BEST ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Bellevue Creek
smartTRIPS

KIDS, BE STREET S.M.A.R.T.

SIDEWALKS:
Use sidewalks! Stay on the inside edge and stand away from the edge when you want to cross the street. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic to see oncoming vehicles.

MUSIC:
If you are listening to music, remove one earpiece before crossing the street or walking in an unfamiliar neighbourhood.

ATTENTION:
Watch out for moving vehicles backing out of driveways, back alleys and parking lots.

ROAD CROSSING:
Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk. To cross safely, make eye contact with the drivers in all lanes to be sure they are stopped.

TEAM UP:
It's safer and more fun to walk to and from school with family or friends, and good exercise too.

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Neighbourhood safety tips

TRANSIT
Transit can be fun. Parents and children can take the bus route together a few times before the kids go solo. Ask the bus driver if you have questions. Back to School – BusReady

SAFETY IN NUMBERS
Team up with another parent or neighbour to share the responsibilities of walking to and from school. If students are older, encourage them to walk with friends or siblings.

AWARENESS AND INDEPENDENCE
Teach your children how to stay safe by identifying friendly neighbours, friends, or safe public places. Warn them about high-traffic areas or corners that might hide hazards.

Exploring and learning about your community and city at a young age are lessons that will last a lifetime.

- When out with your family, identify safe places to ask for help. It might be a neighbour, a friend's house, or a safe place you can go.
- If your family uses a safety password, practice and remember that special word.
- Don't ever go anywhere with a stranger.

Park and walk

Families unable to walk can still contribute to safer roads and healthier schools. Park in your school's designated area or park legally on another street away from the school. Walk the last few blocks with your children, allowing them to enjoy extra active time outdoors.

Bellevue Creek has a few suggested park-and-walk stations within an 8-minute walk to school.

- On-street parking along Raymer Rd., Horak Rd., and Nathan Rd.
- On-street parking along McClure Rd. If you want a longer walk.

Watch the Pedestrian Safety tips with your kids!

S.U.P.E.R bike safety

Practice these bike safety tips at all times when riding your bike!

Signs: Use your hand signals when riding your bike and obey traffic signs.

Use caution: Leave space when riding next to parked cars, and watch out for doors swinging open. Wear light or bright-coloured clothing, bike lights, and reflectors to increase visibility.

Protection: Wear your helmet when riding your bike - it's the law.

Eye contact: Make eye contact with other road users (drivers and pedestrians) to improve safety for everyone.

Right-hand side: Ride your bike single file and as far to the right-hand side of the road as possible. Use bike lanes if they are available.

Driving Awareness

- Drive lawfully, safely and without distraction. Parents have a valuable part to play as role models for their children's future driving behaviour.
- U-turns are illegal in a school zone. They are dangerous and cause many blind spots in an area that may be filled with young walkers and cyclists.
- Avoid idling your vehicle, as it worsens air quality and harms young lungs. Kelowna is the only Central Okanagan city with a **one-minute** Idling Control Bylaw, in effect since July 25, 2022.
- Please keep bike lanes clear. When you park in a bike lane, it forces people on bikes into traffic. This is dangerous and makes cycling feel unsafe. Always obey parking signs to help keep our streets safe for everyone.
- Parents must park and walk when picking up their children at the end of the school day. Our parking lot is limited.

Safe Route

Use the proposed Safe Route map on the next page to get to school safely by walking, cycling, in-line skating, or riding a skateboard or scooter.

Legend

🏫 Bellevue Creek Elementary

🚘 Park & Walk

🚶 Crosswalk

— Low Volume Route Connection

- - - Safe Route

— Sidewalk

🚦 Traffic Signal

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Kilometers