**WSB REGISTRATION FORM**

**\*\* PLEASE return this form to the WSB committee or the secretary’s office**

The WSB, initiated by the Canadian Cancer Society, is a pedestrian bus that allows elementary school children to walk to school safely, under adult supervision.

child’s registration

Child’s name:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Grade:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Allergies:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_

Parent’s full name:      \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone:      \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:      \_ \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail:      \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

**i would like to register my child to the following route**

[ ]  Route 1 [ ]  Route 2 [ ]  Route 3 [ ]  Route 4

\* Please note that even if your child does not live walking distance from school or even if no WSB route runs near your home, you are welcome to drop him/her off along the closest route, rather than drive him all the way to school.

**my child usually goes to school:** [ ]  On foot [ ]  By bicycle [ ]  By car [ ]  By school bus

parent’s involvement

In order to offer the WSB at your school, the committee needs your help!

**I am a parent and i would like to get involved by:**

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| Participating in the organizing committee | [ ]  |
| Participating in promoting the project  | [ ]  |
| Walking with the students in the morning | [ ]  Mon [ ]  Tue [ ]  Wed [ ]  Thu [ ]  Fri |
| Replacing a walking volunteer, when needed  | [ ]  Mon [ ]  Tue [ ]  Wed [ ]  Thu [ ]  Fri |

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It is understood that…

conditions of participation

The school is responsible for the project and its volunteers. To obtain further information or share your comments on the Walking School Bus (WSB)*,* please contact the person in charge of the WSB organizing committee at the school.

Your child can join the WSB anywhere on the route. Please note that as a parent or legal guardian, you are responsible for making sure your child safely joins the WSB. We strongly urge that you wait with your child until the WSB arrives, or that you accompany him until you reach the WSB.

The WSB is based on the same principle as a regular school bus and cannot wait for latecomers as it must get to school on time before classes start.

Volunteers who walk with the children are parents and/or members of the community. They receive road safety training, are obligated to wear the yellow security vest provided by the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS), and are subject to a criminal background check.

By accepting these conditions of participation, you acknowledge that the WSB does not completely eliminate normal (or inherent) risks and you waive any and all claims against the school and School Board, employees and officials, and the Canadian Cancer Society, as a result of any injury, illness, death or other damage that may result directly or indirectly from your child’s participation in this project.

You give the school and the Canadian Cancer Society permission to photograph and film your child during his/her participation in the WSB, and give your full consent to use any photo or video of him/her in the school’s and the CCS’s communications.

From time to time, the Canadian Cancer Society may contact people who have provided personal information on its web site and who have agreed to be contacted for their input. These surveys are designed to enhance our services. While aggregate data collected as part of these surveys may be made public, no personal data will be disclosed to anyone.

The Canadian Cancer Society may later contact people who registered online for WSV to provide information on various issues. The CCS may get in touch by mail, phone or e-mail. If you don’t want WSB and the Canadian Cancer Society to contact you or publish photos or film of your child, we will respect your decision. Please let us know by contacting us at:

Canadian Cancer Society — Ontario

55 St. Clair Avenue West

Toronto, Ontario M4V 2Y7

Telephone: 416-488-5400/ 1 888 939-3333

wsb@ontario.cancer.ca

I have read and understood the conditions of participation of the WSB.

I confirm being advised that the school and its committee is responsible for decisions regarding the number of children and volunteers per route.

**PARENT’S SIGNATURE**:      \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:**      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT I NEED TO KNOW WHEN REGISTERING MY CHILD**

**Q. If I register my child for the WSB, do I have to get involved as a walking volunteer?
A.**  The more parents share the responsibility of walking to school with their children, the more sustainable the WSB will become. Just one morning per week could make all the difference!

**Q. Once my child is registered, must he/she participate every day?**

**A.** Your child can participate whenever he/she wants to. There is no obligation to participate on a daily basis.

**Q. Must my child wait at a specific stop on the route?**

**A.** Your child can join the WSB anywhere along the way. Please note that parents are responsible for making sure their child safely joins the WSB*.* We highly recommend that parents accompany their children and stay with them until the arrival of the WSB.

**Q. What happens if my child is late in getting to the stop?**

**A**. The WSB is based on the same principle as a regular school bus and cannot wait for latecomers as it must get to school on time before classes start.

**Q. At what time does the WSB arrive at school?**

**A.** The WSB typically arrives in the schoolyard a few minutes before the bell rings.

**Q. How many volunteers are there on each WSB route?**

**A.** The Canadian Cancer Society requires at least two adult volunteer on each route. The ratio of volunteers to students will be determined by the school and the organizing committee.

**Q. Who are the walking volunteers?**

**A.** The walking volunteers who accompany children are parents of the school and/or members of the community. They receive road safety training and undergo background criminal checks.

**Q. Does the WSB operate even when the weather is bad?**

**A.** Rain or shine, the WSB is in service. There is no bad weather, only inappropriate clothing!

**WHAT I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE GETTING INVOLVED**

**Q. What is the role of the walking volunteer?**

**A.** The role of the walking volunteer is to accompany children safely to school. Planned routes range from a distance of 1 to 1.6 km. The time commitment required of the volunteer is approximately 30 minutes per morning.

**Q. Do I have to walk every morning?**

**A.** You can walk 1 to 5 mornings per week, depending on your availability. The schedules are generally drawn up for two months. If your morning schedule makes it difficult for you to get involved as a walking volunteer, we urge you to get involved with the organizing committee who could always use some help.

**Q. How many volunteers are there on each WSB route?**

**A.** The Canadian Cancer Society requires at least two adult volunteer on each route. The ratio of volunteers to students will be determined by the school and the organizing committee.

**Q. What happens if I cannot be there one morning?**

**A.** If you know in advance that you cannot be present one morning, it is important to find a replacement by contacting another volunteer who is already registered on the same route. Otherwise, you must contact the route coordinator to help you find a replacement or notify parents that the WSB won’t be walking that day.

**Q. What does being a “replacement” volunteer mean?**

**A.** Replacement-volunteers are parents or community members that are registered in the project, have followed the road safety training and are available on specific days to fill in for walking volunteers.

**Q. Can I start walking at any stop on the route or must I start at the departure point?**

**A.** There must be at least two volunteers at the departure point. You can join the group at a stop located near your home if there are already two volunteers at the departure point.

**Q. What if I want to get involved but I cannot be a walking volunteer?**

**A. The WSB committee will always appreciate a helping hand for various mandates.**

**Here is a list of roles in the committee. You can get involved, according to your expertise or your interests:**

* **Project coordinator:** host committee meetings, respect the timetable, coordinate with committee members and school administration, etc.
* **Route coordinator:** help design routes, recruit volunteers, manage volunteer schedule and registration list, etc.
* **Communications coordinator:** set-up a Facebook page for the WSB at your school, write posts and newsletter content, help promote the project, etc.
* **Promotional coordinator:** take part in promotional events in the school to recruit parent volunteers, respond to questions, promote the project during class-visits, etc.