

Sample Letter to Parents

[Date]

Dear [School] Parents,

Our School is going to start a Walking School Bus program. This program gives our students the opportunity to walk to and from school, under adult supervision, instead of riding in a vehicle. Not only will it be a fantastic way for your child(ren) to start/end the school day, it will also aid in keeping him/her active and healthy. Plus, it will decrease pollution, help decrease safety hazards, and help alleviate traffic congestion at Garner during drop-off and pick-up times.

The Walking School Bus uses parent volunteers who have **passed a background check and safety training**. This “driver” walks with the students along a set route to and from the school. Along this route, school children will join in at designated “bus stops.” We are presently looking at the program starting on [START DATE].

Please fill out the attached form and return it to your child’s teacher by [DATE DUE] so that we can anticipate student participation, and plan routes. Parents are invited to an informational planning meeting on [INFO MEETING & LOCATION]. At this meeting, we will be able to provide more specific details and answer questions.

We look forward to bringing [Your School] parents together and getting this program off the ground. If you have any questions please contact parent volunteer [CONTACT NAMES] Thank you.

Please fill out and return to your child’s teacher by [DUE DATE]. Whether you plan to have your child participate or not, we would like to hear from you.

Parent/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Student(s) Name(s) & Grade(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____ (this
will help us plan our routes and see the neighborhoods with the highest amount of interest)

Please Check One: YES, I am interested in having my child(ren) participate in the Walking School Bus

NO, my child(ren) will not be able to participate at this time

If you will not be participating because of a specific safety concern, please jot that down so that we can look into ways to fix it.

