

## **Walking School Bus**

At Ecole South Park School, we have been working hard to implement green initiatives. Along with paperless newsletters, litterless lunches, and the gardening and composting programs, we have also been working for some time on reducing the traffic congestion around our school to promote safer and healthier alternatives.

We would like to encourage more families to walk to school on a more regular basis. In an effort to do so, we are promoting the concept of the Walking School Bus at our school. A Walking (or Cycling) School Bus is a group of parents who walk with a group of children to and from school. Children are 'picked up' and 'dropped off' at specific stops on a designated route by parent volunteers who act as 'drivers'. This offers children a fun, social and healthy way to get to and from school. Parents can either take leadership of a route, or take part on a rostered basis.

We know some of you are already doing this and we thank you for setting a great example for the rest of us. To this end we are requesting some assistance from those of you who are already walking your children to school (and those of you who would be willing to start!).

***If you would be willing to take over the organization of this initiative and be the parent coordinator, e-mail [sppac@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:sppac@deltasd.bc.ca) The framework is in place from last year, so this position involves organizing this year's parent leaders.***

***If you would be willing to lead a Walking School Bus by having other children who live along your route join you on your walk to and from school, please let us know by contacting [sppac@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:sppac@deltasd.bc.ca)***

***Please*** provide:

- your name
- contact information (phone # and email)
- your route to school
- the times you leave home and arrive at the school
- the days you will be walking/cycling

We will be compiling this information on our school website so that other parents interesting in joining a Walking School Bus can see which one is the closest for their children to join, and contact the volunteer parent in charge of that particular route.