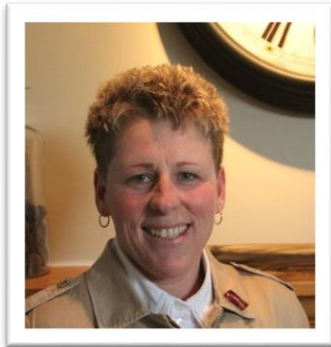


Welcome to the Walking School Bus!

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 **Catherine**. She 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:



Catherine Link-Henniger
613-791-9338

My name is Catherine Link-Henniger and this is my second year as a Walking School Bus Leader. I have been a teacher for over 15 years. As an educator, I am often asked by friends, family, and parents, why I have chosen to work with children.” When I get asked this question, my immediate thought is: why wouldn’t I like to work with kids!

Children make me a more knowledgeable person: Children are, by nature, very curious. With all the questions they ask, I constantly find myself looking for answers on books and on the internet.

Children make me a well-informed person: As kids often expect for me to know exactly what they are talking about, I also have to keep up-to-date on current affairs, as well as on the latest video games, cartoons, and coolest apps for iPads and phones.

Children make me a healthier person: I am a firm believer of leading by example, therefore I follow a healthy lifestyle by eating healthy foods and keeping active (which comes in very handy when I need to keep up with them!). Knowing that my job is to help kids be safe and learn safety, brings a huge smile to my face and helps me sleep better at night! I look forward to meeting you and your child.

- Catherine

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!