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**Parents,**

The School Handbook Bus Transportation has been updated and I have reprinted the pick-up and drop off section, please see below. In addition, Nick has asked if we can remind you to talk with your children about **not eating on the bus**. It is a health and safety issue as it poses a choking hazard and also garbage is being left on the floor.

Also, **your child must have a mask on to board the school bus, they are mandatory for all children ages 5+.** He keeps a few on hand, but some students are regularly forgetting to bring their own mask. If he runs out of masks, your child cannot board the bus. As he cannot wait for children to go back home and grab one, it is your responsible for getting your child to school or to catch up to the bus on the route.

*Mrs. Saddleman-Joe, Vice Principal*

## **Bus Pick Ups and Drop Offs**

The **bus route** is set at the beginning of the school year and is subject to change as necessary. You will be notified of your scheduled bus pick up and drop off times as soon as it is established. Students need to be **ready at their pick up/drop off spot, 5 minutes before scheduled pick-up time**. The bus will NOT wait for students who are not at the designated bus stop beyond their scheduled pick up time. Note: there is not always room for the bus to pull over and wait for an extended period of time.

If your child will **NOT be catching the bus to school**, please phone the bus driver on his cell phone by 7:30am @ 250-549-0538 so he does not stop unnecessarily or try to wait.

**After School Drop Offs** –Primary Students (Preschool up to Grade 3) require a parent/guardian to receive them at their designated bus stop. The bus driver will not let a Primary student off of the bus if their parent/guardian are not there to receive them and the student will be transported back to the school/daycare.

**Alternate Drop Offs** - The Bus Driver will only drop students off at their regular drop off spot unless sufficiently notified. Please speak with him during the morning pick up time or else send your child with a note. If calling the school, please call before 2pm so staff has enough time to write the note and make proper notifications. **Contacting school staff via texting or personal cell phones is not an acceptable method as we are unable to monitor cell phones during instruction.**

If your child, Preschool to Grade Three, will be received by someone other than yourself after school, please call/text Nick to let him know. If it will be a regular arrangement, ensure that the bus driver knows as it becomes a safety issue for releasing students without consent.

There are times the school bus may not be running due to unforeseen circumstances or due to other classes field trips. Parents will be notified as soon as possible to arrange their own transportation. We try to minimize these circumstances and apologize for any inconvenience.

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