



October 2018 Newsletter

NWSD Transportation Newsletter

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Students on the Bus

If you are a new family to the area, please complete a bus request form if you require busing.

We need to have all bus students in our system, so please go to the www.nwsd.ca website, click on the Busing Info. tab, then click on the Parent Information and Forms tab, select the form that is applicable to you – either “Rural Bus Transportation Request” or In-Town Meadow Lake Students”.

If you do not have access to a printer, you can go to any school, or to either School Division Office, and ask for the Administrative Assistants to print one off for you.

STUDENTS CAN NOT BE ON A BUS IF THEY HAVE NOT REGISTERED. If you are a rural family, a bus driver will contact you and let you know when your pick up and drop off times are. If you are an In-town Meadow Lake family, your student passes will be sent to the school, to the website.

Becoming a School Bus Driver

If you are interested in becoming a Spare Bus Driver for the NWSD, please contact Karrie Nordell. Once you have your “S” endorsement, we will book you in for an in-class training session to our spare driver list.

We require **all new drivers** to have In-Class Training. The class lasts about 3.5 hours. Please email Karrie at karrie.nordell@nwsd.ca if you have questions, or if you wish to start!

Sharing the road with School buses

School bus drivers have a difficult job. There are plenty of distractions inside the bus, and be aware of the possibility that the bus driver may not see you. Collisions are the most frequent type of crash involving school buses and are usually caused while the bus is loading or unloading passengers.

When approaching a school bus, if you see amber flashing lights, slow down. If the flashing lights are activated, you must come to a complete stop. If you are approaching a school bus from the opposite direction on an undivided highway, you must also stop. The single greatest threat to school buses is motorists who pass the bus when children are loading or unloading.



Upcoming Events

October 22

NWSD PD Day

November 12

No classes in lieu of Remembrance Day

November 13 to 19

LPSD No School

November 26

NWSD PD Day

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When approaching a bus that has its stop arm out and its red flashing lights activated, as a driver:

- You must stop no closer than 5 m (15 ft.) from the front or back of the bus.
- You must not advance your vehicle until the bus driver turns off the flashing red stop lamps and deactivates the stop arm.
- Before moving, [check to see that all children have safely crossed the roadway.](#)



Passing a school bus with red flashing lights is a serious offence and will result in a minimum fine of \$360. You do not have to stop for a school bus if you are travelling in the opposite direction on a divided highway. Some cities, towns and villages may have a bylaw prohibiting the use of flashing red stop lamps and stop arms on school buses. In those communities you are allowed to pass the bus. Drivers are not required to stop for buses displaying four-way hazard lamps; however, use caution, go slowly and always watch for children crossing.

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

October 15, 2018

