

# **CRPS** presents

# Little Rockies Bus Adventure

## Wednesday August 27 BES 6:00pm

**RSVP crpstransportation@crps.ca** with how many adults and how many students will attend.

This program is designed for first time kindergarten riders and their parents to learn some school bus safety tips and go on a bus adventure around the school. At the end of the bus adventure, students and parents will know about the danger zone, how to load and unload the bus safely and how to sit properly while riding the bus. It

also provides a great opportunity to get pictures of your child with a school bus.





### Welcome to Little Rockies Bus Adventure!

The purpose of this first ride program is to introduce Kindergarten students and their parents to the CRPS school bus experience. The Little Rockies Bus Adventure serves several important objectives:

**Familiarization:** As your kindergarten student may be riding a school bus for the first time, this program helps them become more familiar with the bus and what to expect when riding it. This can help parents and students who may be apprehensive to feel more comfortable about the school bus experience.

**Safety Education:** This program includes safety demonstrations and instructions that cover safety outside the bus as well as inside the bus. Families will learn the importance of the danger zone, how to cross the street safely and how to ensure safety when riding the bus.

**Establishing Expectations:** This program sets expectations for behavior and conduct on the bus. The program will cover the importance of maintaining a safe and orderly environment while on the bus. Families will learn the importance of compartmentalization and the expectations of the bus drivers and Transportation Department as set out under the CRPS Administrative Procedures.

**Building confidence:** For both parents and students, the first ride program builds confidence in the CRPS transportation system. By experiencing this program, parents are reassured of their child's safety, while kindergarten students gain confidence in their ability to navigate the bus system.

The Little Rockies Bus adventure plays a crucial role in ensuring a positive and safe start to the school year for families who rely on bus transportation. It sets the tone for future bus rides and fosters a sense of trust and partnership between the transportation department, the school, parents and students regarding transportation safety.

#### How to prepare and take part in Little Rockies Bus Adventure.

Register your child for kindergarten and make sure you register for the bus using the <u>school bus</u> registration form 2025-2026.

RSVP for Little Rockies Bus adventure. Send an email to <u>crpstransportation@crps.ca</u> and indicate which school you will be attending the first ride program at and how many adults and kindergarten students will be attending.

School bus packages are mailed out in the middle of August for the upcoming school year. Please bring your child's school bus pass to the first ride program. If your child has their backpack ready please bring their backpack to help mimic the first day of school experience.

Meet outside the school the evening of the first ride program by 6:00pm. Look for the big yellow school bus which will be parked in the school bus loading zone at the school. (Dress appropriately and have your little ones have a bathroom break before attending as the entire experience is outside with the school bus. There will be no access to inside the school)

The program runs for about 1 hour which includes the safety demonstrations outside the bus, inside the bus and a short bus adventure around the neighbourhood. For the bus tour we will not be able to accommodate strollers, wagons or car seats so please refrain from attending with children younger than kindergarten students.

### We look forward to welcoming you and meeting our future kindergarten riders!