



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

Each September, new Kindergarten students ride the school bus to school for the first time. The **Green Tag** Identification Program can help to alleviate potentially confusing experiences for JK/SK students on their first week of riding the school bus and throughout the school year.

The use of **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. The **Green Tag** program can help school staff identify school bus students and the information contained in the **Green Tag** identifies the correct school bus. On the school bus, the **Green Tag** identifies Junior and Senior Kindergarten students for the school bus driver and indicates which students must be met by a parent/caregiver at their designated drop-off location.

In order to ensure that this new procedure is successful, we need the cooperation of school administration, school bus drivers, and parents in this voluntary program.

### Parent Responsibility...

1. Parents must ensure that the **Green Tag** is present and visible at all times on the student's backpack. We suggest attaching them to a zipper or somewhere on the front of the backpack in a prominent location.
2. If a student has been approved for Alternate Transportation, the parent must insert the correct school bus information "tag insert" into the **Green Tag** each day to assist school staff and the school bus driver in identifying the student and the correct school bus which will take them home.
3. If for some reason the **Green Tag** is damaged or misplaced, the parent must request a replacement from the school office immediately.
4. Children with **Green Tags** must be met by a parent or caregiver (which can include an older sibling) at their designated stop every day. Once your child has an Ontario Education Number (OEN) you can access accurate drop-off times for your child 24 hours a day through our parent portal at [www.ourschoolbuses.ca](http://www.ourschoolbuses.ca).
5. Students who are not met at their stop will be returned to the school by the school bus driver at the end of the route. If this occurs, it will be the parent's responsibility to arrange transportation of their child from the school.
6. Students whose parents do not comply with the expectations of the program may not be allowed to continue the program.