

## Parents / Guardians

**Encourage** your children to walk or cycle to and from school on a regular basis.

**Promote** healthy living.

**Save** yourself from traffic and scheduling hassles.

**Cut out** even a few car trips to school.

**Show** your children what a great driver you are!

**Model** excellent driving behaviour.

**Respect** our neighbours and please don't block driveways.

**Improve** our school, our community and our environment.

Students want independence, but need reminding that they are not indestructible. Help children learn how to make responsible choices by talking about safe walking habits.

Although parent volunteers have walked these main pedestrian routes to check for major safety issues, please keep in mind that no route can be guaranteed safe.

**Main goal** of the Vedder Elementary School Safer School Travel (SST) Team is to help students get to and from school safely.

**The SST Team** needs your participation to promote student safety.

**Check out** school notices and bulletin boards for ongoing projects to promote SST.

**Your ideas** and feedback are welcome.

If you have questions or comments please contact:

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### Website:

Chilliwack Safer City—[www.chilliwack.com/safercity](http://www.chilliwack.com/safercity)

Vedder Elementary School—[www.vedder.sd33.org](http://www.vedder.sd33.org)



30 km/h

School Zone 30 km/h limit is in effect from 7:30 am to 5 pm on school days.



Crosswalk - **YIELD** to pedestrians. If there is a crossing guard, or student patrol, follow their directions.



Cyclists may be on the roadway.



Playground Area—presence of children on or near the road, could represent an unexpected hazard to the driver.



# VEDDER ELEMENTARY



KEEP OUR FUTURE SAFE...PLEASE **SLOW DOWN**



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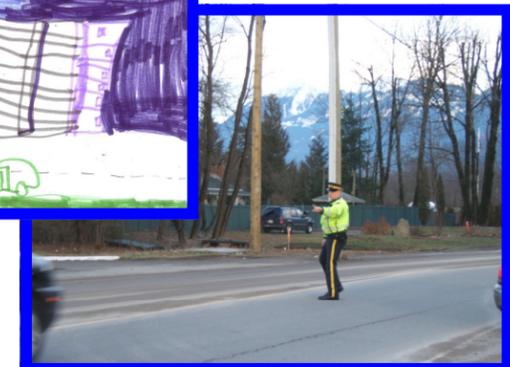
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# 2007 Safer Street Wise

**...Best Walking Routes**

## Street Wise Tips



### SIDEWALKS:

- ◆ If there is a SIDEWALK, use it.
- ◆ If there is NO SIDEWALK:
  - Walk facing traffic.
  - Walk on the gravel shoulder or grass boulevard.
  - Walk onto road edge after traffic passes.

### CROSSING THE STREET:

- ◆ NEVER JAYWALK!!!
- ◆ STOP at the curb or road edge.
- ◆ LOOK left right and then left again.
- ◆ CROSS when the street is clear, but keep looking and listening.
- ◆ DO NOT step onto the roadway until ALL vehicles have stopped moving.
- ◆ WATCH for left and right turning vehicles.
- ◆ LOOK at the driver to make eye contact.
- ◆ REMEMBER—a crosswalk does not guarantee safety.

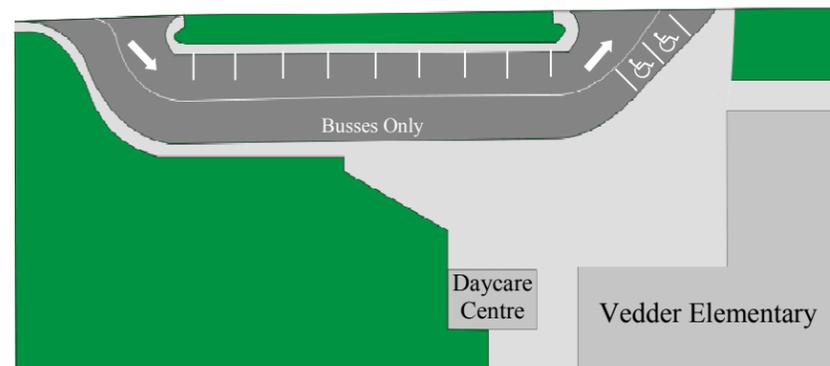
### CROSSING AT THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL:

- ◆ PRESS button at desired crossing.
- ◆ WAIT for all traffic to stop.
- ◆ CHECK over your shoulder and make sure no one is turning.
- ◆ START crossing when "WALK" signal is shown.
- ◆ WATCH and listen when crossing.
- ◆ If the "DON'T WALK" signal starts to flash—keep going.
- ◆ DO NOT start to cross when the "DON'T WALK" signal is flashing.

### MORE SAFETY TIPS:

- ◆ BUDDY UP—walk with a friend/family.
- ◆ BE SEEN—wear something brightly colored.
- ◆ BE ALERT—do not wear headphones while walking or biking to school.

## Bus Loop



Please park in designated spaces only, leaving room for busses to enter and exit the bus loop.



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# Vedder Elementary — Best Walking Routes to School



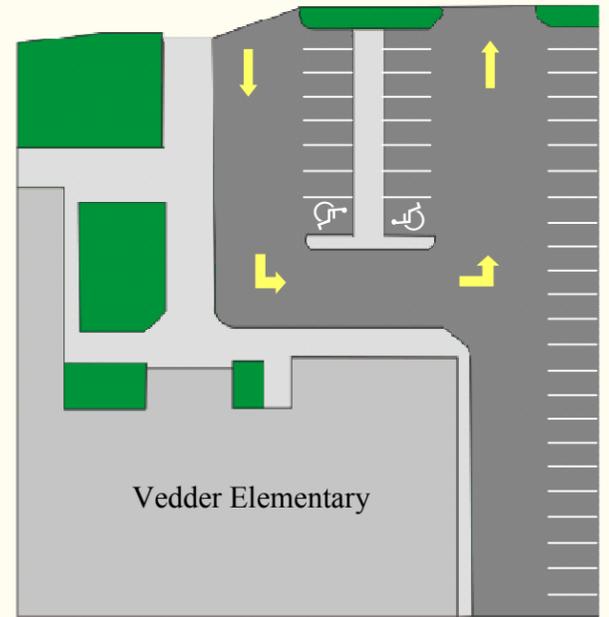
If possible, pick up children at 2:10 or 2:15 as most of the traffic is cleared by then.

To relieve congestion, please pick up/drop off children at the back of the school if possible.

To reduce congestion, use the buddy system with your neighbours and take turns picking up/dropping off children.

To help ensure the safety of students, please look at these suggestions and see what you can do to help with parking lot traffic problems.

## Parking Lot

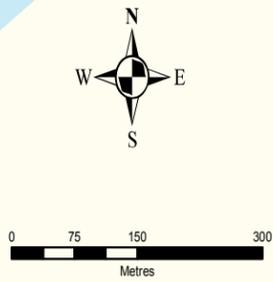


### Legend

- || CROSSWALK
- STOP SIGN
- ⊠ STOPLIGHT
- 🌲 TREE
- WALKING ROUTE
- SIDEWALK

### DANGER ZONE

Please slow down as children may be on roadway



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