[DATE]

INSERT MAP WITH DROP-OFF LOCATION AND WALKING ROUTE

Dear Families,

We are excited to announce that starting next week, in an effort to increase student health, raise academic achievement, build community, and foster environmental awareness, children who are driven to school by parents or caregivers will [FREQUENCY i.e. once a week] experience the joys and reap the benefits of walking to school.

Starting on [DAY, MONTH, DATE], all parent and caregiver vehicles will drop students near [DROP-OFF LOCATION] where they will be met by [SCHOOL NAME] staff. Children will walk along the designated route to school, accompanied by staff, school patrol, parents, and volunteers. (We call this weekly, supervised walk to school the [NAME OF PARK AND WALK]. The [NAME OF PARK AND WALK] will continue [FREQUENCY i.e. DAY OF WEEK] through the fall, weather permitting. It will resume in the spring.)

Parents and children are encouraged to walk with us along the route, otherwise there will be school staff and volunteers assisting children along the route to school. Join us on [STREET NAME] around [TIME] or anywhere along the route. If you do drive, please watch for children and avoid blocking the school buses. There is parking on [NAME OF STREET].

Fifty years of research on the connection between physical activity and academic achievement suggest that on the [NAME OF PARK AND WALK] days, students will arrive more alert and ready to learn. A growing body of research suggests a walk in nature provides mental health benefits too. Indeed, I believe your children will love the experience of walking to school with friends, classmates, staff and volunteers each [FREQUENCY i.e. DAY OF WEEK] on the [NAME OF PARK AND WALK].

Sincerely,

[NAME OF PRINCIPAL]

Principal