



INTRODUCING OUR "GREEN TAG" IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM....

Each September, new Kindergarten students ride the school bus to school for the first time. In addition to Safety messages learned during the First Ride program, the **Green Tag** Identification Program will help to alleviate potentially confusing experiences for JK/SK students on their first week of riding the school bus and throughout the school year. In order to ensure that this procedure is successful, we need the cooperation of school administration, school bus drivers, and parents.

How it Works...

All kindergarten students choosing to participate in the program will be supplied with a **Green Tag** which will be attached to their backpack. School administration and teachers can utilize this information to ensure that children are boarding the correct school bus at the end of each school day. School bus drivers will also be able to identify the **Green Tags** upon student boarding (if they are not familiar with the student and want to ensure that they are riding the appropriate school bus at the end of each day). Students that participate in the program must be met at the drop-off location by mom, dad, or a designated caregiver.

The Benefits...

The use of the **Green Tag** can be an effective way to improve safety and confidence. This method of identification ensures that school bus drivers and school staff can readily identify Junior and Senior Kindergarten students that are riding school buses. It allows them to assist the students in finding their assigned school bus at the end of each school day, and helps to ensure that they are met at the drop-off locations by a parent/caregiver.

Huron Perth Student Transportation Services Responsibility...

Huron Perth Student Transportation Services will continue to monitor the program to develop improvements, will assist schools with program implementation, and will provide tags and straps to the schools as required.

School Bus Driver Responsibility...

The **Green Tags** will allow the driver to identify kindergarten students and assist them in finding their designating seats near the front of the school bus. The **Green Tags** also make it possible for the school bus driver to verify that parents/caregivers meet each of the participating students at their designated stop.

School Responsibility...

The school will issue the **Green Tags** and “tag inserts” to kindergarten students participating in the program and will provide replacement **Green Tags** and “tag inserts” as required. School staff can use the **Green Tags** to assist students in getting to the correct school bus for the ride home.

Parent Responsibility...

We ask that parents ensure the **Green Tags** are present and visible at all times on the student’s backpack. If a child is registered to ride more than one school bus due to Alternate Transportation approvals, parents are responsible for updating the **Green Tag** information each day to reflect the student’s schedule. As well, children with **Green Tags** must be met by a parent/caregiver at their designated stop every day. Students who are not met will be returned to the school by the school bus driver at the end of the route, and parents will be responsible for the transportation of their child from the school.