SD 63 Transportation Department: 250-652-7343 OR

SD63 Transportation Schedule Updates: 250-652-8437

Information for Parents

"*Winter is Here!"*

This notice is a reminder to parents/guardians that in the event of poor weather, poor road conditions or an unplanned event there may be a time when the school bus fails to arrive so please be prepared. Parents/Guardians need to have a plan for their children.

1) SD63 Transportation Department Updates (i.e. breakdowns, weather delays, route closures) the Transportation Department phone number: 250-652-7343.
2) In poor weather/road conditions the school bus may be late (5 – 15 minutes) or may not arrive. Students should wait 20 minutes and if by then the bus has not arrived they should follow the plan laid out by their parents/guardians.
3) By 6:15am the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Keven Elder informs area radio stations (e.g CFAX, The Q, CBC Radio and The Ocean) that School District No. 63 schools are closed and/or school buses are cancelled. NO ANNOUNCEMENT means schools and busing is open as usual.
4) There may be a reason for a school to close early (i.e. poor weather, snow) so please be prepared with a plan for your child in the event that this happens.

Also, please make sure that your son/daughter is dressed appropriately

for the weather because frostbite can occur without appropriate protection.

Rules:

Never throw snowballs, ice or snow at the bus. Cold snow and warm windows do not mix and if windows shatter, glass fragments may cause injuries. Do not encourage or provoke others to throw snowballs at the bus.

Safety Precautions:

1. Stay at least 2 meters from the bus. Due to road conditions buses can slide as they are stopping so please stay well out of their way. As well, cars may also fail to stop, may slide or even lose control so please stay well off of the road and out of the way of cars.

   Look out for your own safety as well as for the safety of your friends.

2. Be on your best behavior aboard the bus and at the bus stop. Drivers have enough when dealing with traffic conditions.
3. Be careful as you load/unload from the bus. Due to slippery conditions stay well clear of the bus and be careful on sidewalks.

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