

## 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 **Lorraine Eyre.** Lorraine will be calling you prior to the start of school to personally introduce herself. Here is what she has to say about the Walking School Bus Program:



Lorraine Eyre, (819) 664-9706 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

## 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.