Fairhope East Safety Rules for Pilot WSB 2020-2021

*Parents, please review safety rules with your child. We will not have an East teacher walking with us, therefore adhering to safety rules is especially critical to WSB success.***Covid considerations**: **WSB children and parents are requested to wear masks at this time. Social distancing is expected (arms length is how PE teachers encourage children to judge the social distancing). Children who are “free playing” before line up need to remember to Social Distance. We anticipate these initial rules may change if virus numbers significantly decrease.Parents are asked to self monitor yourself and your children for any covid symptoms (fever, et) and not walk if any signs are present. Also if you or your child need to quarantine-we ask that you email the WSB so we can report this situation to other participants.
Hand Sanitizer: we will have sanitizer at the gazebo. Please have a small bottle of sanitizer in your child’s bookbag. We will ask students to use their individual hand sanitizer as we are in line getting ready for each morning’s countdown.**

1.**Each child must check in** at the gazebo upon arrival. Students can be dropped off beginning at 7:05 am. The WSB closes attendance at 7:20 a.m. Your child may still walk with the group if they are late, but they will not be counted present for the high-mileage recognition program. For safety reasons, do not drop off your student once we have left the Citizens Bank location.

2. **During free play period**, children must stay within established boundaries. Social distancing required.

3. **No cell phone** use at any time during the walk. Cellphones must be put away in backpacks.

4.**Students must stay on the sidewalk between the line leaders and the caboose adult.**Walk single file on the narrow sidewalk, being careful to stay off lawns of homes abutting the sidewalk. Across Edwards Street, the sidewalk is wider and students can walk 2x2 (with social distancing) if children are in the same “bubble” as the friend they are walking beside. Absolutely no more than 2 people walking side by side unless it is a family grouping of parent/siblings.

5. **Social Distancing** has replaced our previous policy of No Gaps.

6. **Absolutely no running at any time.**

7. **Do not pass others during the walk**. Arrive on time to get in line with a fiend **before** the whistle blows and the walk begins.

8. **Walking parents** should walk on the outside of sidewalk, closest to the road, with students to the inside.

9. **Walking parents** must stay on the sidewalk. Do not walk in the road beside the sidewalk as children tend to copy this behavior.

10. **Any supervising adult** may intervene if a child is violating safety rules or engaging in an activity deemed unsafe. Students must obey safety requests from all adults on the WSB.

11. **Dogs** must be on a leash and child friendly. Clean up after your dog immediately. Your child should continue to **walk with the WSB**, rather than wait for you to clean up after the dog.

12. **Bookbag tag:** ***Every child*** needs a visible tag with their name identified on their bookbag. If your child has a WSB bookbag tag from previous years- this is sufficient.

\* Bicycle alert: When a cyclist approaches, students will hear a short whistle blast to alert them to move to one side of the sidewalk and stop until the bike passes.

\*A first aid kit is always carried by a WSB staff member.

***Let’s roll with a safe school year!***

**Crosswalk at Edwards and Bishop Street:**
**Edwards Street**: The crosswalk was added recently for the safety of WSB students. Traffic traveling both directions will have to stop, therefore students in the WSB must be lined up, social distanced, and ready to walk when the crossing guard instructs them. Pay attention!

**Bishop** **Street:** At the beginning of the school year, drivers do not realize they will be stopped for the WSB crossing, which requires extra diligence.

You can help by doing the following:

1.      Finish your goodbyes and hugs **before** reaching the intersection.

***2.***     Parents may NOT cross with their children, per school rules.

***3.***     **T*o prevent congestion on the sidewalk,***please wait until all students have entered the crosswalk before turning to leave. Do not step into the road, per police request.