

La Verendrye School

Portage la Prairie School Division

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Mrs. Michelle Laidlaw - Principal • Mr. Mark Sokolowski - Vice-Principal

September 9, 2021

Dear Families:

This letter is to inform you of the rules of the walking school bus. It will be important that you review the list of rules with your children so that we can ensure a safe route every day. Once you have read over the rules, please sign the bottom portion of this letter and have your child return it to their home room teacher.

Rules on the bus are as follows:

- **Students must stay with the adults at all times**, no short-cuts, hiding behind trees or running ahead of the group.
- The **route is the same every time**, no asking to go alternate routes.
- The **bus must stay on schedule**, therefore, if a student is not on time in the morning or at the end of the day, the bus will not be able to wait. This is to ensure that students are at school on time and home when expected.
- Students **must enter the home** right away when dropped off by the bus. This is to ensure that parents/guardians know the whereabouts of their child.
- If there are no school buses running in the school division, because of weather (announced on 96.5 or 93.1 or on the division website (www.plpsd.mb.ca) **there will be no walking school bus on these days**. We will also post on our Facebook page.
- The WSB leaves LVS every morning at 8:15 and returns to LVS at 8:40. After school students are to meet by the grade 4 cohort doors while remaining socially distanced until the WSB leaves (usually at 3:35).

If a child is not respecting the rules, the following consequences may occur: reminder of expectations, meeting with school administration, phone call home to discuss concerns. Loss of participation may be considered for chronic and unsafe behaviors.

Please sign below, indicating that you have reviewed the rules with your child. Thank you for your support. We are happy that we are able to continue our walking school bus this year thanks to our volunteer school staff.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the walking school bus, feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Mark Sokolowski

Vice-Principal

(204)857-3478 ext. 302

La Verendrye School Walking School Bus Permission Letter

Name and grades of child(ren) on the walking school bus:

Please sign that you have reviewed walking school bus rules for the 2021-22 school year and agree to them.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)