



# TRAFFIC SAFETY KISS N' RIDE PROGRAM

The Traffic Safety Kiss N' Ride program has been successfully in place at the school for several years. It was developed with the co-operation and supervision of traffic engineers and city parking enforcement. The purpose of the program is to provide a way to get children **safely** from their car to the schoolyard without stopping traffic on Bedford Park Ave. When this program is working efficiently, the traffic congestion on Bedford Park is significantly improved, making the trip to school much safer and easier.

In the next while, you will notice an increase in the number of volunteers participating in this program. If you use the drop off every morning (or even once in a while) please consider volunteering a few of your mornings to keep this program working. The job requires about 15 minutes of your time. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact Lisa Schrenk-Forestell at [forestell@rogers.com](mailto:forestell@rogers.com) or at 416-322-7616.

Outlined below are guidelines for the Traffic Safety Program. Please read them through and follow them. We are asking that you **choose the safety of your child and others over convenience**.

## Traffic Safety Program

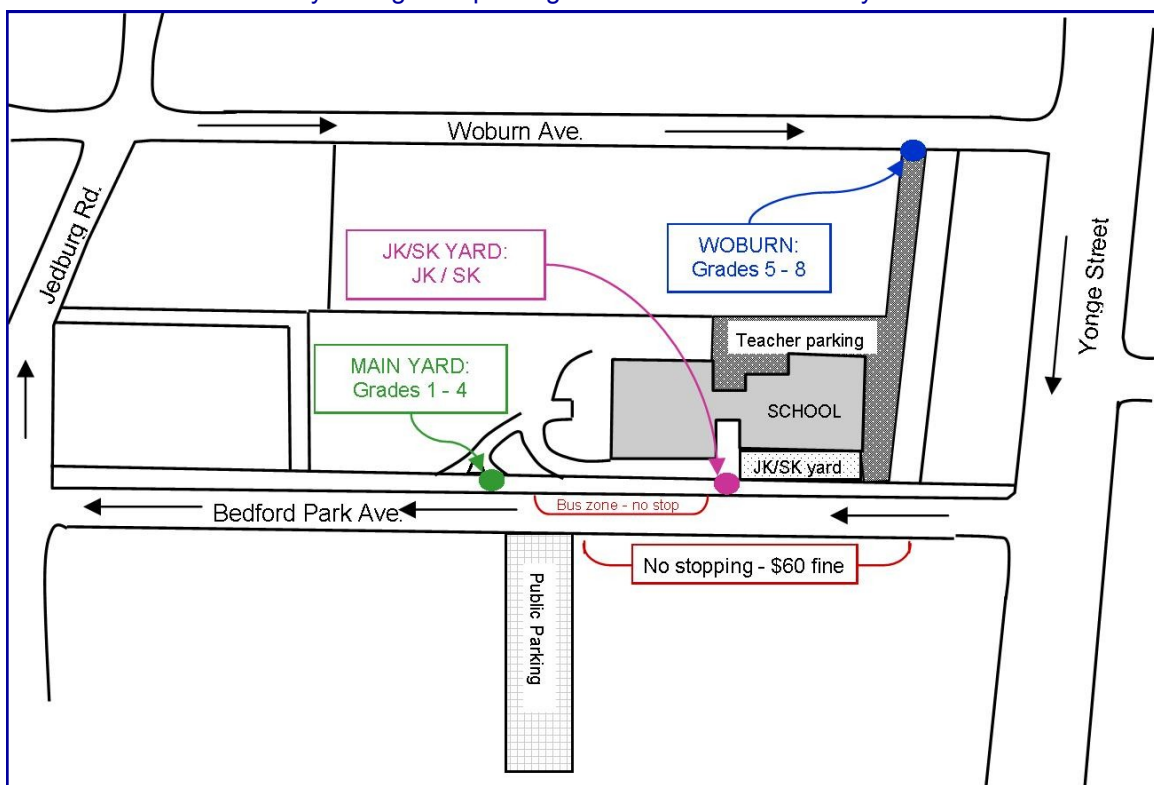
**Hours:** Parent Volunteers will be in place, wearing traffic safety vests, between 8:15 and 8:30 am.

**Location:** There are three colour coded "drop zones". The school is looking into installing signs to indicate these zones in the near future. If you have more than one child in the car, the drop zone is based on the *youngest child*. The older child is expected to walk to their yard.

**JK/SK Yard:** For **JK/SK** children. Located near the entry to the Kindergarten yard.  
A volunteer will escort your child from the car to the Kindergarten yard

**Main Schoolyard:** For **Grades 1 - 4**. Located at the gate to the main school yard.  
A volunteer will supervise the children as they walk from the car to the yard.

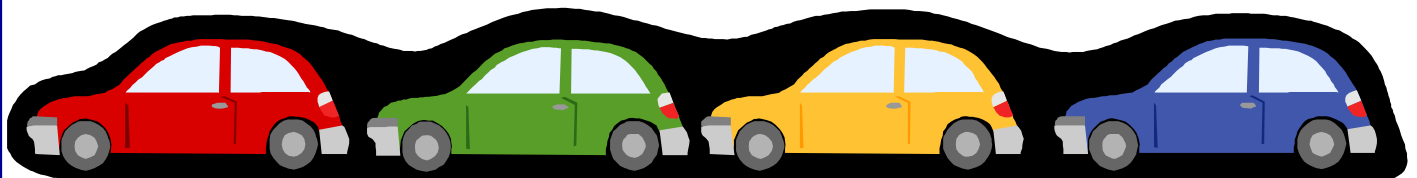
**Woburn Ave.:** For **Grades 5 - 8**. Located on the south side of Woburn Ave. at the back parking gate.  
This drop zone is not supervised at this time. The older children are expected to walk directly through the parking area and into the school yard.



## Traffic Safety Kiss N' Ride Program - Guidelines

Please read and follow the following simple rules so the program will run as smoothly as possible.

- Try to arrive a bit early, not just at the 8:30 bell. This helps to reduce congestion due to the last minute rush.
- Use the right drop zone. If there is more than one student in the car, the drop zone is based on the *youngest child*. The older child is expected to walk to their yard.
- Kiss n' Ride means just that. Prior to putting your child in the car, say goodbye to them. At the drop off, the child only needs their seatbelt released (volunteers can assist your child) and then they can exit the car on the **passenger side only**. Please ensure car seats are installed on the passenger side to allow easy access to the sidewalk.
- Drivers should wait until they are at the correct drop zone before they let their child exit the car.
- The drop off zones are always on the **passenger side** of the car. Please consider Bedford Park Ave. a westbound one-way street and Woburn Ave. an eastbound one-way street only. Even if you are continuing south on Yonge St. after dropping the kids - go around the block, it only takes a couple of minutes.
- Drivers: do not get out of your vehicle. There are other cars lining up behind you. Please just drop the kids and then keep traffic moving. Do not stay and watch the kids walking into the yard. The volunteers will ensure they get to the proper yard safely. If you feel that you must watch your child enter the school yourself, please park legally and walk your child to the school entrance; do not use the Kiss 'n Ride."
- Volunteers will not be responsible for children being dropped off on the south side of Bedford Park. If you choose to stop your car on the south side, you are choosing an unsafe option. Please opt to take the extra 5 minutes to circle the block and drop your child safely on the north side. Please obey all traffic signs and traffic personnel, and please respect the volunteers.
- Obey the bus loading, no stopping, and no parking signs. The area is patrolled regularly and fines can quickly add up.
- Volunteers will not lift children out of the car, rather they will facilitate the child getting out of the car and into the yard. Make sure your child's backpack is on his/her lap. Do not store in the trunk; exiting your vehicle to access the trunk is unsafe & slows the traffic flow. If you feel you need to personally help your child get out of the vehicle, please do not use this program. Please use the public parking lot or legal street parking in the area.



**DROP THE KIDS SAFELY AND QUICKLY**

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME GETTING OUR CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL SAFELY!