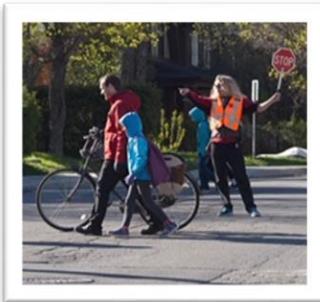
Your WSB Leaders is **Michelle McCabe and Colin Grant**. Michelle and Colin will be calling you prior to the start of school to personally introduce themselves. Here is what they have to say about the Walking School Bus Program:



Colin

I jumped at the opportunity to participate as a walking school bus leader, I am extremely glad I did. Glad because it is a natural fit for me. Glad also because just in that one week I've witnessed how a simple 15 or 20 minute walk to school with peers can be of great value to the participating children. They notice things along the route they would not were they travelling by car or motorized school bus. This social interaction offers a bit of fun, while furthering their education in a small way. It also helps instill a sense of responsibility and awareness of the need to take necessary precautions. I've actually witnessed it all before. I claim that being a walking school bus leader is a natural fit because I have actually been one before, albeit in an unofficial capacity walking my niece and her friends to school many years ago!

Colin Grant  
613-415-1680



Michelle

I started working for OSC as a ACG around 10 yrs ago. I had just started my own dog walking business and liked the hours OSC offered. I was offered and accepted a permanent intersection at Clarendon/Byron for Elmdale. I worked there for about 5yrs and I LOVED it!!! Later an opportunity to work just two blocks from my front door at Devonshire and the intersection of Bayswater/Laurel cam available. To this day I still see some of the children/parents I used to cross, now in high school etc. I'm ALWAYS delighted that they still remember me, as I remember them too and to see them grown up and to hear what they've been up to and hear of their plans. business was still growing and an opportunity to become a WSB Leader at Devonshire came available and fit with my busy schedule. Some days I need to wake up real EARLY to walk my own dog and clients dogs before starting my morning shift at Devonshire! I also fill in at my old intersection at Bayswater/Laurel a Guard time to time.

**Important! If your child is ill or won't be walking with the bus – please contact your WSB Leader ASAP to let them know!**

Should you have any questions or concerns – please feel free to call the Program Manager at the Ottawa Safety Council at 613-238-1513, ext. 225.

Happy Walking!