



Hosmer Elementary School

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Topic: Safe Routes to School Program

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

It's time to get our children up and outside to enjoy the fall, and we think walking is a great way to do it!

Please join us for Hosmer's Walking Wednesday kick-off, on Wednesday morning October 3rd, which is International Walk to School Day. Our goal is to continue to walk every Wednesday until the end of the year. Here's how you can join:

_WHERE TO MEET: We have established "Walking School Bus" meeting points so kids can walk to school together with adult supervision. Please see the attached map to find where your neighborhood meeting spot will be. It is also important that each group establish a meeting time. Please look for your location and contact your "Walking School Bus" coordinator for details.

_IF YOU CAN'T WALK: Your child still can!! Please contact your neighborhood "Walking School Bus" coordinator to make arrangements to have your child/children be part of the walking school bus. It will be just as if a school bus was going to pick you up at a designated location and time, only without the yellow bus.

_IF YOU NORMALLY DRIVE: Why not drive to a meeting spot instead, or drop-off your child to walk with a friend? Or, park your car 4-5 blocks away from school, and walk the remaining distance together. This way, your child can still participate and traffic around the Hosmer School will be reduced.

_BE ON TIME: If we expect you, we'll wait the first day, but please don't hold up the bus!

_LATE ARRIVALS: If you arrive at the stop late – chances are you missed the bus. Your choices are to catch up with us, or walk the rest of the way yourself to see what the route is like and enjoy a refreshing walk.

_EARLY START: We realize that many children participate in before-school activities on Wednesdays. Please call your Walking School Bus coordinator so that *everyone* can participate and get to school on time. The Walking School Bus times can be adjusted at a later date for convenience and to fit a regular school starting time.

_MAKE SOME ART: Get out the crayons and paints and try making a sign to carry along your route. Make up fun slogans, or just something simple like: Watertown Kids Walk, or Hosmer School Walking Wednesdays, Fall 2007.

_SAFE HOUSES: Stay tuned! This part of the program has not been finalized.