

FIRST RIDE REGISTRATION

Please fill out registration form and return it to the Early Education & Family Wellness Centre or call 352-0224 to register.



Location:

Early Ed Centre
5606-47 Street, Wetaskiwin

Date:

Friday September 6, 2019

Time:

10:30 A.M. Video Presentation

11:00 A.M. Bus Ride and tour of
Schools & Bus stops
within the City of
Wetaskiwin



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Join the Transportation Team of
Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

on

Friday, September 6th

10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Early Ed Centre

Your child's experience will begin with a video presentation about the bus and teaching safety tips that will help them learn how to ride the bus safely. At the same time, parents will meet with the Transportation Manager and Bus Driver. Then all will proceed to the bus for a ride. The bus will stop at a few of the stops and all will be shown the proper way to embark and disembark. The bus will then return to the School at which time you can go home.





STAYING SAFE

School buses are the safest way to get to and from school each day. However, there are a number of ways you can be sure to have the safest ride possible.

For Students:

- Be alert to traffic. Check both ways for cars before stepping off the bus.
- Make eye contact with the bus driver, and wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the road.
- Walk in front of the bus; never walk behind the bus to cross the road.
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the edge of the road.
- Before crossing the road, look for the flashing red lights.
- Never go back to retrieve something you've dropped near a school bus.

For Parents:

- Because school buses are the safest mode of getting student to and from school have your child ride the school bus instead of riding in a private vehicle.

- Review the **For Students** safety topic with your child regularly.
- Get to know the parents of other riders. You will learn about the other children who are riding along with your child.
- Get involved with your student's safety. Voice concerns immediately to the Transportation Department.
- Attend "back to school" events and tour your child's school bus.
- Get to know your transportation administrative team and your child's bus driver. He or she is a trained professional who sees your child every day; he or she would be happy to tell you about the safety features on the bus and the responsibility drivers have for keeping their young passengers safe. Keep telephone numbers handy in case the bus is delayed or in the event of an emergency.

Our Role in Safety

WRPS top priority is keeping children safe on the school bus. We are proud that the school bus is the safest mode of transportation for students, but continuously strive to make our service even more reliable.

Safe: School buses are among the safest vehicles on the road; the color and size of school buses make them easily visible and identifiable, their height provides good driver visibility and raises the bus

passenger compartment above car impact height. Flashing red lights require drivers to stop, and a stop sign arm swings out during boarding, crossing arm forces children to walk where the driver can see them, cross view mirrors help drivers see children around the bus, and reinforced sides resist side impacts.

Secure: From the transportation department staff, to driver, to mechanic, there is a trained professional looking after your child's safety at every step of the trip.

School bus drivers are the most highly trained, tested and scrutinized drivers on the road. All school bus drivers must obtain a Commercial Operator's License (Class 2) and must pass written and skills tests to obtain a School Bus Endorsement. Once they have their licenses, drivers receive specialized classroom and behind-the-wheel training in driving a school bus, student loading/unloading procedures, student evacuation, student behavior, security management and emergency procedures.

