

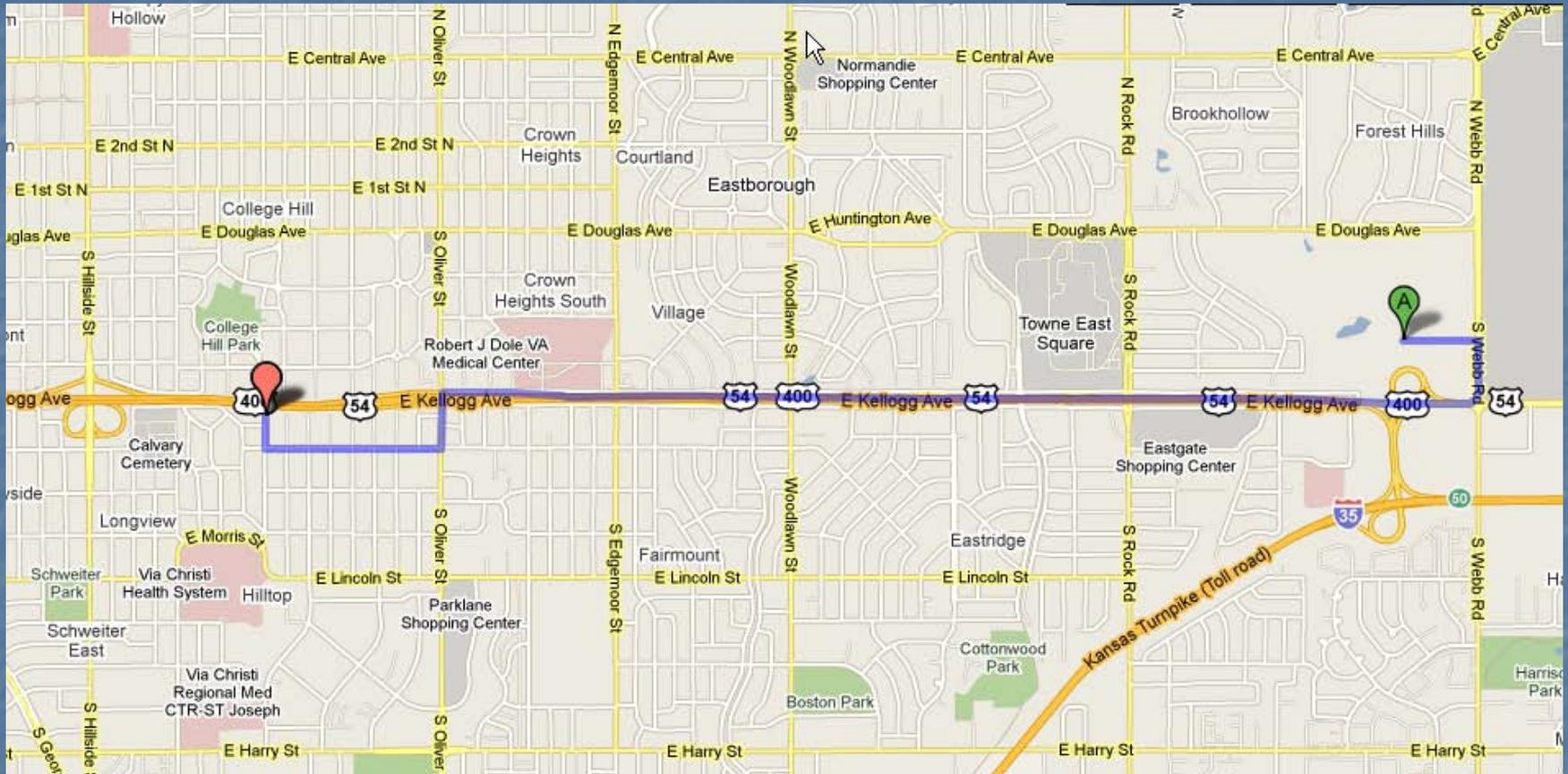


***Safe Routes to School***  
***City of Overland Park***

# Pizza Hut

- Pizza Hut was founded in 1958 by the brothers Carney in their hometown of Wichita, Kansas.

# 503 South Bluff St







2004 Wichita State University

# So

- Home of "all-you-can-eat" pizza.
- Found on college campuses, food courts, theme parks, and in stores such as Target

# Pizza Hut Restaurant Formats

- Original family-style dine-in
- Delivery and carry-out
- "Express" -limited menu paired in a location with a sibling brand such as KFC or Taco Bell

# Yum!

- Pizza Hut is a subsidiary of Yum! Brands, Inc.
  - World's largest restaurant company
  - Approximately 34,000 restaurants in 100 countries.

# City of Overland Park

## *Walking School Bus Program*



# ***What Is A Walking School Bus?***

The Walking School Bus is a fun, safe and active way for children to travel to and from school with adult supervision. Each bus walks along a set route with at least one adult "driver", picking children up at designated stops and walking them to school. The process is reversed in the afternoons.

# How does the Walking School Bus address the barriers to walking?

## ■ Traffic Danger

- "driver" to guide the children on the path and to act as crossing guard
- groups are more noticeable by drivers

## ■ Fear of Crime

- Presence of "driver" to address stranger danger and "bullies" (while on the "bus")

# Pawnee Elementary Existing Conditions

- Students (K-6<sup>th</sup>) 550
- Students that walk 109 (20%)
- Students that Bike 8\* (<1%)

(\*only one of the eight wore a helmet)



# Registration Forms

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The FALL 2009 INDIAN VALLEY WALKING SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM will begin August 17. Based on pre-registration information, five routes are currently offered. Additional routes will be added based on demand.

**Step 1:** On the back of this form is the school area map. Please locate your residence on the map and circle it.

**Step 2:** Five bus routes are indicated on the map. Please locate the bus going closest to your residence, and circle the point at which the bus is closest to your residence. This will be your bus station.

**Step 3:** Please indicate below the days your child(ren) will be walking?

<input type="checkbox"/> Everyday						
<input type="checkbox"/> Just these days	A.M.	M	T	W	Th	F
	P.M.	M	T	W	Th	F

**Step 4 (optional):** Are there any days that you are available to walk with the children (i.e. be a walking bus driver)? If so, from your bus station indicate the route segment you are available to assist (for example, from your bus station to the next intersection, two blocks, to the school, etc). Then, please indicate below the days you are available.

<input type="checkbox"/> Everyday						
<input type="checkbox"/> Just these days	A.M.	M	T	W	Th	F
	P.M.	M	T	W	Th	F

**Step 5 (optional):** If not available to walk with the children, would you be interested in helping with the program in any other way (for example, substituting, phone calls, record keeping)?

YES  NO

**Step 6:** Please fill out the information below and return by July 17 in the enclosed envelope.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in this program. The information you provide will be used to develop the days and periods of the walking routes. Within two to three weeks, confirmation forms will be sent out with specific information on routes, times and drivers. Also, you will be contacted if you volunteered to help.



If you have any questions, please contact me:

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 Walking School Bus Coordinator  
 City Hall, Public Works  
 8500 Santa Fe Drive  
 Overland Park, KS 66212  
 913-327-5679 [Janice.Bode@opkansas.org](mailto:Janice.Bode@opkansas.org)





# First Day!



*First “formal” Walking School Bus in Kansas*

# 2009 Fall session (August-November)

- Three schools participated.  
(Pawnee, Indian Valley, and Sunset Ridge )
- 71 students registered.
- 35 adult volunteers.

# Tangible

- Estimated 7500 miles walked-
  - Burning 220,000 calories
  - Reducing carbon emissions by 3.6 tons
  - Saving \$4,100 on gas

# Intangible



# Paperwork

# Advantage of a Formal Program

- Workers compensation insurance for volunteers
- Liability insurance for volunteers
- Background checks
- Program coordinator
  - Responsible for scheduling and training volunteers
  - Coordinating promotional events
  - Providing educational material

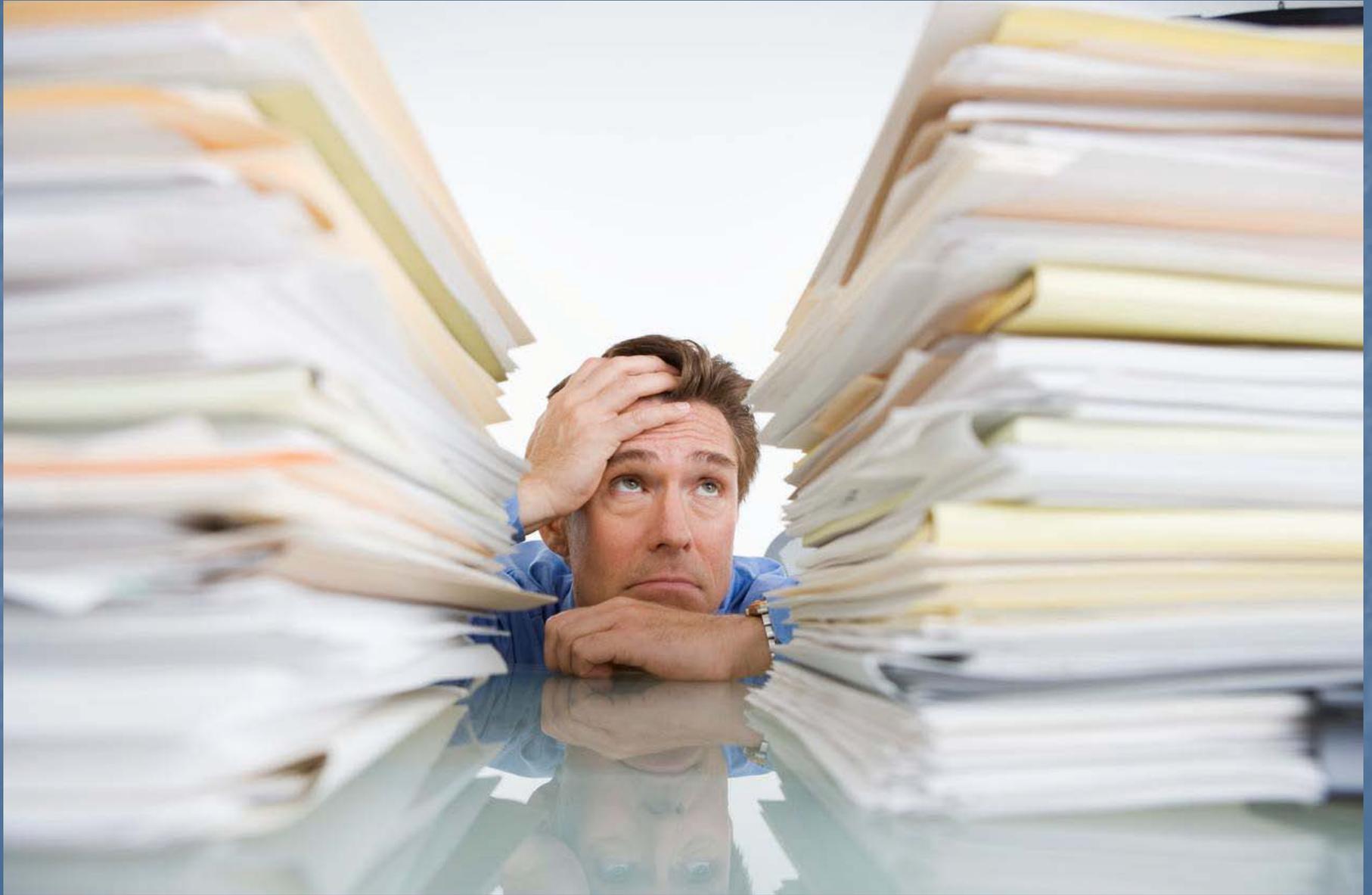


*LAW*



*HR*

*It's not easy to be a volunteer*



## Pre-Inscripción para el Programa de Caminantes (Walking School Buses)

Querido Padre/Tutor:

Nosotros entendemos que la escuela está a punto de terminar y que posiblemente sus pensamientos no están puestos en el próximo año escolar. También entendemos que usted quizás todavía no conozca el horario de su hijo para el próximo año. Pensando en ello, nos gustaría que usted considere una pre-inscripción para el Programa de Caminantes 2009

1. ¿Qué días su (s) hijo (s) estarán caminando

No sé cuando

Todos los días

Solamente estos días

AM	L	M	M	J	V
PM	L	M	M	J	V

2. ¿Estaría interesado en caminar con los niños? Ejemplo ¿acompañaría caminando a un grupo de niños para llevarlos a la escuela y/o casa?

No estoy interesado o disponible

No sé en este momento

Todos los días

Solamente en estos días

AM	L	M	M	J	V
PM	L	M	M	J	V

3. ¿Si no le es posible ¿estaría usted interesado en ayudar con el programa de alguna otra manera?  Sí  No Ejemplo: reemplazando, haciendo llamadas, conservando registros)

Su Nombre(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección \_\_\_\_\_ OP, KS

Teléfono de día \_\_\_\_\_ Teléfono celular \_\_\_\_\_

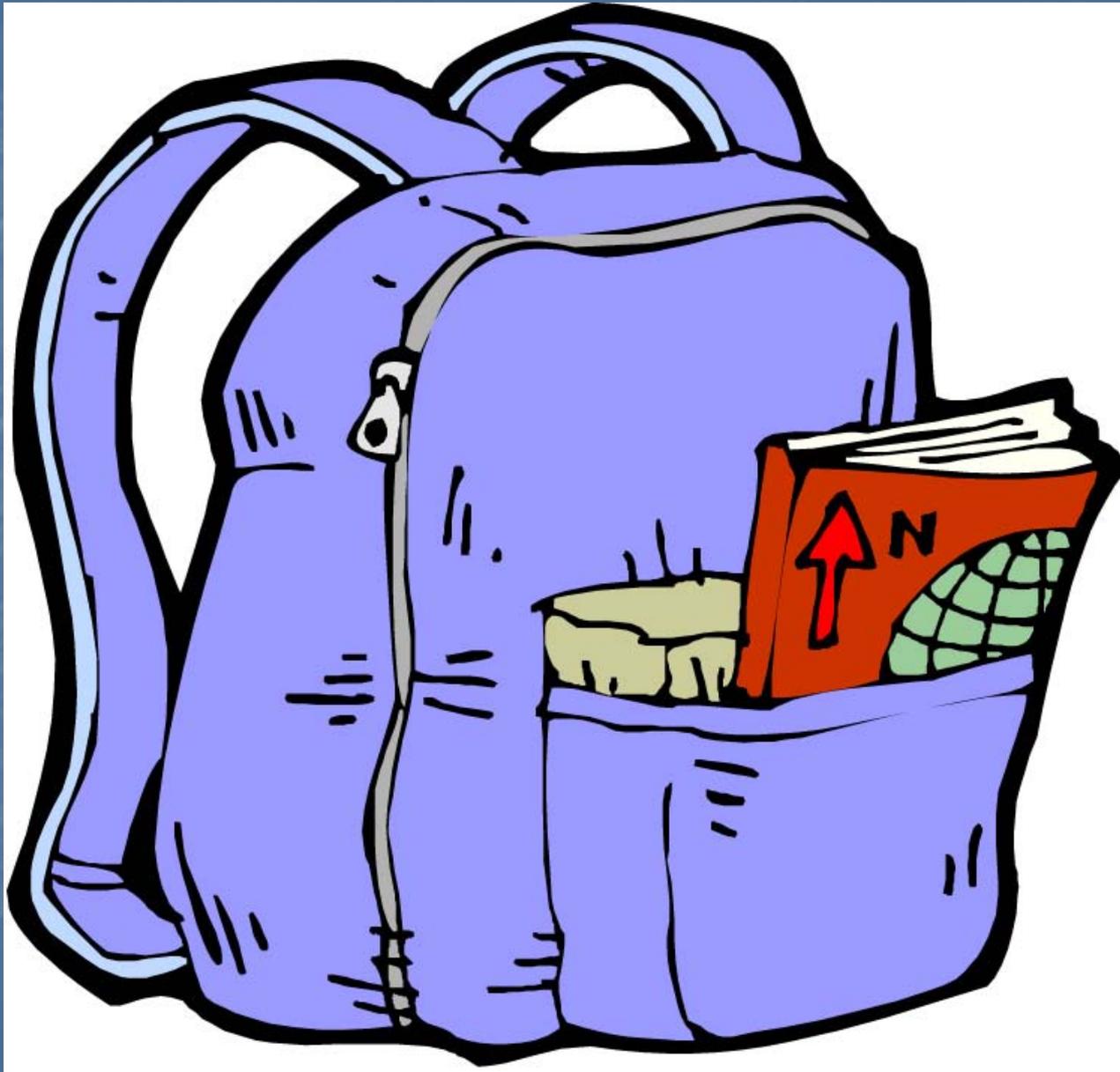
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Gracias por su interés en este programa. La información que usted nos está proporcionando será utilizada para desarrollar rutas de caminantes. A fines de verano, formas de confirmación con información más específica acerca de las rutas y horarios serán enviadas a ustedes. Necesitaremos estas formas firmadas y devueltas antes que su inscripción se haga oficial

Si tiene preguntas, favor de contactar a:  
Janice Bode  
Coordinador del Programa de Caminantes  
Por favor devolver a la escuela hasta el 22 de mayo  
Ciudad de Overland Park  
913-327-5679  
[Janice.Bode@opkansas.org](mailto:Janice.Bode@opkansas.org)



# *The School Backpack*



# Distinctive SRTS Green





# Weather



*Residents are responsible to clear the sidewalk*



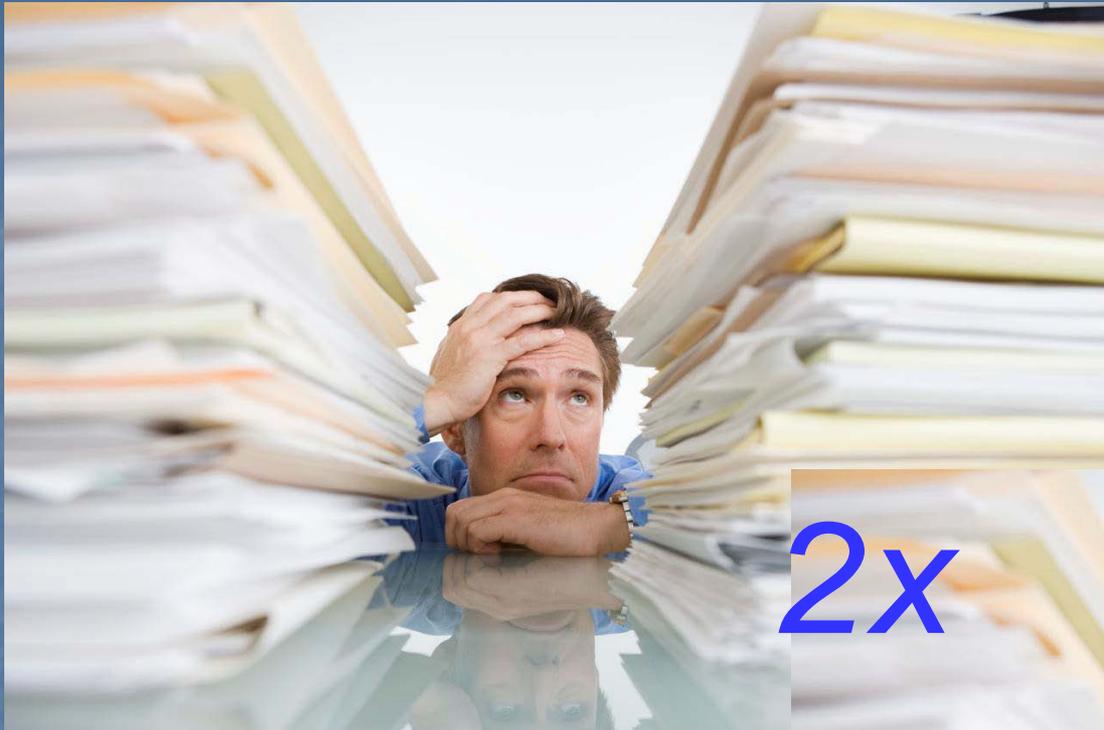
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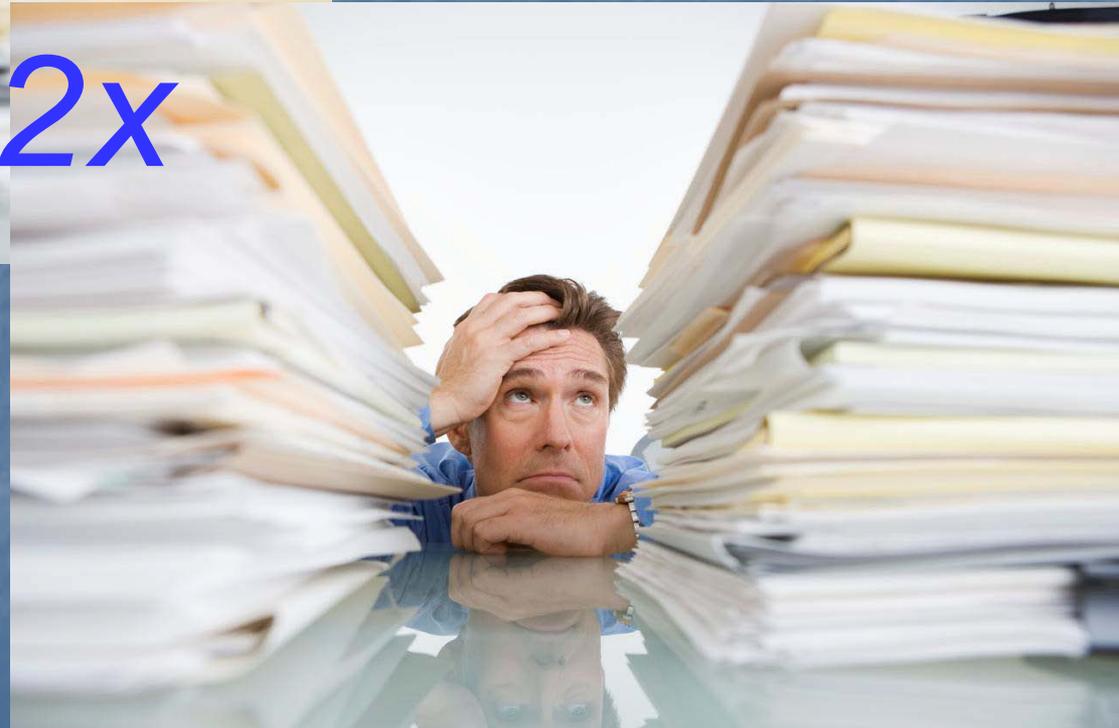


*Hibernate*



*Fall*

**2x**



*Spring*





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Learn more information about events happening in Overland Park.

- OCT 18 **City Council Meeting**  
City Hall
- OCT 18 **Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
City Hall
- OCT 20 **FAED Committee Meeting**  
City Hall

[View All Events](#)



### It's a treat your kids can't beat

Overland Park has a variety of Halloween events for you and your kids at the Matt Ross Community Center and Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead.

[» Read More](#)

## OVERLAND PARK CARES [FAQs](#)

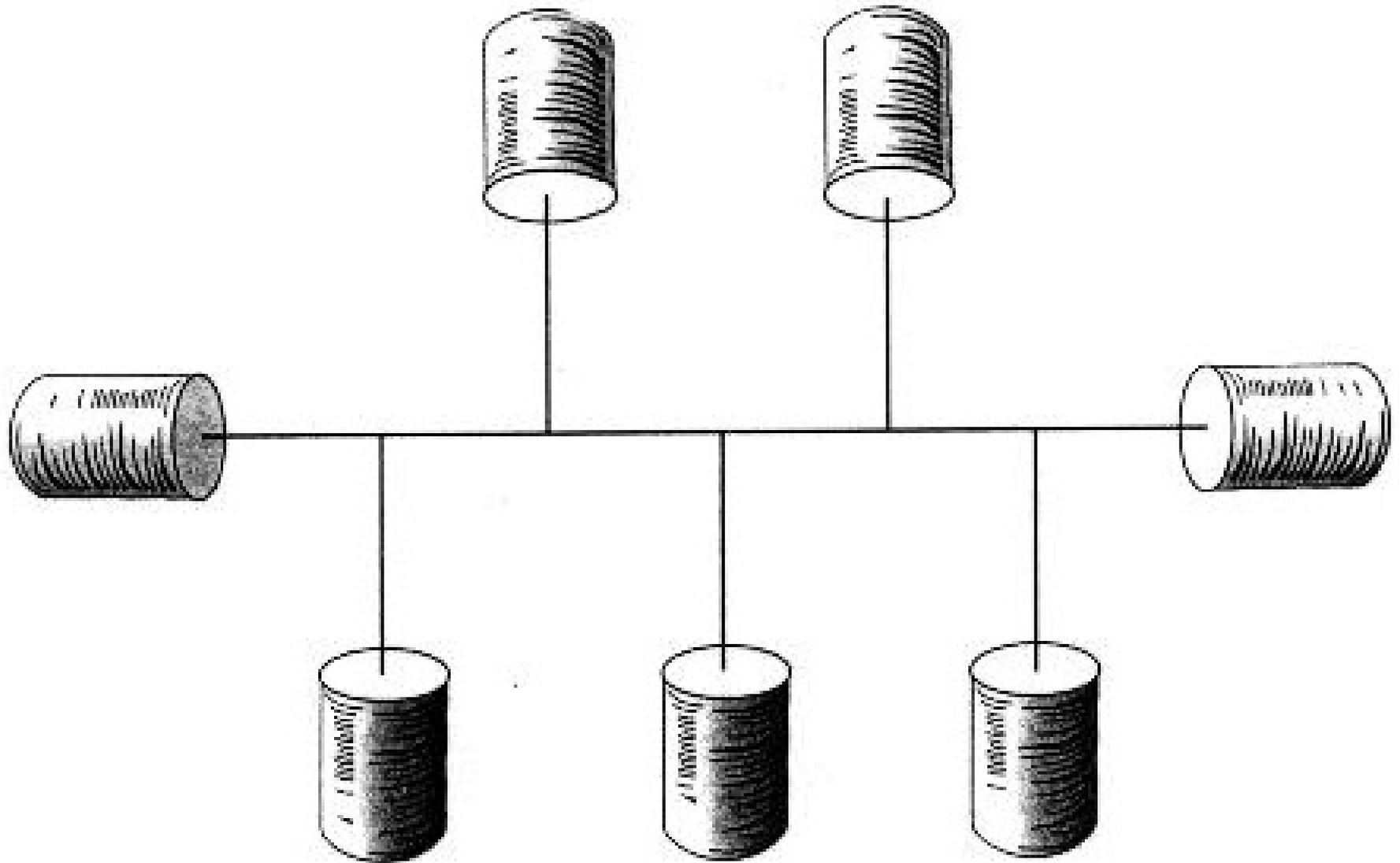


**OVERLAND PARK**  
CARES

Contact the city with questions, service requests or concerns by using Overland Park Cares. Examples: report potholes, tree removal, noise complaints, construction issues, general questions for residents.



*Webmaster (8AM – 5PM)*









# *Accountability*



*Volunteer*



*Parent\Guardian*





*LAW*



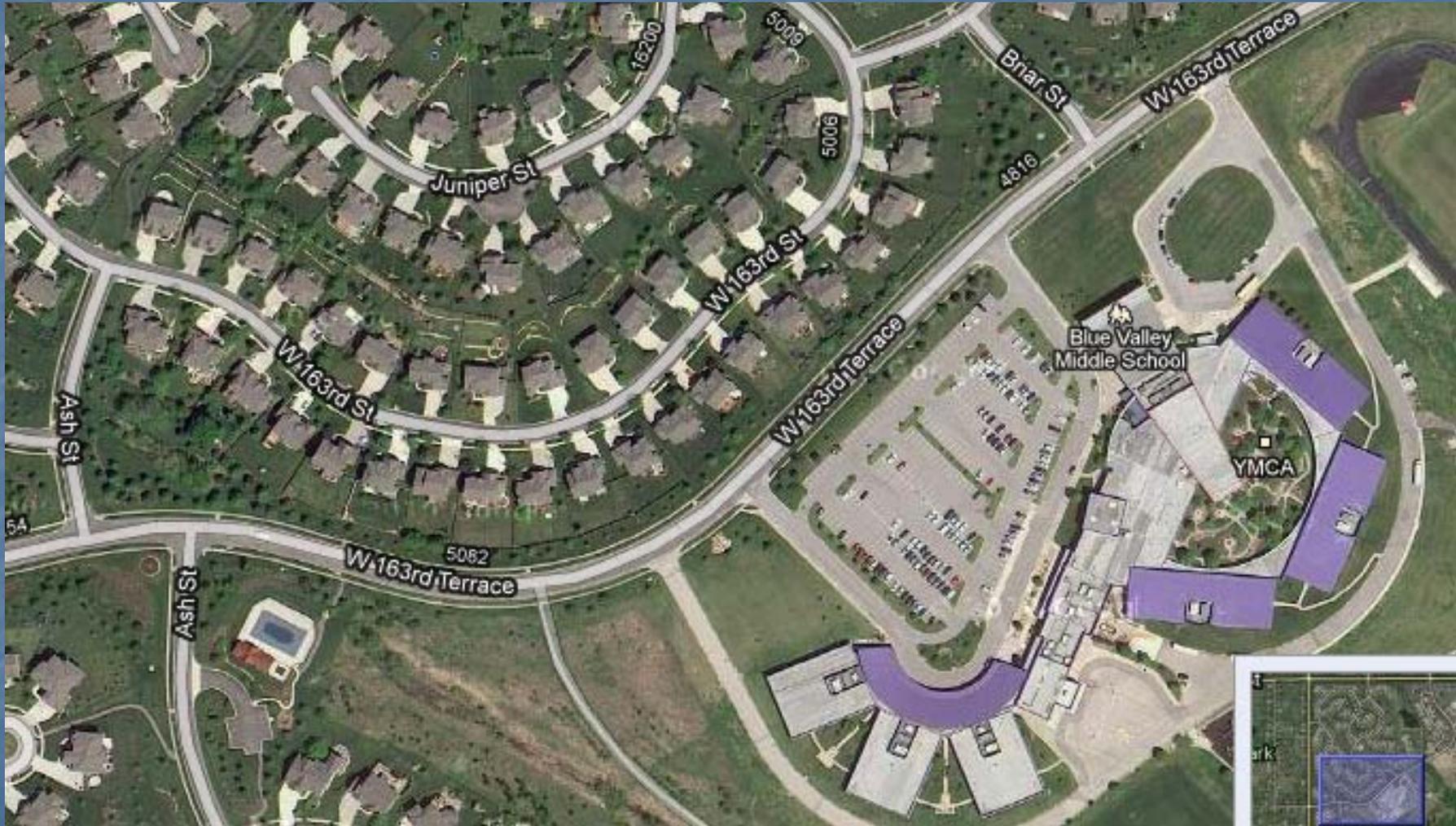
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# Walkability Study



# Shortest route







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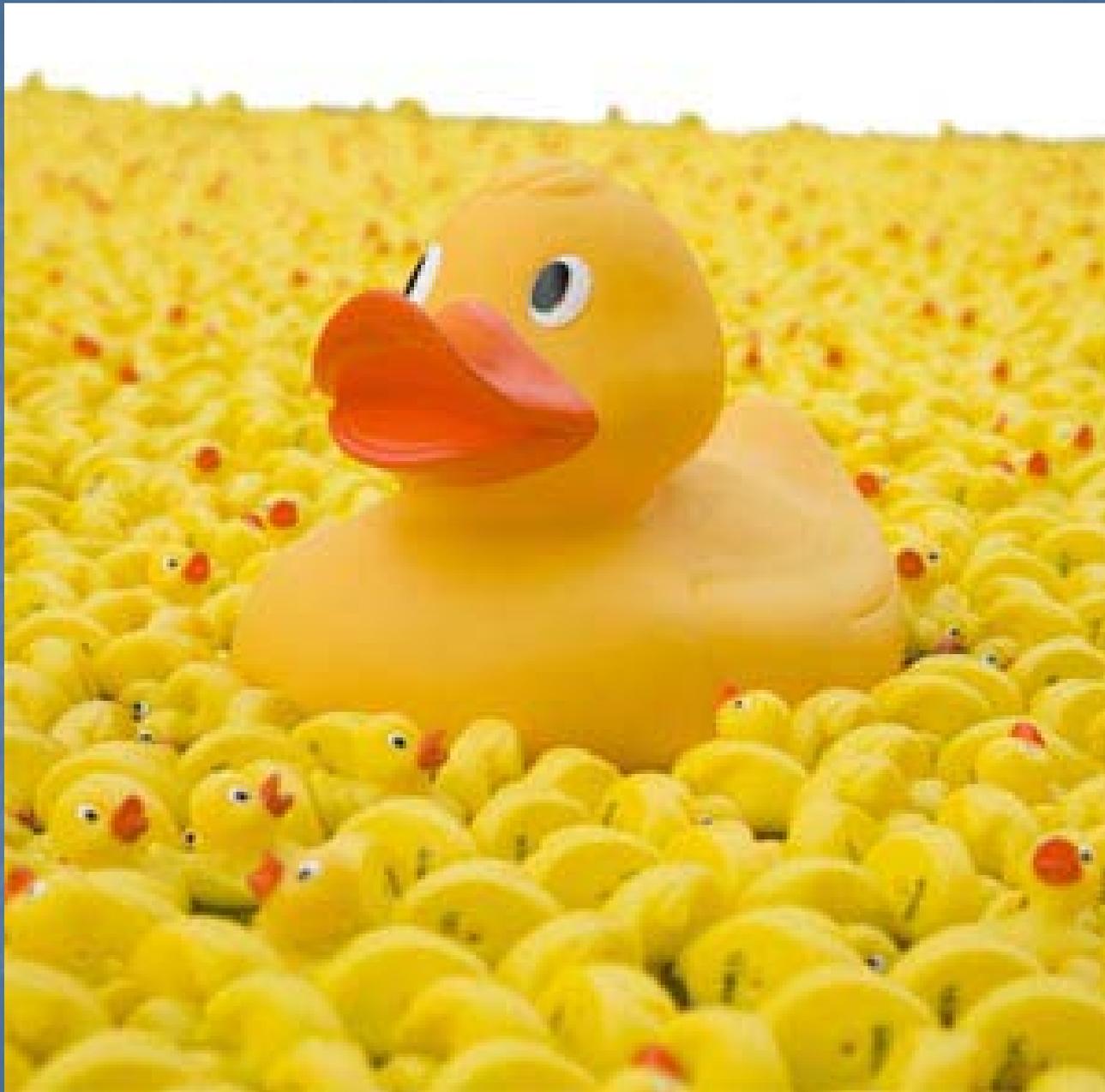


# Incentive

- Incentive can increase participation rates by 12% to 35%







*Why do birds fly south?*



*Because they have wings.*

# Questions?





# Physical inactivity



- Recommended 60 minutes on most, preferably all, days of the week

*(US Depts. of Health and Human Services and Agriculture, 2005)*

# I'd like to cancel my mail

- Newman: "All right, it's true! Of course nobody needs mail...But you don't know the half of what goes on here. So just walk away, Kramer. I beg of you."



# Walking School Bus Policies and Guidelines

## For Children and Parents/Guardians

### General Policies

- Only registered children may participate in the Walking School Bus program.
- Each Walking School Bus will be led by trained adult volunteers.
- Each school will have at least one Volunteer Coordinator.
- Children must be at their designated Walk Stop and ready to walk to school at the scheduled time. A route map and schedule will be provided to participants.
- Children must obey all instructions given by the WSB “drivers.”
- The WSB may be cancelled due to bad weather or unavailability of a driver. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for getting their children to and/or from school that day.

### Safety Policies

#### *The safety rules:*

- Walk, don't run
- Stay on the sidewalk
- Walk sensibly (no horsing around)
- Cross side streets as a group
- Walk together as a group
- Cross streets at a crosswalk or an intersection
- Obey the instruction of the driver

#### *Consequences of breaking the safety rules:*

- First offense – Warning and phone call to parents
- Second offense – Suspension from the WSB for one week
- Third offense – Expulsion from program  
(The WSB Driver may use discretion if offenses are minor)

### Bad Weather

#### *The Walking School Bus Volunteer Coordinator will cancel all WSBs if:*

- The temperature drops below 25 degrees
- It is raining hard enough to wet the children's clothes
- There is a severe weather warning in the area
- If the morning walking session is canceled the Driver will call by 7:55 AM
- If the afternoon walking session is cancelled you will be contacted as soon as the decision is made.

### Illness and other absence

- For accountability notify the WSB Coordinator in any case a child will not be walking. If you leave a voice mail or Email make sure you receive a response. Otherwise assume your message was not received.

**Please review these guidelines with the children**

## For Bus “Driver” (volunteers)

### General Responsibilities

As a Walking School Bus volunteer, also referred to as “Driver,” you will be providing an invaluable service to the children in your neighborhood. To ensure the success of the program and the safety of the children, we ask you to agree to carry out the following responsibilities and uphold the following practices:

- Prior to the start of the session, contact each family on your route to introduce yourself, confirm the pick-up time and answer any questions.
- On the first morning and at regular intervals, you will emphasize the importance of road safety to the children and review the safety rules.
- On your assigned day, walk the designated route (typically one mile) at the designated time collecting or dropping off children at designated stops.
- Record daily which children walked and any positive or negative occurrences.

### Safety Policies

- As the WSB Driver, it is your responsibility to be visible to motorists. You will be provided with a safety vest which you must wear.

### Bad Weather

- If the morning WSB is cancelled you will be notified by 7:45 AM. You must then call the families on your route by 7:55 AM to notify of the cancellation. If the afternoon session is cancelled you will be notified as soon as the decision is made. Assistance contacting families may be needed depending on the volunteer's availability.

### Illness and other absence

- Drivers should try to trade with another driver. This can be done by phone or Email with copies to the WSB Coordinator. At the last minute, phone is recommended so that you can get an immediate response. If an Email request is not responded to within 24 hours before the absence, a phone call must be made. The route will be cancelled for that day if no volunteer is available.
- If a child is not at the designated stop, the driver should stop the ‘bus’ and call the family. The WSB coordinator should be notified once the bus reaches the school and the absence recorded on the attendance sheets.