

Safety at the school bus stop

- ◆ Students should wait at a safe distance for the bus, well back from the edge of the road.
- ◆ Students should be at the bus stop 10 minutes before scheduled pickup time. We don't want buses and students moving at the same time on slick roads and sidewalks
- ◆ Do not push or shove anyone at the bus stop
- ◆ Do not throw snowballs
- ◆ Do not throw ice chunks onto the roadway
- ◆ Enter the bus in a single file line holding the hand rail
- ◆ Don't build snow forts or make tunnels – especially along the roadway and at the end of a driveway. Snow forts can collapse and trap or injure a child, be hit by an out of control car, or be destroyed by a snowplow clearing snow or cleaning up an area.



SNOW banks & bus stops

As expected we have received a significant amount of snow in the recent weeks and the town is doing its best to clear sidewalks and area roads as quickly as possible. However, the build up of snow banks on area roads can pose a serious safety hazard.

Students & Vehicle traffic should use extreme caution for the next few months or until snowbanks can become cleared to allow for better visibility

- ⇒ Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop
- ⇒ Parents should discourage their children from standing and sliding on snow banks
- ⇒ Students standing on snow banks on the side of the road are at risk of slipping and falling into the street
- ⇒ Once a student departs the bus at the end of the day, ensure your student is aware that they must immediately get to the sidewalk/ roadway and not play on the snow banks
- ⇒ Don't play on roadside snow banks. The driver of a snowplow or other vehicle may not see a child
- ⇒ If you cant see a driver, they cant see you. Stay far away from snow banks.

Did YOU Know?

School bus travel is extremely safe. In Ontario, over 800,000 students are transported daily in school buses that travel 1.9 million kilometers every school day. Although injuries to school bus passengers are rare, they most often happen outside the bus as students are boarding and leaving the bus or crossing the street.

Extreme Cold Temperatures Precautions

Here in Northwestern Ontario extremely cold temperatures and extreme weather are expected throughout the winter months, . Parents should be aware that when buses are running their student is dressed properly for the weather, or in the event that the bus experiences mechanical problems etc.

BRRR!!!
It's COLD OUT!!!

- ◆ *Students should dress warm when waiting at the bus stop (snow pants, gloves, scarves, toques, etc.).*
- ◆ *Parents should be aware of any delays or cancellations. Listen to local radio stations, or visit the RRDTSC website, Twitter & Facebook pages.*
- ◆ *Be aware of your students route ID as it may differ from the AM to the PM*

BE AWARE
BE PREPARED