



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 Leader is **Svetlana Mironova**. Svetlana will be calling you prior to the start of school to personally introduce herself. Here is what Svetlana has to say about the Walking School Bus Program:



I am a positive person and I like to help people to lead healthier lives and I have a B.Sc., Systems Engineering. Before coming to Canada in 1996, I had been working as data base administrator for 14 years. For the last 10 years I have been working at Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre as Program Assistant and cultural interpreter for the *Healthy Aging for Multicultural Seniors Project*. In 2014 I graduated from Fitness and Health Promotion Program at Algonquin College, so working as Walking School Bus Leader is a perfect fit for me.

I have been working with WSB project since it had been introduced in the Fall of 2014. I like this job as it gives me opportunity to promote a healthy lifestyle. I work as a Crossing Guard as well. I love working with children because they are such positive and energetic individuals that it feels like fun, rather than work to be with them. I am looking forward to seeing the children I had been working with last year, as much as I'll be happy to meet the new students walking this year.

Svetlana Mironova, WSB Leader
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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.

Happy Walking!