Highland School District #203

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Dear Parents:

Walking to school each day can be part of a good exercise program that keeps your child healthy, fit, and ready to learn. Children who walk to school also help minimize parking lot congestion at our schools. We have developed school walk routes to encourage walking and safe pedestrian behaviors.

This school walk route maps (attached) show the route for your child to use walking to and from school each day. By following the orange highlights, you will be able to find the best route between your neighborhood and the school. Mark the route from your neighborhood to the school with a colored pen or crayon.

The walk route plan has been developed based on traffic patterns and traffic control such as crosswalks, and safety patrol posts.

Please help your child become familiar with this route by walking it together and following these safety rules:

- Do not cross the street alone if you're younger than 10 years old.
- Stop at the curb before crossing the street.
- Walk. Don't run across the street.
- Cross at corners, using traffic signals (stop signs) and crosswalks whenever possible.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing.
- Walk facing traffic.
- Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them.
- Watch out for driveways, alleys, or other places where cars may have trouble seeing you.
- Wear white clothing or reflectors when walking at night.
- Cross at least 10 feet in front of a school bus.

Safety patrol members will be posted before and after school at the crosswalks next to TES as indicated on the map. Remember to tell your child to follow the patrol member's instructions.

This route will be reviewed yearly and may change as conditions along the route change. Please contact your child's school if you have any concerns regarding the walk route. Together we can work to make your child's walk to school an enjoyable part of his or her day.

Maps can be downloaded for each school here: https://www.highland.wednet.edu/domain/54

Sincerely,
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