Fairhope West Safety Rules WSB 2020-2021

Parents, please review these rules with your children before they start the WSB.

**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: sanitizer is available at each check in station. Put a small bottle of sanitizer in your child’s bookbag. Students will apply their individual hand sanitizer as we are in line getting ready for each morning’s countdown.**

1. **Attendance**: Each child is required to check in at their designated attendance area upon arrival. The WSB closes attendance at 7:20. Your child may still walk if they are late, but they will not be counted present for the high mileage recognition program.

2. **Acceptable ways to drop off your child:** 1. Use the car line drop off on School Street 2. Park & walk with your child to the site location. Do not allow your child to cross a street or walk unattended to the WSB site. This endangers your child & the entire WSB program.

3.**Free Play before walk begins:** Children need to stay within established play boundaries. Covid requires children to social distance.

4. **No cell phone** use once walk begins.

**5. Lead Parents**: **No one is to pass** our 2 lead parents who always lead off the walk and a FWE teacher is always be at the end of the walk. If WSB enrollment is high and we utilize a ***two wave*** walk line: there will be specific line leaders for the 2nd wave and no one is to pass these line leaders. A caboose adult will always be at the end of the line and all students stay on the sidewalk between the line leader and the caboose adult.

6. **Students stay on the sidewalk & walk single file or 2x2** (if the sidewalk is wide enough for some social distancing or 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.

7. Ab**solutely no running at any time.**

8. **Do not pass anyone once the walk has begun.** Children need to arrive on time to get in line with a friend **before** the whistle blows and the walk begins.

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

10. **Walking parents** are to walk next to the road with students to the inside of the sidewalk.

11. Parents need to stay on the sidewalk and not walk in the road alongside the sidewalk as children will quickly copy this behavior.

12. There are several adults who supervise WSB, and anyone of them may intervene if a child is violating one of the rules or engaging in an activity deemed unsafe. **Students are to be respectful and obey safety requests from ALL the adults on the WSB.**

13. **Dogs** that will be walking with the WSB must be on a leash and child friendly. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your dog immediately. Your child does not need to stop and wait for you to clean up after the dog. They need to continue to walk with the WSB.

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

15. **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.

***Please make sure your child understands the rules. Let’s roll with a safe school year!***

**FWE Cross walk at bottom of hill:**

1. The WSB stops at the bottom of the hill on Bancroft to make sure the whole line of students are prepared to cross the street before our crossing guards step into the street.

2. At the beginning of the school year, car drivers do not realize they will be held up at this intersection every morning for the WSB crossing which requires much diligence from our crossing guards who monitor this school crossing.

3 All goodbyes & hugs need to occur**before** we reach the bottom of the hill. No parents are allowed to cross the crosswalk with their children as the school does not allow this. ***Parents (strollers, dogs, et) will move to the grass at the far right of the sidewalk so only students are left on the sidewalk.***

4***.*** ***For the first couple of weeks, please wait till our student WSB has completed the crossing before turning to leave as congestion is created when parents are starting to walk back up the hill and we still have students on the sidewalk. Many parents then walk in the road which is something the police do not approve.***