

# JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

2011-2012

## REMEMBER:

- To refer often to the District Calendar for scheduled closings and shortened days.
- To be familiar with the arrival and dismissal times at your child's school.

Children who walk to school should always carry some form of identification with them, *inside* their backpack or wallet, in case of an emergency



# WALKING SAFETY

## Safety Tips

**Parents and students** are encouraged to walk their route together prior to the start of school.

**Walk on sidewalks** where available, or walk on the edge of the road or on the left shoulder of the road, facing the traffic flow.



**Cross at marked crosswalks** or intersections. Pedestrians are most often hit by cars when they cross the road at places other than intersections.

**Look left, right and left** for traffic. Stop at the curb and look left, right and left again for traffic. Stopping at the curb signals drivers that you intend to cross. Always obey traffic signals.

**Crossing Guards** are available in some areas. Please teach your child to obey all of the crossing guard's directions when approaching the crosswalk.



## See and Be Seen:

- Stay out of the driver's blind spot.
- Make eye contact with drivers, if possible, when crossing the street.
- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic in the dark.

## Be Prepared for All Types of Weather

Walking to school can present some challenges when there is inclement weather, but being prepared can help ease any discomfort mother nature can bring your child's way.

Your child should be properly dressed for their travel. This may mean

rain boots and a raincoat or umbrella. It may also mean a heavy coat, gloves and hats in the winter time.

Don't put your child in any clothing that may impair their vision of the road while walking; and though it is tempting to

put big brother's snow boots on little brother, the oversized footwear can cause your child to trip and fall while walking to and from school.

Plan to check the weather daily to keep on top of any weather issues that your child may face.