



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 are is **Kebing (Kay) Shangguan and Lorraine Eyre**. Kay and Lorraine will be calling you prior to the start of school to personally introduce herself. Here is what they have to say about the Walking School Bus Program:



Kay Shangguan
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Hi, my name is Kay Shangguan. I've been the WSB leader since Fall 2014.

As a fellow mother in the community, when my daughter was younger, I would often have concerns about letting her walk to school alone. Luckily, her older sister was able to walk her there and back, much to my relief. But I realize not all children have older siblings or other guardian figures that can walk then to school.

Now, thanks to this program, I can help the community in keeping your child safe while promoting exercise and eco-friendly methods of transportation. I look forward to meeting you and your child in the fall!

- Kay

I am honoured to be a WSB Leader as I believe it is a great idea to get children moving and socializing as they walk to school. I am a mother of two and a retiree from the government. I have been with the OSC for over a year now as a crossing guard, and decided to take the opportunity to become a WSB Leader because I enjoy walking and being outside, and thus, wanted to encourage our youth to enjoy nature and the fresh air. It is a great way to start the day with exercise, fun, and laughs on the way to school. It is also a great way to encourage social interaction and I love hearing the stories they have to tell and see their imaginations blossom.

There is nothing better than seeing our youth wanting to reach their full potential and exhibiting happiness, and it is nice to believe that I play a part in that role, in order to ensure they arrive to school safely, so they have the ability to continue to learn and grow in a safe environment.

- Lorraine



Lorraine Eyre,
(819) 664-9706

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

We hope your child has a fun time on the Walking School Bus and great school year!

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.