

**The Move from Almira to
Nathaniel Hawthorne and Back
*Moving Closer to Premier!***



2009-2011

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CMSD PATROL PLAN

Each year the Division of Safety and Security convenes a meeting with our Law Enforcement partners from the discussions at this meeting the Back to school plan is created. Our partners continue to commit and provide resources to the effort. Again this year we will all work together to make our streets and schools, safe from all sorts of unsafe activity.

The Division of Safety and Security conducts yearly audits of the conditions along the walking routes to and from CMSD school buildings. These audits identify hazards along the routes, including high weeds and abandoned houses. It also identifies traffic concerns like cross walks and missing signs and signals. The completed audit report is then forwarded to the internal CMSD divisions or external partners responsible for addressing the concerns. This audit and abatement of the hazard creates safe walking routes for our students.

The following plans are currently in effect:

- CMSD instituted increased patrols at all new school sites and “swing spaces” during the walk to school periods.
- The Cleveland Police Department continues to assist by deploying Community Oriented Police Service (COPS) officers to many of our buildings. The COPS officer assigned to John Marshall patrols Almira walking routes.
- CMSD added aggressive curfew initiatives that include all law enforcement partners.
- The Districts was awarded a grant to Participate in the Ohio Walk-To-School month activities. Walk-To-School Day is October 7, 2009. *Almira will be included in the event.*
- CMSD is working with CPD to recruit crossing guards.
- The District has scheduled meetings with our law enforcement partners and school principals throughout the school year. In addition to those meetings,

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Safety and Security will hold support trainings and meetings with other school staff and community members.

- Safety and Security encourages parents to participate in all activities. A suggested activity is to create a walking school bus on your street.

WHAT IS A WALKING SCHOOL BUS?

A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. The concept is simple. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school or as structured as a planned route with meeting points that include a timetable and a schedule.

WALKING ROUTES TO NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE



Central Route

- Students begin at Almira Avenue
- Walk westbound on Almira Avenue
- Continue walking to the intersection of Almira Avenue and West Blvd.
- Turn left on West Blvd. ***Pay attention as you cross the street and use the crosswalks.***
- Turn right at Parkhurst Drive
- Turn left on W. 105th and walk to Linnet Avenue
- Turn right on Linnet Avenue; continue walking to Hawthorne

Along the way remember our neighbors have spent a lot of time caring for their yards; please respect their time and property.



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Northern Route

(Students that live along Lorain Avenue)

- Students should walk south on E. 99th Street to Almira Avenue
- Walk westbound on Almira Avenue
- Continue walking to the intersection of Almira Avenue and West Blvd.
- Turn left on West Blvd. ***pay attention as you cross the street, using the crosswalks***
- Turn right at Parkhurst Drive
- Turn left on W. 105th and walk to Linnet Avenue
- Turn right on Linnet Avenue; continue walking to Hawthorne

Along the way you will travel on tree-lined streets. Enjoy the beauty of your neighborhood.



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Southern Route:

(Students that live south of Almira)

- Students should walk south to Walford Avenue toward W. 98th Street
- Turn right on West Blvd.
- Walk to Linnet Avenue
- Turn left on Linnet Avenue
- Walk westbound on Linnet Avenue to Hawthorne

Along this route you will pass a City of Cleveland Fire Station #33. Remember, all of the City of Cleveland Fire Stations are safe places if you are in ever in trouble.



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ON THE WAY HOME

Reverse your route to school for your return walk home, and always remember these safety tips:

- STOP at the curb or edge of the road.
- NEVER run into a street.
- LISTEN and LOOK for traffic to the left, to the right, and to the left again.
- Teach children who don't know left from right to look both ways when attempting to cross the street.
- WAIT until the street is clear.
- KEEP LOOKING until you've crossed the street safely.
- ACCOMPANY your children until they can show you that they are safe pedestrians.
- Always use the sidewalks.
- KEEP to the left and walk facing traffic where there are no sidewalks.
- Make sure that your child's clothing can be seen during darkness. Trim clothing with materials that reflect light.
- Students should take the same route to and from school and avoid shortcuts.
- Walk the route with your children until they demonstrate traffic safety awareness.

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