



Mary Hopkins Elementary School

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Dear families of Bus Students:

I am reaching out to address growing concerns with bus safety on some of our routes. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in reports from bus drivers and parents, highlighting specific incidents and behaviours that pose serious safety concerns.

Students are regularly reminded of expectations and all classes will be engaging in activities and learning that support safe bus behaviour, in the coming weeks. Travelling to and from school is an extension of the school day; in partnership with transportation providers. Kindly review the expectations noted below with your child:

- The bus driver is in charge of the bus. Students are expected to listen to the driver and follow instructions.
- Remain seated at all times. Always face the front, do not turn around in your seat.
- Keep the aisle clear of school bags etc.
- Talk quietly so the driver can concentrate on driving. Inappropriate language and profanity are not acceptable and will initiate a discipline report to the school.
- No eating or drinking while riding the bus.

Student safety and well-being is of utmost importance for all students at Mary Hopkins. We are confident that with your continued support, along with the reteaching of safe bus behaviour in all classes, that students will gain a stronger sense of responsibility and citizenship. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our school office directly.

Thank you for helping to support student safety and well-being at Mary Hopkins Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Susete Bloom
Principal