

September 8, 2017

Dear Families,

We are excited to announce that again this year all children on the regular education buses will be joining the Lyndale Walking Bus route on Fridays along the **Pleasant Pathway**.

Year after year, teachers report that on the days of the Pleasant Pathway, students arrive to school more focused and ready to learn (and happier too). Indeed, physical activity is especially important for young, developing brains, so we are happy that more children will get to experience the joys and reap the benefits of walking to school.

**Starting Friday, September 22**, all regular education buses will drop students at 38<sup>th</sup> and Pleasant where they will be met by Lyndale staff. Children will continue down Pleasant Avenue accompanied by staff and supported by parent volunteers and the school patrol. The **Pleasant Pathway** will run Fridays until Thanksgiving Break and will resume in the spring.

All students on regular education buses will be included in this program. **There is nothing further you must do. If you have questions, would like to volunteer, or do NOT want your student to participate in this activity, please contact Assistant Principal Hunter, 612-668-4017, [sarah.hunter@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:sarah.hunter@mpls.k12.mn.us).**

Parents and children who do not take the school bus are welcome and encouraged to walk with us each week. We meet on 38<sup>th</sup> Street about 8:20 a.m. If you drive, please park away from 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Pleasant Avenue, so you do not block the school buses.

What a great way to end each week, walking to school with friends, classmates, staff and volunteers.

Sincerely,

Mark Stauduhar  
Principal

