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Dear Parents of Students Who Walk to Kent Praire:

Walking to school each day can be part of a good exercise program that keeps your child healthy, fit, and ready to learn. As a further effort to encourage student safety, we are providing this school walk route map to support walking and safe pedestrian behaviors.

The school walk route map on the back of this sheet shows the suggested route for your child to use walking to and from school each day. This information is provided to help you make the best decisions for your child's safe walk to school.

The walk route plan has been developed based on traffic patterns and traffic controls such as crosswalks, traffic lights/stop signs, and adult crossing guard locations. This map takes into consideration the number of street crossings children will make when they are on the main roads that connect each neighborhood. It is our hope that parents will seek to group children together to increase their visibility and safety.

Please help your child become familiar with your route by walking it together. Teach your child to cross the street only at safe locations. Also, practice good pedestrian behaviors with your child when walking the route together and following these safety recommendations:

- Wait for crossing guards before crossing where they are usually posted.
- Stop at the curb before crossing the street.
- Walk, don't run, across the street.
- Cross at corners, using crosswalks whenever possible.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing.
- Walk facing traffic if possible.
- 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.

Adult crossing guards will be posted before and after school at the crosswalks indicated on the map. Remember to tell your child to follow the adult crossing guard's instructions.

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

Sincerely,



Kent Prairie Suggested Safe Walking Routes

Kent Prairie students do not cross SR 9 and or walk on Burn Rd. Crossing Guards are stationed at 207th and Stillaguamish (Burn Rd) from 8:55-9:10 and from 3:40-3:50 each day.

No students are to cross 207th in front of the school entrance driveway or walk on the sidewalk on the school side of 207th. Students who walk from 204th enter the school by walking across the Kent Prairie field.